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House of Representatives

The House met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Lord of the universe, Father of us all, we thank You for giving us another day.

Send Your spirit among Your people, that we might be our best selves as members of an American community dedicated to constitutional norms of behavior and process.

Give us all the needed patience and generosity required to continue to adjust to the challenges the coronavirus presents. Education, small business, those who have always had to live paycheck to paycheck struggle. Help us to persevere with all the caution and care needed to stop the ongoing spread of the virus.

Bless those who labor to attend to the sick, and those who strive to find effective treatments and vaccines. Bring healing to those who are ill, and comfort those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Keep us all safe in Your divine mercy.

May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The SPEAKER 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. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 967, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2020.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, September 11, 2020, at 1 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

5223. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket ID: FEMA-2020-0005; Internal Agency Docket No: FEMA-8633] received August 18, 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.

5224. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket ID: FEMA-2020-0005; Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-8637] received August 18, 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.

5225. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket ID: FEMA-2020-0005; Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-8631] received August 18, 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.

5226. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Flood Insurance Program: Conforming Changes To Reflect the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (BW-12) and the Homeowners Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014 (HFIAA), and Additional Clarifications for Plain Language [Docket ID: FEMA-2018-0026] (RIN: 1660-AA95)

received August 18, 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.

5227. 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 final rule — Joint Statement on Enforcement of Bank Secrecy Act/Anti-Money Laundering Requirements received August 18, 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.

5228. A letter from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's guidance — Supplement to Commission Guidance Regarding Proxy Voting Responsibilities of Investment Advisers [Release No.: IA-5547] received August 18, 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.

5229. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final priorities, requirements, definition, and selection criteria — Education Innovation and Research-Teacher-Directed Professional Learning Experiences [Docket ID: ED-2020-OESE-0025] received August 18, 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.

5230. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Limestone Bay, St. Thomas, USVI [Docket Number: USCG-2020-0227] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received August 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5231. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Local Regulations; Recurring Marine Events, Sector Charleston [Docket Number: USCG-2019-0691] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received August 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5232. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue

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Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Third Six-Year Cycle Pre-Approved Defined Contribution Plans; Issuance of Opinion Letters; Plan Adoption Deadline; and Opening of Determination Letter Program (Ann. 110290-20) received August 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1702. A bill to waive the application fee for any special use permit for veterans demonstrations and special events at war memorials on Federal land, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 116-490). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2640. A bill to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development; with an amendment (Rept. 116-491). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3160. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land located in Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, and for other purposes (Rept. 116-492). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4957. A bill to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act; with an amendment (Rept. 116-493). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia: Committee on Education and Labor. H.R. 2694. A bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition; with an amendment (Rept. 116-494, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia: Committee on Education and Labor. H.R. 2574. A bill to amend title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to restore the right to individual civil actions in cases involving disparate impact, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 116-495, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia: Committee on Education and Labor. H.R. 2639. A bill to establish the Strength in Diversity Program, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 116-496). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 3609. A bill to provide for a program of wind energy research, development, and demonstration, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 116-497). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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 Mrs. AXNE:

H.R. 8181. A bill to amend title XVIII to provide for certain Medigap coverage for

Medicare beneficiaries with end-stage renal disease, and for other purposes; 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. BISHOP of North Carolina:

H.R. 8182. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish a grant program to make grants to the parents of students served by local educational agencies that will not provide in-person instruction in a manner consistent with school year 2019-2020, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. BROWN of Maryland:

H.R. 8183. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance public-private talent exchange programs in the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BROWN of Maryland:

H.R. 8184. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish the Center for Asymmetric Threat Research and Analytics to conduct research countering violent extremist organizations, weapons of mass destruction, and influence operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BROWN of Maryland:

H.R. 8185. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report on use of time-and-materials and labor contracts and labor category minimums within the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BROWN of Maryland:

H.R. 8186. A bill to require a report on the activities and resources required to enhance security and economic partnerships between the United States and African countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. DESAULNIER:

H.R. 8187. A bill to authorize grants to establish a national education protection and advocacy program to enforce the rights and protections under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. EMMER:

H.R. 8188. A bill to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to provide complaint and burden of proof requirements for certain actions for breach of fiduciary duty; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. GOHMERT:

H.R. 8189. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit a State from counting a ballot cast in an election for Federal office which is received by the State after the date of the election; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. GROTHMAN:

H.R. 8190. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to deem any insulin that is determined by the Secretary to be bio-similar to the reference product to be interchangeable with the reference product, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KHANNA (for himself and Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio):

H.R. 8191. A bill to require the Administrator of General Services to issue guidance to clarify that Federal agencies may pay by charge card for the charging of Federal electric motor vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. LEE of California (for herself,

Ms. BASS, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. HAALAND, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. TED LIEU of California, and Mr. GRIJALVA):

H.R. 8192. A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. MENG (for herself, Ms.

ESCOBAR, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. COOPER, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. KHANNA, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. FRANKEL, and Mrs. HAYES):

H.R. 8193. A bill to require the Secretary of Education to ensure that local educational agencies establish full-time title IX coordinators to improve oversight, data collection on sexual harassment, student survivor support, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. TRONE (for himself, Ms. JACK-

SON LEE, Mr. RUSH, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MOORE, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. HOYER, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. RASKIN, and Mr. MFUME):

H.R. 8194. A bill to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Waverly B. Woodson, Jr., for acts of valor during World War II; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. YOHO (for himself, Mr. CRIST,

Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. DUNN, Ms. FRANKEL, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. MAST, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. POSEY, Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL, Mr. ROONEY of Florida, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Ms. SHALALA, Mr. SPANO, Mr. SOTO, Mr. STEUBE, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. WALTZ, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Mr. WEBSTER of Florida):

H.R. 8195. A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic, located at 400 College Drive, Middleburg, Florida, the "A.K. Baker VA Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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 Mrs. AXNE:

H.R. 8181.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina:

H.R. 8182.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 and Clause 18 of the Constitution.

By Mr. BROWN of Maryland:

H.R. 8183.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Necessary and Proper Clause (Article I, Section 8, Clause 18)

By Mr. BROWN of Maryland:

H.R. 8184.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Necessary and Proper Clause (Article I, Section 8, Clause 18)

By Mr. BROWN of Maryland:

H.R. 8185.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Necessary and Proper Clause (Article I, Section 8, Clause 18)

By Mr. BROWN of Maryland:

H.R. 8186.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Necessary and Proper Clause (Article I, Section 8, Clause 18)

By Mr. DESAULNIER:

H.R. 8187.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8.

By Mr. EMMER:

H.R. 8188.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. GOHMERT:

H.R. 8189.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 4, Clause 1:

The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations, except as to the Places of choosing Senators.

By Mr. GROTHMAN:

H.R. 8190.

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. KHANNA:

H.R. 8191.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 18.

By Ms. LEE of California:

H.R. 8192.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United States (the appropriation power), states: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law"

In addition, clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution (the spending power) provides: "The Congress shall have the Power . . . to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States"

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 8193.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution

By Mr. TRONE:

H.R. 8194.

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. YOHO:

H.R. 8195.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 1166: Mr. MAST.

H.R. 1652: Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 1653: Mrs. LURIA.

H.R. 2093: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut and Mr. CURTIS.

H.R. 2407: Mr. PAYNE.

H.R. 2442: Ms. FINKENAUER.

H.R. 2501: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 2639: Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. MOORE, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. DELGADO.

H.R. 2653: Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. LAMB, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, and Mrs. LOWEY.

H.R. 2694: Mr. KINZINGER, Mrs. WAGNER, and Mr. DOGGETT.

H.R. 2772: Mr. BRINDISI.

H.R. 3219: Ms. LEE of California, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. ALLRED.

H.R. 3570: Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Ms. FINKENAUER, Mr. LOEBSACK, and Ms. JAYAPAL.

H.R. 3772: Mr. RESCHENTHALER.

H.R. 4022: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 4838: Mr. WELCH.

H.R. 5831: Mr. BIGGS.

H.R. 5876: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 5924: Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 6070: Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 6202: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 6561: Mr. SABLAN.

H.R. 6626: Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 6654: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.

H.R. 7004: Mr. O'HALLERAN.

H.R. 7052: Ms. WATERS and Mr. CORREA.

H.R. 7197: Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York and Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.

H.R. 7233: Mrs. MCBATH.

H.R. 7293: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

H.R. 7325: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire.

H.R. 7370: Mr. POCAN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. PINGREE, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. LOWENTHAL, and Ms. OMAR.

H.R. 7483: Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. YOHO, Mr. LAMALFA, Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico, Ms. PLASKETT, Ms. CRAIG, and Mr. HUDSON.

H.R. 7691: Mr. VISCOLOSKY, Mr. FOSTER, and Mr. DELGADO.

H.R. 7718: Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. LEE of California, and Ms. SPEIER.

H.R. 7881: Mr. RASKIN.

H.R. 7909: Mr. DESAULNIER and Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 7920: Mrs. LURIA.

H.R. 7984: Ms. NORTON and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.

H.R. 7990: Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Ms. SCHRIER, and Mrs. TRAHAN.

H.R. 8003: Mr. LAWSON of Florida.

H.R. 8017: Mr. VELA, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. WELCH, and Ms. FRANKEL.

H.R. 8050: Mr. PAYNE.

H.R. 8061: Ms. PINGREE.

H.R. 8094: Mr. MALINOWSKI.

H.R. 8099: Ms. SCANLON.

H.R. 8100: Ms. FOXX of North Carolina.

H.R. 8125: Mr. STIVERS.

H.R. 8150: Ms. LEE of California, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. ESCOBAR, and Mr. WELCH.

H. Con. Res. 71: Mr. JOYCE of Ohio and Ms. KAPTUR.

H. Res. 190: Mrs. TRAHAN.

H. Res. 1078: Mr. HIMES.



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Senate

The Senate met at 3 p.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, our hope for years to come, empower our lawmakers to live with integrity. Lord, inspire them to permit their words to be matched by their deeds. As they strive for this ethical congruence, strengthen them to examine their hearts with the goal of seeking to glorify You. Living by Your precepts, may they aspire to be faithful to the noble calling of serving You and country.

We pray in Your majestic 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.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. BLACKBURN).

The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for 1 minute in morning business.

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

IOWA 99 COUNTY MEETINGS

Mr. GRASSLEY. In August, I held 49 county meetings as part of my annual 99-county set of meetings in Iowa. At every meeting, the format is the same: Iowans set the agenda.

Challenges from the pandemic and storm recovery were among their top concerns. To explain the storm recovery—about once every 10 years there is a big wind storm called a derecho going

across someplace in the country. That path was about 150 miles long in Iowa and 34 miles wide, and it destroyed the crops for this year in that area. Other issues came up as well. Biofuels, unemployment insurance, the farm economy, access to childcare and school reopenings were frequent points of discussion. I had the chance of visiting in 15 different locations with about that many school superintendents, and they were very optimistic about the coming school year.

This is my 40th year holding my 99 county meetings. I started this tradition when I first was elected to the Senate, so Iowans in every corner of the State would know I care about their opinions.

It is an honor to serve Iowans in the U.S. Senate and uphold my end of representative government. I look forward to more Q&As across the State this year and starting my 41st year of 99 county meetings in 2021.

I yield the floor.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

CORONAVIRUS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Our Nation has spent the last 6 months fighting the medical, economic, and social effects of this pandemic. The Senate's historic rescue package from back in March, the CARES Act, has gone a long way to help American workers and families endure these incredible challenges.

It delivered the extra Federal unemployment benefits that helped laid-off workers make ends meet. It created the Paycheck Protection Program, which has helped millions of small businesses keep their lights on and keep employees on the payroll; it sent resources to the frontlines of the healthcare fight; and it invested bil-

ions in the race for treatments and for vaccines.

But this relief was never going to last forever. Today, enhanced Federal unemployment benefits are only still available because of action by President Trump. The Paycheck Protection Program has closed to new applications, and the funds it has delivered are being exhausted. This last month has brought a whole new challenge: how to get teachers and students safely into a new school year. These are the challenges that people I represent are facing every single day. Kentuckians and all Americans know this unprecedented crisis is not through with us yet, and so they expect that Congress isn't through helping yet either.

Senate Republicans have been fighting for months to deliver another round of COVID-19 relief. In July, we proposed the HEALS Act, a sweeping package totaling more than \$1 trillion that would have led right to bipartisan talks, but Speaker PELOSI and the Democratic leader said no.

They said they would block our trillion dollars for kids, jobs, and healthcare unless we doubled the cost to accommodate an endless wish list of non-COVID-related liberal priorities such as tax cuts for blue-State millionaires.

So Republicans tried another way to break the logjam. In August, we proposed narrowing discussions to some of the most urgent, most bipartisan subjects that seemed especially ripe for agreement, but Speaker PELOSI and the Democratic leader blocked that as well. Now they claimed it was too "piecemeal"—too piecemeal, they said—to get any help out the door until Democrats and Republicans had settled every disagreement on every front.

The Democratic leaders have spent months playing these "Goldilocks" games. They have complained about every single thing we put forward but produced nothing of their own with any chance whatsoever of becoming law.

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Meanwhile, after all their blustering that Congress should never do anything “piecemeal,” Speaker PELOSI came rushing back to Washington to pass the most piecemeal bill you could possibly imagine—legislation that solely helped out the U.S. Postal Service and did nothing at all for American families. When Republicans tried to help American workers keep their jobs, Speaker PELOSI and Leader SCHUMER said it was “piecemeal,” but when House Democrats’ fears about mail-in voting made them think maybe their own jobs would be in jeopardy, that argument suddenly disappeared.

That is the score. Democrats are all for piecemeal bills when they concern their own reelections, but when it comes to bipartisan aid for kids, jobs, and schools, Democrats say it is either their entire wish list—all of it—or nobody gets a dime.

Well, Republicans see this quite differently. We don’t think this crisis cares about partisan politics. We think people are hurting and Congress should do its job. We want to agree where a bipartisan agreement is possible, get more help out the door, and then keep arguing over the rest later.

That is how you legislate. That is how you make law. You find agreement where agreement is possible and keep arguing over the rest later.

So Republicans are making yet another overture. Today, we are releasing a targeted proposal that focuses on several of the most urgent aspects of this crisis—issues where bipartisanship should be especially possible. I am talking about policies such as extending the additional Federal unemployment benefit for jobless workers; providing a second round of the job-saving Paycheck Protection Program for the hardest hit small businesses to prevent layoffs; sending more than \$100 billion to help K-12 schools and universities open safely and educate our kids; dedicating billions more for testing, contact tracing, treatments, and vaccines; on-shoring manufacturing capacity for critical medical supplies and rebuilding our national stockpile; giving all kinds of families more choice and flexibility to navigate education and childcare during the crisis; providing legal protections for schools, churches, charities, nonprofits, and employers so they can reopen; providing more help for the Postal Service. Our proposal would do all this and more.

Now, here is what our bill is not. It is not a sweeping, multitrillion-dollar plan to rebuild the entire country in Republicans’ image. It does not even contain every single relief policy that Republicans ourselves think would help in the short term. I am confident the Democrats would feel the same way.

But the American people don’t need us to keep arguing over what might be perfect. They need us to actually make law.

So Democratic leaders are perfectly free to come out here and keep up their playbook from these past months. Just

blast away—blast away—in bad faith, call names, and complain about the infinite number of things this proposal does not do. Maybe they will bring back their “Goldilocks” act and say our multihundred-billion-dollar proposal is too small or too skinny, even though Democrats just passed a piecemeal bill for the Postal Service that ignored everything else—a piecemeal bill for the Postal Service that ignored everything else.

Democrats can do all that if they want to. I understand they have already been criticizing this bill today before they even read it, before it had even been put out. More of this would just reinforce that only one side of the aisle seems to want any bipartisan outcome at all.

It is easy to tell in Washington whether somebody’s end goal is political posturing or getting an outcome. One way or another, what Democrats do will be revealing.

The Senate is going to vote on this targeted proposal. We are going to get the stonewalling of Democratic leaders out from behind closed doors and put this to a vote out here on the floor. It is going to happen this week. Senators will not be voting on whether this targeted package satisfies every one of their legislative hopes and dreams. That is not what we will do in this Chamber. We vote on whether to make laws, whether to forge a compromise, whether to do a lot of good for the country and keep arguing over the remaining differences later.

A few weeks ago, more than 100 House Democrats spoke out publicly. They asked Speaker PELOSI to stop stonewalling and let the House vote on targeted COVID relief short of—short of—her entire wish list. The Speaker ignored them—ignored her rank and file, just like her piecemeal postal bill ignored American families.

Over here I will make sure our Democratic colleagues get a chance to walk the walk. Every Senator who has said they want a bipartisan outcome for the country will have a chance to vote for everyone to see. Senators will vote this week, and the American people will be watching.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I understand there are three bills at the desk due for a second reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bills by title for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3) to establish a fair price negotiation program, protect the Medicare program from excessive price increases, and establish an out-of-pocket maximum for Medicare part D enrollees, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 51) to provide for the admission of the State of Washington, D.C. into the Union.

A bill (H.R. 1425) to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to pro-

vide for a Improve Health Insurance Affordability Fund to provide for certain reinsurance payments to lower premiums in the individual health insurance market.

Mr. McCONNELL. In order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceedings en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bills will be placed on the calendar on the next legislative day en bloc.

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative 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. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read nomination of Brett H. Ludwig, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

The Senator from Vermont.

CORONAVIRUS

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, as we all know, we are in the middle of a public health crisis. The American people are hurting, from every State in our country. Nearly 190,000 people—our fellow citizens—have died. Millions have lost their jobs, and they are struggling to make ends meet. People are being evicted from their homes, and they are struggling to feed their families.

The virus is still not under control. We know there is a need for another emergency funding bill. The need to address the COVID crisis is clear. This is something, actually, we could have done in July if we had been willing to actually do our job and vote on the appropriations bills after the House of Representatives had already shown the way, but 4 weeks ago, the Trump administration and the Senate Republican leadership walked away from the negotiating table. Democrats had offered a compromise. Republicans said “My way or the highway” and left town. They just walked away from the Capitol when we had all these things that needed to be done.

Here we are. We are back 4 weeks later. Is the situation better? Of course not. Across the country, families are sending their children back to school without the necessary resources to ensure they are safe, and still more students are learning from home but often without reliable access to the internet. Evictions are rising. Families are struggling to find childcare. Unemployment is at the highest level I can remember—certainly unacceptable levels. States are preparing for November's elections without the resources they need to make sure people can safely vote. The Postal Service needs a serious injection of funding to deliver mail in a timely manner. It actually has consequences.

I am for the right to negotiate. I was 4 weeks ago. I have been throughout the time the Senate has been out of session. I have been prepared to come back and negotiate. But now we find that, no, Republican leadership will not negotiate.

Senator MCCONNELL says he has prepared a so-called skinny COVID bill to put before the Senate. He will put it before us on a take-it-or-leave-it basis—no amendments, no debate. This proposal is not skinny; it is anemic.

Why are they afraid to vote? Let's have amendments and vote them up or down. Is there any question as to why the American public wonders what is going on when the Republican leadership will not even allow a vote? What are they so afraid of? It is democracy. Vote up or down. The Republicans have a majority. If they don't like the amendments that come up, vote them down, but at least vote on them. Don't hide behind platitudes, tweets, and campaign ads, which you can do because you never actually have to take responsibility. You ought to vote.

The bill hasn't been made public, but details are beginning to emerge. The details that have emerged show it is woefully inadequate to meet the needs of the country. In fact, it provides even less relief than the smaller, trillion-dollar package the Trump administration put forward before the Senate adjourned a month ago.

I don't know where Republicans spent the last month, but I know where I was. I was all over the State of Vermont talking to Republicans, Democrats, and Independents, hearing what is on people's minds—not lobbyists, not special interests, but the people who have to pay the bills and who have to pay the consequences. I became even more convinced, not less, that we have dire needs in this country because of the coronavirus pandemic, and we have to address them, and soon. How any Senator went back to his or her home State and returned convinced that even less assistance is needed than when we left last month is baffling to me. That is why I am saying that every Senator can say where they stand, but the way they prove where they stand is to vote.

Let's have the courage to stand up and vote yes or no, not a take-it-or-

leave-it package that will be decided by one person, and nobody else would be able to vote anything differently. What are we? What are we—a bunch of ducks in a row, or are we U.S. Senators?

Adding insult to injury, we now find that the bill ultimately provides sweeping liability shields for corporate bad actors who fail to do their part to keep consumers, employees, and patients safe. It tells you everything you need to know about the priorities of this Republican package—big corporations come ahead of struggling American families.

Instead of the person who is trying to pay the bills and send their children back to school, who is making out in this bill? The lobbyists for multibillion-dollar insurance companies. They are already making billions of dollars. They don't have to worry about paying the bills. They don't have to worry about their children going back to school. They don't have to worry about jobs. And this bill gives them one more gift? How can we possibly say we support that and then go back home and say we are on the side of our people?

If the majority leader wants to put this so-called skinny bill—including a giveaway to the multibillion-dollar insurance companies—well, do it the right way. Bring it here. Set up a real debate on the bill—debate that the country deserves and that I think a majority of the Republicans and Democrats would want. Open it to amendment—no limits. Let the process work—not a process that only rewards highly paid lobbyists for multibillion-dollar corporations, but allow Senators on both sides of the aisle to say: Here is where I stand with the people in my State who have to pay the bills, who have to send their kids back to school, who are trying to keep their jobs or keep their farms going, or whatever it might be.

Let Members raise issues important to their constituents from any of the 50 States, and then vote on those issues: funding for State and local governments that are facing the brunt of the COVID response; money for schools so we can safely educate our Nation's children; rental assistance and eviction protections to help keep people in their homes; food assistance for hungry families so they don't go hungry in the wealthiest Nation on Earth; funding for our elections so we can ensure that people can safely vote and we can trust the results of the vote; big investments in testing and contact tracing because we know we can't begin to do the amount of testing and contact tracing we need to do today.

Our economy is only going to come back when the American people are confident the virus is no longer a threat. I know the President said last winter that of course the virus will go away in the spring. Everybody in this Chamber, Republican and Democrat, knows he wasn't telling the truth on that. Of course it didn't go away.

We are not going to have a recovery until we have confidence that the virus is no longer a threat. My friend Senator MCCONNELL's skinny bill doesn't provide that confidence.

So I say put these issues up for a vote. Take each one of these issues and vote it up or down. Let the American people see where each Member of this Chamber stands. I know where I stand. Do as Republican leaders in the past have done. Howard Baker, Bob Dole, and others are the great leaders. To my knowledge, with some of the amendments, they would say: OK, we will vote them up or we will vote them down. Why don't we do that? That is the way the Senate was designed. But this majority leader will not do what his predecessors have done. Why? Because on many of these issues, he knows he would lose. Not too many would be willing to vote for his giveaway to the lobbyists for the large insurance companies.

A vote simply to move to this bill is just for show. It doesn't provide us an opportunity for real debate. It doesn't solve the problems facing the country. Show votes do nothing to combat the virus or give the American people the confidence to reopen the economy. In fact, I suggest just the opposite. The American people, seeing us doing just political showboating votes here, are going to have even less confidence that things will come back.

Absent a real debate in the Senate, which clearly the other side of the aisle is afraid of, Republicans have to come back to the negotiating table. Restart bipartisan and bicameral talks on a comprehensive COVID relief package that can pass both Chambers.

I hear Senators say, well, we can't vote on this or we can't vote on that because it might not be popular at home. My response in a case like that is, why do you want to be here?

We have had nearly 2,000 Senators in this country. The Senator who voted the most in the Nation's history was Senator Bob Byrd, one of the longest serving Senators. He voted around 18,000 times. He was willing to stand for his vote. Out of those 2,000 Senators, the Senator who comes in second with the most votes is this Senator from Vermont. That is not just for longevity; that means I voted for things that I knew would hurt me politically, but I thought it was the right thing to do. I was willing to state to the people of Vermont: Here is where I stand. You can agree or disagree with me, but you know where I stand.

One of the reasons the Senate is held in such disfavor in this country is that we don't vote. We don't have real debate. It is all one way or that way alone.

Absent a real debate in the Senate, which clearly the Republican leader is afraid of, why don't the Republicans come back to the negotiating table and restart bipartisan, bicameral talks on a comprehensive COVID relief package that can pass both Chambers?

We actually were prepared to do this in July. I remember saying: Why don't we bring up all the appropriations bills? The Republicans have the majority. They can vote them down if they don't like them, but let's bring them up and have a vote on them, one way or the other. No, we couldn't do it.

Now Senator MCCONNELL says he wants to do this process piecemeal: Pass a little bit now, a little bit later. Trust me, we can do that.

Well, as Ronald Reagan would say, "Trust, but verify." Let's have a real vote. Let's vote on all of it because we know that the majority leader will adjourn the Senate later this month to go home and campaign. It appears all he wants is a show vote on a woefully inadequate bill that he knows can never become law and then to get out of here.

That is not a plan for action. That is not a real plan to pass a bill for the American people. It is unacceptable.

Why don't we admit that the most important thing before us is what is happening with COVID and how we address it? Now, I know a lot of Republicans who have some very good ideas, and I know a lot of Democrats who have some very good ideas to address it. Let's bring them up. Let's vote on them—vote for them or vote against them.

Don't say we are not going to allow a vote because we don't have time. We have plenty of time. We have plenty of time. Let's just stay here every day, go through weekends if need be, and just vote, vote up or down.

We are running out of time. Right now, the majority leader intends to adjourn the Senate in just a few weeks. Well, the American people don't have that luxury. They can't just go home for a few weeks knowing their bills are being paid, their salary is being paid. They need our help. Why don't we do our job and vote these things up or down?

Have the courage to say what you stand for. We could have, easily, 40 to 50 amendments—realistic amendments from both Republicans and Democrats—vote them up or down, and then have a bill that can go to conference. Every one of us knows we should have done that in July. We didn't. We could have done that in August. We didn't.

It is September. Let's at least now do our job, uphold our oath of office, and pass the bill. Let's not be afraid of how we vote. I know, in my own votes, those 16,000-plus, somebody can find votes they disagree with. So what. I have the courage to vote.

I call on my fellow Senators: Have the courage to vote. We are supposed to be the conscience of the Nation. Let's try to be. I see other Senators on the floor, eagerly awaiting their chance to give us their news.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION

Mr. WICKER. Madam President, I take to the floor of the Senate this

afternoon to call Senators' attention to the worsening crisis in intercountry adoptions. I must say, it saddens me to have to do this because much of the crisis in foreign adoptions—or intercountry adoptions—is happening as a result of policies of our own Federal Government.

I am fortunate to have had two loving parents and a loving family. My dad is 96 years old. I visited with him yesterday. My mom, sadly, passed away several years ago. But I was fortunate. I was among the fortunate people on the face of this planet to have two loving parents and a loving family. That is not the case all around the world.

Internationally, in particular, there are countless children who have no mom, no dad, no family, no extended family to care for them. They reside in the most deplorable conditions, in orphanages, and as wards of the state.

Americans have always been compassionate for these children without a forever family, and that compassion extends to children not only orphaned in the United States but also outside of our borders. For decades, Americans have led the world in welcoming children from around the globe to come to the United States and be part of a forever family. As a result, more than 150,000 children adopted from foreign countries are now growing up in the United States—150,000. These children and their adoptive families are examples of America at its best.

I am here to say to my colleagues today that intercountry adoption is in real trouble, and much of the reason that intercountry adoption is in trouble is coming from our own Federal policies, from unelected bureaucrats, particularly at our own Department of State.

The number of international children finding an American home has plummeted in recent years. Listen to this statistic. In the year 2004, Americans adopted 23,000 children from foreign countries—23,000. Last year, 2019, that number had fallen below 3,000, an 87-percent drop from 23,000 only 15 years before to 3,000 in 15 short years.

Now, people who have been looking into this issue are well aware of what is causing the decline, and one of the reasons is Russia. Because of foreign policy disagreements, Russia has shut its doors to intercountry adoption. We have pleaded with the Russian Government about this, and we have not made much progress. That is one of the factors—not the only factor and not even the principal factor, but that is on the Russian Government. It saddens me that they have done that.

The biggest reason for the decline in intercountry adoptions by Americans comes within our own government, our own State Department. For years, the State Department and its adoption accrediting entity have demonstrated a clear and consistent bias against intercountry adoption. It saddens me to say this. It is unbelievable that I have to

say this, but career bureaucrats in the State Department have deliberately obstructed the adoption process with new fees, new requirements that amount to redtape, and unrealistic standards on foreign governments. These bureaucrats have placed burdensome regulations on adoption provider agencies. These regulations make it nearly impossible for adoption-providing agencies to maintain accreditation.

This has been done by design, and the results are devastating. In the last year and a half, more than 30 adoption-providing agencies have left the intercountry adoption space, and we are losing more agencies every month. The bias of our Federal Government's State Department against intercountry adoptions is unmistakable.

In 2018, for example, the Department directly intervened to prevent three well-respected adoption agencies from being reaccredited. A Federal judge dismissed the Department's reasoning as "quite unconvincing" and "simply illogical." That is what a Federal judge had to say about the reasoning of this little part of the State Department that seems determined to end foreign adoptions.

During that same year, 2018, a journalist quoted a State Department insider who confirmed that the Office of Children's Issues, the OCI, in the State Department is biased against intercountry adoption. Why they would take this position is beyond me. Adoption advocates followed up by requesting Freedom of Information Act documents about this claim by the journalist who quoted the State Department insider, but the Department of State has resisted this Freedom of Information Act request and has still yet to produce any documents 2 years after the statutory FOIA deadline has passed.

There are plenty more examples. Last year, the State Department hosted an adoption symposium that may as well have been called the international anti-adoption symposium. This is funded at our State Department by our own taxpayer dollars. Our own tax funds funded a conference that featured radically anti-adoption speakers who openly denounced the practice of international adoptions. It is hard to believe, and it is hard to imagine a worse use of taxpayer dollars.

The adoption community has voiced concerns about the State Department's anti-adoption bias, but it seems that government has not listened. I will say that this has been a problem in State Departments headed by Republican Secretaries and by Democratic Secretaries. When adoption providers privately shared their concerns about the accrediting agency, the Department responded by issuing a public letter threatening the future of intercountry adoption.

The Office of Children's Issues, OCI, is slamming the door in the faces of thousands of orphans who need a family, and they are saying no to willing

American couples who are pleading to give these international children a forever family here in our great country.

It seems that OCI's priorities are out of step with their statutory mandate. Also, they are out of step with the values of this country and basic morality. We need to change the policy of the State Department in this regard, I say to my colleagues.

I call on my colleagues on the Foreign Relations Committee to hold an oversight hearing to review the State Department's role in intercountry adoption, to examine the allegations of bias against intercountry adoption, and to hear from accrediting agencies and other stakeholders about their experiences in working with the Department of State and its accrediting entity. I think such a hearing would be revealing, and I think the results would be troubling to Members of the Congress.

I also call on the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations to investigate allegations raised against the U.S. accrediting entity in the State Department's Office of Children's Issues.

It is time, actually, to transition the U.S. central authority from the Department of State to a more receptive, more compassionate, and more understanding home, such as the Department of Health and Human Services. This would allow experienced child welfare professionals to oversee intercountry adoptions.

We have a great Secretary of State. I have known Mike Pompeo for years. I think he has got all he can preside over, and I don't for a minute think that the Secretary of State understands what this small entity in his State Department is doing. I think he must have no idea that this is going on, but I think the solution is to move this function from the State Department.

I would call on the Secretary of State to put a hold on planned changes down in this little agency populated by unelected bureaucrats who are hostile to adoption. I think we should put a hold on planned changes in the accreditation compliance system until there has been a full review of OCI's bias against adoption. The competence of their staff needs to be investigated, and we need to look, we need to give an open assessment, shining the light of day on the impact that this small group of bureaucrats is having on something that I think most Americans support.

The American people believe in adoption. They believe in giving orphans anywhere in the world an opportunity to have a forever family. They believe in giving couples here in the United States the opportunity to provide a home for these children who are less fortunate than most of us have been, most of us within the sound of my voice have been. I think the American people believe in a change in this inexplicably anti-American and anti-family policy.

Today, I am on the floor of the U.S. Senate to shine a light on this tragedy,

on this outrage. I ask my colleagues to remember the teaching of the Psalmist: "Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute."

I think Americans believe in the sentiments of the Psalmist in that regard. I think we are ready to heed the plight of the fatherless. Let's not neglect our duty in correcting the situation we find ourselves in and, once again, becoming the country that provides welcoming, loving outreach to children to be part of a forever American family.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

UIGHUR INTERVENTION AND GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN UNIFIED RESPONSE ACT OF 2019

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

Mr. McCONNELL. What is the pending business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the pending business. The bill clerk read the following:

House message to accompany S. 178, a bill to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China.

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 2499, in the nature of a substitute.

AMENDMENT NO. 2499 WITHDRAWN

Mr. McCONNELL. I withdraw the motion to concur in the House amendment with amendment No. 2499.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has that right.

The amendment is withdrawn.

MOTION TO CONCUR WITH AMENDMENT NO. 2652

Mr. McCONNELL. I move to concur in the House amendment with amendment No. 2652.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kentucky [Mr. McCONNELL] moves to concur in the House amendment to the bill, S. 178, with an amendment numbered 2652.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask that the reading be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows: (Purpose: In the nature of a substitute) (The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk for the motion to concur with amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The bill clerk read as follows

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 178, a bill to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China, with a further amendment No. 2652.

Mitch McConnell, John Barrasso, Shelley Moore Capito, Marco Rubio, Lamar Alexander, Mike Crapo, Roy Blunt, James M. Inhofe, Kevin Cramer, Richard C. Shelby, Martha McSally, Pat Roberts, Tim Scott, James Lankford, Dan Sullivan, Todd Young, John Cornyn.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory call be waived.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. I move to proceed to executive session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Brett H. Ludwig, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas.

TEXAS

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, each year, during the month of August, I look forward to traveling across my State—my very big State—to spend time with my constituents. It is the best way to learn firsthand how the laws and programs we enact here are working and to receive the feedback on legislation being considered by the Congress in the future and what I can do to better help the folks back home.

A typical State work period involves dozens of face-to-face events from every corner of my State, covering all ages, professions, and walks of life. Last August, I spent time talking with my constituents about everything from the Debbie Smith Act and GI benefits for student veterans to Project Safe Neighborhoods grants and the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement.

As we all know, 2020 has been anything but typical, and this August was no exception. These big, in-person events have been replaced with virtual ones, with face-to-face meetings, which now involve wearing masks, social distancing, and a heavy dose of hand sanitizer. Instead of the broad range of policies we might normally discuss, almost every one of them centered on the impact of COVID-19. No big surprise there.

I have heard from mayors, teachers, food bank employees, healthcare workers, restaurant owners, energy workers,

and countless others about how the resources that we have been providing them have helped them through this pandemic. From the Rio Grande Valley to Amarillo—opposite ends of our State—from Tyler to Orange in the eastern part of the State and all points in between, I masked up and met with Texans who are working overtime to keep their communities safe and to provide for their families. All the while, I continue to hold virtual conversations and telephone townhalls to hear from my constituents and share information about what we are doing to be helpful to them.

These conversations, as I said a moment ago, always help me better understand the effectiveness of the legislation we passed and provide valuable feedback about what is needed in the next coronavirus relief bill.

With the school year now officially underway in most of Texas, additional support for our students and teachers is one of my top priorities. I have had the chance to speak with K–12 students and teachers in Odessa, Lubbock, and Canyon, and college students and administrators in Angelo State University in San Angelo, as well as Texas Tech University and Texas Tech Health Science Center in Amarillo. Some joined us socially distanced on campus and others connected virtually.

I was able to hear from both students and teachers about this unprecedented school year and the challenges—the extra challenges—brought on by COVID–19. Whether in person, online, or some combination of the two, education looks a lot different this year, and we need to provide schools with the funding to keep kids in the classrooms safe and those at home on track for a great education.

Congress has already passed \$30 billion in emergency relief for education, including more than \$2.6 billion for Texas. This funding has helped our school districts, colleges, and universities prepare for the fall, but, to be honest, more is needed.

For those learning in person, additional funding can cover cleaning services and equipment to prevent children from catching and spreading the virus. For those learning virtually, it could provide additional hardware and internet hotspots so they can do their studies online.

I visited one high school in Ector County—that is Odessa, TX—where they are using a blended or hybrid in-person and online instruction model. Ector County ISD began this year with online instruction for students who have internet access at home and in-person instruction for those who did not. Of the roughly 33,000 students in the district, about 4,200 were in the classroom on the first day. And I can assure you, it is not the only school district in Texas whose students have difficulty accessing the technology needed to learn from home.

More than 2 million Texas households don't have reliable internet ac-

cess, and it is leaving our students on the wrong side of the digital divide. Internet access is no longer a luxury or just a convenience; it has become a necessity, and we need to do more to ensure that students across Texas and across the Nation have access to reliable broadband.

The CARES Act, which we passed in March, provides some relief on this front. It gave libraries \$50 million in grants for digital connection. The demand for these funds was much higher than was available, and it became obvious we need to do more to help those who are on the wrong side of the digital divide.

The Senator from West Virginia, Mr. MANCHIN, and I teamed up to include and introduce the ACCESS the Internet Act, which will provide funding to both the Department of Education and libraries to make reliable internet a reality.

In addition to supporting virtual learning, this would also make access to telehealth more available to families. This has really been one of the most surprising positive developments out of this pandemic, and that is actually greater access to healthcare through telehealth, both physical and Mental Health Services on online.

Our bill includes funding for healthcare providers, including the Department of Veterans Affairs, to get more patients connected so they can utilize these telehealth services. As we make a push for progress on the next relief bill, I will continue fighting for resources for our students and teachers, and that includes reliable access to the internet.

Despite this August work period looking much different from years prior, I was still able to connect with tens of thousands of Texans virtually and over the phone and safely meet many of them in person. As I traveled, I was able to see how schools, our healthcare facilities, our food banks, local governments, and more have been able to use the Federal coronavirus funding provided for in the CARES Act. The feedback and insight I received was invaluable to my work in the Senate, and it is more important than ever as we continue negotiations on the next coronavirus relief bill.

This is going to be a busy month in the Senate. We need to pass legislation to bolster our response to this virus, support our students and teachers, help those in need of financial assistance, and ensure that our healthcare response remains robust.

We are just 3 weeks away from the end of the fiscal year, including a government shutdown unless we can reach an agreement on a funding bill. Complicating matters even further, we are at the peak of hurricane season, which may not seem like as big a deal in DC, but I guarantee, we have our eyes on these tropical storms in the Gulf of Mexico that could well end up onshore. Hurricane Hanna, for example, struck South Texas in July and hit our farm-

ers and producers hard, as well as flooding out many, many homes and displacing families. A couple of weeks ago, Hurricane Laura tore through the Gulf of Mexico.

Though the brunt of Laura hit other neighbors in Louisiana, for which we are very sorry, we are very glad that it did little damage in Southeast Texas, but it still did some significant damage. I was able to join the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senator CRUZ for a visit to Orange to survey the damage and speak with local officials about the impact of the storm. I am committed to providing my constituents in Texas with the resources needed to recover from whatever this hurricane season may bring. I will be keeping a close eye on the weather forecast as we move through what has already been an active hurricane season.

We have a lot of work to do in the next few weeks. Though we weren't able to make progress on a coronavirus bill in July, I was on almost virtually daily conference calls with the White House and Secretary Mnuchin talking about the way forward. I am more optimistic today than I have been to this point that we will, ultimately, reach an agreement. I hope my colleagues have also heard from their constituents about how important relief is and that we can come together at such a critical point in our fight against COVID–19.

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. 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.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The Democratic leader is recognized.

CORONAVIRUS

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, in the 3 weeks since the Senate last met, America eclipsed 6 million confirmed cases of COVID–19. Nearly 190,000 Americans have died, and those totals climb by tragic amounts each day. Too many businesses remain closed, schools begin the year under a dark cloud of uncertainty, and our economy faces the greatest crisis since the Great Depression.

The United States is 11.5 million jobs short of where we were at the start of February, and the number of jobs that have been permanently lost is rising at an alarming rate. All of this reflects a tragic reality: President Trump has led the worst response to COVID–19 of any nation on Earth. It is what it is.

The economic pain of the pandemic was mitigated by our action in March when Democrats insisted on a robust stimulus bill that became the CARES Act. One of our policies included in that bill, enhanced unemployment benefits, has kept nearly 12 million Americans from poverty. Those benefits have

now mostly expired, and the stimulus provided by the CARES Act has been exhausted. The pandemic and economic hardship for millions of American workers and families, however, is ongoing and painful.

Speaker PELOSI and I have been trying to negotiate with the White House in another round of relief. It has been arduous. Democrats offered to meet our Republican colleagues in the middle, but the White House has refused to make any significant compromise.

Here in the Senate, the Republican majority leader has kept the Senate on “pause” while the Nation suffered. When they tried to draft a relief package in July, Senate Republicans flailed for 2 weeks before announcing a series of separate, incoherent proposals that lacked the support of—surprise—Senate Republicans. It was so unpopular within the Republican conference that Leader MCCONNELL never even brought it up for a vote.

Now, after more than 4 months of long inaction—after sitting on the sidelines while we tried to negotiate with a recalcitrant White House—Senate Republicans are finally realizing the damage their pause—the McConnell pause—has done to the American economy and our Nation’s health. As they scramble to make up for this historic mistake, Senate Republicans appear dead set on another bill that doesn’t come close to addressing the problems in our country.

The Republicans are going to cut their original, inadequate \$1 trillion “skinny” bill in half—maybe more—and put it up for a vote this week. Of course, it had no input—zero input—from the Democrats—completely partisan. In this Chamber, you need bipartisanship to get anything done. The Republicans call this a “skinny”—or “targeted”—proposal, but it would be more appropriate to call it “emaciated.” Shockingly, as the pain from this pandemic gets bigger and bigger, the Republicans think smaller and smaller. They are moving backward. Their proposal is completely inadequate and, by every measure, fails to meet the needs of the American people—with no money for rental assistance, nutrition assistance, the census, safe elections, and so many other things.

The bill, amazingly, will do almost nothing to help State and local governments that have already been forced to cut a million jobs since the pandemic began. This bill actually goes backward from the last Republican proposal. It does not even allow States to use existing relief funds to cover lost revenues.

Even worse, this latest and sorriest Republican proposal is laden with poison pills that our colleagues know the Democrats would never support. The bill doesn’t provide enough funding to help our schools reopen safely—not close to what school superintendents say they need—but it includes funding for a partisan school choice program that has been long pushed by hard-

right conservatives and Secretary DeVos. It provides immunity to corporations that put their workers in harm’s way, which, sadly, seems to be the only thing that the Republicans can consistently agree on. It even includes a provision that could fast-track coal mining operations because, God forbid, our Republican friends miss an opportunity to reward corporate polluters in their coronavirus relief bill.

The Republicans call their bill “targeted.” Maybe they mean it is targeted to corporate donors. The presence of these poison pills should remove every shred of doubt that the true intent of this bill is anything but political. If Leader MCCONNELL and the Republican majority were trying to achieve a result, they wouldn’t draft such a lame, partisan bill, loaded with poison pills, and rush it to the floor.

May we have order, please?

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASIDY). Yes, sir.

Mr. Leader, be careful not to impugn the motives of another. The leader suggested corporate donors. I issue that warning.

Mr. SCHUMER. The truth is, if you wanted to draft a bill that was certain to fail, this is it. This is one of the most cynical moves I have ever seen. We all know what is going on here. Leader MCCONNELL had to create the most paltry, partisan, cynical bill because he has 20 Members of his caucus who don’t want to support anything. By his own admission, they want zero dollars, so Leader MCCONNELL keeps whittling down the Republican proposal until he can find something—anything—that he can claim his party supports. He had to throw in the right wing’s favorite goodies to sweeten the pot to even approach the number of votes in his caucus to make it look like a Republican bill that had broad support.

Leader MCCONNELL knows this bill won’t pass, and he knows that most of his Members don’t want it to pass. Amazingly, he seems happy with that situation. This is one of the most cynical moves I have ever seen in the middle of a pandemic—when Americans are crying out for relief.

This political exercise on the Republican side bears no relationship to the needs of our country. It has nothing to do with our States, our workers, our families, with opening up schools safely, or with what healthcare workers really need. It has everything to do with finding the bare minimum that Senate Republicans can support. While facing the greatest economic crisis in 75 years and the greatest health crisis in a century, Leader MCCONNELL isn’t searching for bipartisan progress; he is looking for political cover.

As we begin the final work period before the November elections, the Democrats will keep pushing for a bipartisan, bicameral agreement that actually meets the urgent needs of the American people. For the good of the country, I hope—I pray—my Repub-

lican colleagues will join us in that effort.

POSTMASTER GENERAL

Mr. President, on another matter, tens of millions of Americans rely on the post office every day for their medication, veterans’ benefits, food, and paychecks. This year, tens of millions of Americans will also rely on the post office to vote in our national election. As President Trump deliberately attempts to erode Americans’ confidence in voting by mail, his hand-picked Postmaster General, Mr. DeJoy—a longtime Republican fundraiser and Trump donor—faces serious questions about politicizing the post office during an election year.

During his short tenure, Mr. DeJoy instituted drastic service changes to the Postal Service that caused enormous backlogs and delays in mail delivery. Only a massive public outcry from both sides of the aisle caused him to reverse his course, and now reports came out over the weekend that alleged that Mr. DeJoy, while he was the CEO of New Breed Logistics, may have been involved in an illegal straw donor scheme in which he pressured employees into financially supporting Republican candidates, using company bonuses as reimbursement.

If these reports are true, they constitute a serious violation of campaign finance law. The House has already announced it will investigate these claims. So it is time to state the obvious: The postal Board of Governors should suspend Mr. DeJoy as Postmaster General while these serious allegations are under investigation.

In the middle of a pandemic, America must have faith and confidence in the post office and those who lead it.

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

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

NOMINATION OF BRETT H. LUDWIG

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, it is my privilege to recommend the Honorable Brett H. Ludwig to be the U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. Judge Ludwig passed the Senate Judiciary Committee with bipartisan support. I look forward to the full Senate voting to confirm him today.

Since 2017, Judge Ludwig has served the people of Wisconsin on the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for both the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin.

Judge Ludwig was born in rural north central Wisconsin and spent his childhood in the city of Colby, the birthplace of the cheese that bears its name. His grandparents and great-grandparents were dairy farmers, instilling in their children and grandchildren the values of hard work and

dedication that Wisconsin's farm families are known for.

Brett's father, Duane Ludwig, worked nearly 40 years at a factory making corrugated container boxes. His mother, Connie, worked as a receptionist, secretary, and medical records clerk. They raised him to have a strong work ethic and to appreciate the importance of education.

Judge Ludwig graduated from Colby High School in 1987. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, graduating with the highest honors. He then attended the University of Minnesota Law School on a merit-based scholarship. He excelled in his class work, "grading on" to the Minnesota Law Review. He ultimately graduated magna cum laude, was named to the Order of the Coif, and then clerked for the Honorable George G. Fagg on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Following his clerkship, Brett returned to Wisconsin to practice at Foley & Lardner in Milwaukee, the largest law firm in Wisconsin and one of the oldest law firms in the United States. In 2003, Foley & Lardner made him a partner, and he spent the next 14 years building a successful commercial litigation practice. In addition to trying more than a dozen complex, multi-million-dollar cases through judgment, he played a crucial role in firm management, chairing the Milwaukee office's recruiting and pro bono committees.

Brett's leadership and contribution to his field extended far beyond his firm. He was hired by the Marquette University Law School to serve as an adjunct professor teaching insurance law. He served a term on the State Bar Board of Governors and was active in the Eastern District of Milwaukee Bar Association. He was also active in marshaling the efforts of Milwaukee's largest law firms to commit time and lawyers to pro bono representations in the district court.

In 2017, Brett left private practice when he was selected to serve as a bankruptcy judge, where he presided over more than 12,500 bankruptcy cases, issued more than 20,000 orders, and adjudicated dozens of evidentiary hearings and trials—all while earning the respect of debtors, creditors, and their lawyers through his strong judicial temperament, empathy, and compassion.

Judge Ludwig has also shown a strong and clear commitment to the rule of law. His written decisions reflect that he is a judge who is committed to faithfully applying the Bankruptcy Code and rules as they are written. He has demonstrated that he is not and will not be an activist judge.

Judge Ludwig lives just outside Milwaukee with his wife, Melissa Bleidorn; their children, Madeleine and Ryan; and a black lab, Chloe.

I would like to thank Senator BALDWIN for her support of our bipartisan

nomination commission that has once again selected an excellent jurist.

I would like to thank the hard-working members of this commission for their time and dedication in finding and recommending Judge Brett Ludwig, who will serve our Nation and the people of Wisconsin in the Eastern District with distinction and honor.

Judge Ludwig has my full support, and I urge all my colleagues to vote yes on his confirmation.

I yield the floor.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. MCSALLY). Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Brett H. Ludwig, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Mitch McConnell, Joni Ernst, John Boozman, James E. Risch, Mike Rounds, Roger F. Wicker, Mike Crapo, Mitt Romney, John Barrasso, Shelley Moore Capito, Pat Roberts, Thom Tillis, Cindy Hyde-Smith, David Perdue, Lindsey Graham, Kevin Cramer, Tim Scott.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Brett H. Ludwig, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the Senator from Michigan (Mrs. STABENOW) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 83, nays 6, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 158 Ex.]

YEAS—83

Alexander	Enzi	Paul
Baldwin	Ernst	Peters
Barrasso	Feinstein	Portman
Bennet	Fischer	Reed
Blackburn	Gardner	Risch
Blumenthal	Gillibrand	Roberts
Blunt	Grassley	Romney
Booker	Hassan	Rosen
Boozman	Hawley	Rounds
Braun	Heinrich	Rubio
Brown	Hyde-Smith	Sasse
Burr	Inhofe	Schumer
Cantwell	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Capito	Jones	Scott (SC)
Carper	Kaine	Shaheen
Casey	Kennedy	Shelby
Cassidy	King	Sinema
Collins	Lankford	Smith
Coons	Leahy	Smith
Cornyn	Lee	Sullivan
Cortez Masto	Loeffler	Tester
Cotton	Manchin	Thune
Cramer	McConnell	Toomey
Crapo	McSally	Udall
Cruz	Menendez	Warner
Daines	Merkley	Whitehouse
Duckworth	Moran	Wicker
Durbin	Murphy	Young

NAYS—6

Hirono	Schatz	Warren
Markey	Van Hollen	Wyden

NOT VOTING—11

Cardin	Klobuchar	Sanders
Graham	Murkowski	Stabenow
Harris	Murray	Tillis
Hoeben	Perdue	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 83, the nays are 6.

The motion is agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. LEE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII, the confirmation vote with respect to the Ludwig nomination occur at 11:15 a.m. tomorrow; further, if cloture is invoked on the Wiegand nomination, the Senate then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Jarbou nomination; further, if cloture is invoked on the Jarbou nomination, the postcloture time with respect to the Jarbou nomination expire at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Democratic leader on Thursday, September 10; further, that at 2:15 p.m. tomorrow, the Senate vote on the confirmation of the Wiegand nomination, and following disposition of the Wiegand nomination, the Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the Cullen and Gujarati nominations in the order listed; finally, if any of the nominations are confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LEE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

proceed to legislative session for a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Madam President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

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

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 20-0J. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 17-12 of June 23, 2017.

Sincerely,

HEIDI H. GRANT,
Director.

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-0J

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(C), AECA)

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Australia.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 17-12; Date: June 23, 2017; Military Department: Air Force.

(iii) Description: On June 23, 2017, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 17-12 of the possible sale under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act of up to five (5) Gulfstream G-550 aircraft modified to integrate Airborne Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance, and Electronic Warfare (AISREW) mission systems, Global Positioning System (GPS) capability, secure communications, aircraft defensive systems; spares, including whole life costs of airborne and ground segments; aircraft modification and integration; ground systems for data processing and crew training; ground support equipment; publications and technical data; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services; flight test and certification; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The esti-

mated total cost was \$1.3 billion. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$.04 billion of this total.

This transmittal reports the inclusion of the following non-MDE items and services: spares and repair/return parts; consumables and support equipment; publications and technical documentation; maintenance, training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor flight test and certification, aircraft modification and integration, engineering, technical and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support. These additional items will result in an increase in non-MDE cost of \$500 million, causing a revised total cost for non-MDE of \$1.76 billion. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) will remain \$.04 billion. The total estimated case value will increase by \$500 million to \$1.8 billion.

(iv) Significance: The proposed articles and services will support Australia's efforts to modernize its Electronic Warfare support capability and increases interoperability between the U.S. Air Force and the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF).

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a major Non-NATO Ally that is a key partner of the United States in ensuring peace and stability around the world.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The Sensitivity of Technology Statement contained in the original notification applies to items reported here.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: August 26, 2020.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Madam President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

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

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 20-56 concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of France for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$350 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan

to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

HEIDI H. GRANT,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-56

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of France.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment * \$50 million.
Other \$300 million.
Total \$350 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: Support for C-130 aircraft.

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):
Four (4) AE-2100D Turbo Prop Engines.

Two (2) Multifunctional, Information Distribution System-Low Volume Terminal Block Upgrade Two (MIDS-LVT BU2).

Non-MDE: Also included are AN/ARC-210 radios; AN/ARC-164 radios; L-3 CSW Multiband Receiver/Transmitters; AN/ARN-153 Navigation Systems; AN/ARN-147 Receivers; AN/APN-241 Radar Receiver Transmitter Processor; ARC-190 High Frequency Receivers; AAR-60 Missile Launch Warning Systems; MTS-A Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) system; AN/APX-119 Identification Friend or Foe Systems; Joint Mission Planning System (JMPS); encryption devices; spare and repair parts; software delivery and support; publications and technical documentation; U.S. Government and contractor engineering; technical and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (FR-D-QAM).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: GY-D-SUA and FR-D-SAE.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: September 2, 2020.

* As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

France—C-130 Aircraft Support

The Government of France has requested to buy four (4) AE-2100D Turbo Prop engines and two (2) Multifunctional, Information Distribution System-Low Volume Terminal Block Upgrade Two (MIDS-LVT BU2). Also included are AN/ARC-210 radios; AN/ARC-164 radios; L-3 CSW Multiband Receiver/Transmitters; AN/ARN-153 Navigation Systems; AN/ARN-147 Receivers; AN/APN-241 Radar Receiver Transmitter Processor; ARC-190 High Frequency Receivers; AAR-60 Missile Launch Warning Systems; MTS-A Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) system; AN/APX-119 Identification Friend or Foe Systems; Joint Mission Planning System (JMPS); encryption devices; spare and repair parts; software delivery and support; publications and technical documentation; U.S. Government and contractor engineering; technical and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total cost is \$350 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve security of a NATO ally which is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve France's capability to meet current and future threats by providing the necessary sustainment, services, and spare parts to support the co-managed fleet of French and German C-130 aircraft. France will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and/or services into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be Lockheed Martin Corporation, Marietta, GA; Rolls Royce Cooperation, Indianapolis, IN; General Electric Aviation System, LTD/Dowty, Sterling, VA; Raytheon, Cedar Rapids, IA; and ViaSat, Carlsbad, CA. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of (1) U.S. contractor representative to France for a duration of three years to provide technical assistance and support to include field services, engineering tech support and integrated logistics support management.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-56

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Rolls Royce AE 2100D3 Turboprop Engine is the primary powerplant on the C-130J Hercules military airlift aircraft.

2. The Multifunctional Information Distribution System-Low Volume Terminal (MIDS-LVT) is an advanced Link-16 command, control, communications, and intelligence (C3I) system incorporating high-capacity, jam-resistant, digital communication links for exchange of near real-time tactical information, including both data and voice, among air, ground, and sea elements. MIDS-LVT is intended to support key theater functions such as surveillance identification, air control, weapons engagement coordination, and direction for all services and allied forces. The system provides jamming-resistant, wide-area communications on a Link-16 network among MIDS and Joint Tactical Information Distribution System (JTIDS) equipped platforms.

3. AN/AAR-60 Missile Launch Detection System (MILDS) is a passive, true imaging sensor device that is optimized to detect the radiation signature of a threat missile's exhaust plume within the Ultra Violet (UV) solar blind spectral band. Functionally, the architecture detects incoming missile threats and indicates their direction of arrival with the 'maximum' of warning time. The system is further noted as featuring 'inherently' high-spacial resolution, 'advanced' temporal processing, a 'very high' declaration rate, the 'virtual elimination' of false alarm rates, 'fast' threat detection and the automatic initiation of appropriate countermeasures. Physically, a typical application comprises four to six self-contained detector units each of which provides 'full' signal processing.

4. The AN/AAS-54 MTS-A Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) System integrates electro-optical, infrared, laser designation, and laser illumination capabilities to provide superior detection, ranging, and tracking. The system provides high rate of stabilization across six axis and flexible operating modes including integrated line-of-sight targeting and target tracking, using centroid, area and feature tracks. The system contains an Inertial Measurement Unit on the gimbal to enable accurate target

geolocation. The MTS-A is capable of integration onto fixed-wing, rotary-wing, and unmanned air vehicle platforms.

5. Joint Mission Planning System (JMPS) is a multi-platform PC based mission planning system.

6. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

7. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

8. A determination has been made that France can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

9. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the France.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH, Madam President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

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

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 20-54 concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Japan for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$63 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

HEIDI H. GRANT,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-54

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Japan.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment * \$60 million.
Other \$3 million.

Total \$63 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Thirty-two (32) AIM-120C-8 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM).
One (1) AIM-120C-8 AMRAAM Guidance Section (spare).

Non-MDE: Also included are containers, support and support equipment, spare and repair parts, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistical support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (JA-D-YAU).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: JA-D-YCM, JA-D-YAO, JA-D-YAK, JA-D-YAI, JA-YAH.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: August 26, 2020.

* As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Japan—AIM-120C-8 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM)

The Government of Japan has requested to buy thirty-two (32) AIM-120C-8 AMRAAM and one (1) AIM-120C-8 AMRAAM guidance section spare. Also included are containers, support and support equipment, spare and repair parts, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistical support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total cost is \$63 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a major ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in the Asia-Pacific region. It is vital to U.S. national interest to assist Japan in developing and maintaining a strong and effective self-defense capability.

The proposed sale of missiles will provide Japan a critical air defense capability to assist in defending the Japanese homeland and U.S. personnel stationed there. Japan already has AMRAAM in its inventory and will have no difficulty absorbing the additional missiles into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems of Tucson, AZ. There are no known offset arrangements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of U.S. Government or contractor representatives in Japan.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-54

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The proposed sale will involve the release of sensitive technology to the Government of Japan related to the AIM-120C-8 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM). The AIM-120C-8 AMRAAM is a supersonic, air launched, aerial intercept, guided missile featuring digital technology

and micro-miniature solid-state electronics. Purchase will include AMRAAM Guidance Section spares. AMRAAM capabilities include look-down/shoot-down, multiple launches against multiple targets, resistance to electronic countermeasures, and interception of high- and low-flying and maneuvering targets. The AIM-120C-8 is a form, fit, function refresh of the AIM-120C-7 and is the next generation to be produced.

2. The highest level of classification of information included in this potential sale is SECRET.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that Japan can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furthering U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to Japan.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH, Madam President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

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

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 20-57 concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Spain for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$248.5 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

HEIDI H. GRANT,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-57

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Spain.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment * \$237.0 million.
Other \$11.5 million.
Total \$248.5 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

One hundred (100) AIM-120C-7/8 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM).

One (1) AMRAAM Guidance Section (spare).

Non-MDE: Also included are KGV-135A encryption devices; containers; weapon support and support equipment; spare and repair parts; publications and technical documentation; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (SP-D-YAI).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: September 2, 2020.

*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Spain—AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM)

The Government of Spain has requested to buy one hundred (100) AIM-120C-7/8 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM) and one (1) AMRAAM Guidance Section (spare). Also included are KGV-135A encryption devices; containers; weapon support and support equipment; spare and repair parts; publications and technical documentation; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total cost is \$248.5 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the security of a NATO ally which is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist Spain in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

This proposed sale will improve Spain's capability to meet current and future threats by increasing its stocks of AMRAAMs for its fighter aircraft fleets in support of national defense. The potential sale will further strengthen the interoperability between the United States and Spain. Spain will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Missiles and Defense, Tucson, AZ. There are no known offset arrangements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of U.S. Government or contractor representatives in Spain.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-57

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The AIM-120C-7/C-8 AMRAAM is a supersonic, air launched, aerial intercept, guided missile featuring digital technology and micro-miniature solid-state electronics. Purchase will include AMRAAM Guidance Section spares. AMRAAM capabilities include look-down/shoot-down, multiple launches against multiple targets, resistance to electronic countermeasures, and interception of high- and low-flying and maneuvering targets. The AIM-120C-8 is a form, fit, function refresh of the AIM-120C-7 and is the next generation to be produced.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that Spain can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furthering U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to Spain.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH, Madam President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

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

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No.

20-51 concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of the United Kingdom for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$46 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

HEIDI H. GRANT,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-51

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of the United Kingdom.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$42 million.

Other \$4 million.

Total \$46 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Three hundred ninety-five (395) AGM-114R2 Hellfire Missiles.

Non-MDE: Also included is technical assistance, publications, integration support, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (UK-B-WUG).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: UK-B-WSD, UK-B-WSA, UK-B-WQU.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: August 26, 2020.

* As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Kingdom—Hellfire Missiles

The Government of the United Kingdom has requested to buy three hundred ninety-five (395) AGM-114R2 Hellfire missiles. Also included is technical assistance, publications, integration support, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$46 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a NATO Ally which is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve the United Kingdom's ability to meet current and future threats by replacing expiring and un-serviceable missiles and maintaining capability to execute missions across a full range of military operations. The United Kingdom will have no difficulty absorbing these missiles into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be Lockheed Martin Corporation, Orlando, Florida. The purchaser typically requests offsets. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

Implementation of this proposed will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the United Kingdom.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-51

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

ANNEX ITEM NO. VII

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The AGM-114R2 Hellfire missile is used against heavy and light armored targets, thin skinned vehicles, urban structures, bunkers, caves and personnel. The missile is Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) based, with a variable delay fuse and improved safety and reliability. The Hellfire II multipurpose warhead variant (AGM-114R) allows selection of warhead effects corresponding to a specific target type. The AGM-114R is capable of being launched from Army rotary-wing and UAS platforms and provides the pilot increased operational flexibility.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that United Kingdom can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the United Kingdom.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO CANDACE FRANKS

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today to celebrate Commissioner Candace Franks for all she has accomplished over her 40-year career with the Arkansas State Bank Department, ASBD. She will retire as department commissioner in October, an especially significant milestone given her appointment as the first female in this role and her tenure as the longest serving commissioner in ASBD history.

Commissioner Franks' leadership at the ASBD has directly improved the economic well-being of Arkansas communities and citizens by ensuring safe, convenient, and competitive banking. The department was established in 1903 to fulfill a simple yet essential role: regulate Arkansas banks and bank holding companies. Since her arrival at the department, she has worked tirelessly to achieve the mission of safe and sound financial institutions that garner public confidence. An impressive statistic demonstrates this dedication: When she began in 1980, the department oversaw institutions holding \$7 billion in assets; as she leaves in 2020, the institutions now hold over \$123 billion in assets.

She grounds herself in the notion that hard work, commitment, and patience pay off. After completing three postsecondary degrees—two at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro and one at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law—she joined the ASBD as general counsel in 1980. She held this position until she was promoted to deputy commissioner and general counsel in 1995, before her appointment to commissioner in 2007.

Commissioner Franks' ability to lead, guide, and better the State of Arkansas extends beyond her critical role in the financial sector. From 2014 to 2015, she served as chairman of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, where she is now chairman emeritus. She currently serves as chairman of the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System after being appointed to the board of trustees by Governor Asa Hutchinson in 2017. Additionally, she serves as a trustee on the Arkansas Teachers Retirement System and the State Board of Finance.

It is with no surprise that Commissioner Franks has been repeatedly recognized for her accomplished career and influence in Arkansas. For 3 consecutive years—1996, 1997, and 1998—she was honored by Arkansas Business as one of the "Top 100 Women in Arkansas." In 2010, she was recognized by the same publication as one of 20 "Women of Influence" in Arkansas.

On behalf of Arkansas, our financial institutions, and the ASBD, I thank Commissioner Candace Franks for her dedication to developing a healthy banking system that improves the quality of life in Arkansas. I wish her well in her retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO DONNA KELLY-WILLIAMS

• Ms. WARREN. Madam President, I would like to offer my congratulations to Donna Kelly-Williams as she retires as president of the Massachusetts Nurses Association where she has represented our nurses and the patients they serve since 2009. Beginning her professional career in 1974, she aided nurses in the newborn nursery at the Cambridge Hospital, cementing her passion for the caregiving profession. Following nursing school, she served as a medical-surgical nurse and then as a pediatric nurse before eventually coming full circle and returning to the maternity unit. She has spent her entire nursing career serving her community at Cambridge Hospital in Cambridge, MA. Throughout her career, she has always been committed to creating environments where every nurse is respected and valued for their contributions. This commitment and passion for advocacy led her to become involved in the Massachusetts Nurses Association, first joining the bargaining unit at Cambridge Hospital and serving in this capacity for two decades.

She then served as vice president of the Massachusetts Nurses Association and on the board of directors before she was elected president in 2009. As president, Donna led the union as they became a part of National Nurses United, the largest union of registered nurses in history. She understood this participation in a new national nurses' union enabled members to have an even greater impact on national pushes for legislation, including healthcare and

labor reforms, supporting nurses serving in all of America's hospitals. Donna worked tirelessly to advocate for nurses' workers rights during strikes; I remember trading calls and texts with Donna late into the night to settle contracts during the Tufts Medical Center strike.

I am deeply grateful to Donna Kelly-Williams for her lifelong commitment to America's working families, for all she has done for nurses across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for her tireless fight to improve patient care. We have all benefited from Donna's passion, resilience, and empathy throughout her entire career and her lasting impact on our Massachusetts nurses will be felt for years to come. I once again congratulate her on her retirement and wish her the best of luck in the next chapter.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 8015. An act to maintain prompt and reliable postal services during the COVID-19 health emergency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8089. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to expand premium processing for certain immigration benefits, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 88. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Franklin D. Raines as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4003(e) of the 21st Century Cures Act (Public Law 114-255), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker reappoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee: Mr. Arien Malec of Oakland, California.

The message further announced that pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 300jj-12, the Minority Leader appoints the following individual to the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee: Ms. Cynthia A Fisher of Newton, Massachusetts.

The message also announced that pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 3355a, the Minority Leader appoints the following individual to the Public Interest Declassification Board to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Mr. Harold W. "Trey" Gowdy, III, of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3. An act to establish a fair price negotiation program, protect the Medicare program from excessive price increases, and establish an out-of-pocket maximum for Medicare part D enrollees, and for other purposes.

H.R. 51. An act to provide for the admission of the State of Washington, D.C. into the Union.

H.R. 1425. An act to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide for an Improve Health Insurance Affordability Fund to provide for certain reinsurance payments to lower premiums in the individual health insurance market.

PRIVILEGED NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator JOHN KENNEDY, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Michael J. Finkel, of New Jersey, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2022, vice Gregory Karawan.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 481. A bill to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-261).

S. 2800. A bill to authorize programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-262).

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 2898. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a full annuity supplement for certain air traffic controllers (Rept. No. 116-263).

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. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 4531. A bill to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs, located at 400 College Drive, Middleburg, Florida, the "Andrew K. Baker Department of Veterans Affairs Clin-

ic", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 4532. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require coverage of hearing devices and systems in certain private health insurance plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 4533. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for public health research and investment into understanding and eliminating structural racism and police violence; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 4534. A bill to amend section 230 of the Communications Act of 1934 to modify the scope of protection from civil liability for "good Samaritan" blocking and screening of offensive material; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. HARRIS, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 4535. A bill to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Waverly B. Woodson, Jr., for acts of valor during World War II; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 4536. A bill to report data on COVID-19 in Federal, State, and local correctional facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 4537. A bill to provide for economic recovery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 4538. A bill to establish a Restore Employment in Natural and Environmental Work Conservation Corps in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 4539. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services and other Federal officials to compile into a searchable database information relating to Federal support for biomedical research and development related to COVID-19, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 4540. A bill to provide that individuals may serve as poll workers for the November 3, 2020, general elections if registered to vote in the State in a location other than the location at which the individual serves; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 4541. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by limiting the number of mandatory overtime hours a nurse may be required to work in certain providers of services to which payments are made under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. KAINE):

S. Res. 684. A resolution calling on the Government of Cameroon and separatist armed groups from the English-speaking Northwest and Southwest regions to end all violence, respect the human rights of all Cameroonians, and pursue a genuinely inclusive dialogue toward resolving the ongoing civil conflict in Anglophone Cameroon; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 117

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 117, a bill to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 150

At the request of Mr. WARNER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 150, a bill to provide for increases in the Federal minimum wage, and for other purposes.

S. 201

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 201, a bill to amend title 13, United States Code, to make clear that each decennial census, as required for the apportionment of Representatives in Congress among the several States, shall tabulate the total number of persons in each State, and to provide that no information regarding United States citizenship or immigration status may be elicited in any such census.

S. 514

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) 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. 614

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 614, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue a final rule relating to removing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem population of grizzly bears from the Federal list of endangered and threatened wildlife.

S. 997

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a co-

sponsor of S. 997, a bill to recognize and honor the service of individuals who served in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1210

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1210, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and make permanent the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 1267

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1267, a bill to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the National Museum of the American Latino, and for other purposes.

S. 2001

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2001, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Willie O'Ree, in recognition of his extraordinary contributions and commitment to hockey, inclusion, and recreational opportunity.

S. 2043

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2043, a bill to provide incentives for hate crime reporting, provide grants for State-run hate crime hotlines, and establish alternative sentencing for individuals convicted under the Matthew Shephard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

S. 2539

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) 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. 2561

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2561, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, and for other purposes.

S. 2766

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2766, a bill to support and expand civic engagement and political leadership of adolescent girls around the world, and other purposes.

S. 2815

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from Connecticut

(Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 2815, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National Purple Heart Honor Mission.

S. 2833

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2833, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to extend the consumer credit protections provided to members of the Armed Forces and their dependents under title 10, United States Code, to all consumers.

S. 2886

At the request of Ms. MCSALLY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2886, a bill to prohibit the use of animal testing for cosmetics and the sale of cosmetics tested on animals.

S. 2898

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2898, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a full annuity supplement for certain air traffic controllers.

S. 3043

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3043, a bill to modernize training programs at aviation maintenance technician schools, and for other purposes.

S. 3067

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3067, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to combat the opioid crisis by promoting access to non-opioid treatments in the hospital outpatient setting.

S. 3089

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3089, a bill to improve the construction and leasing of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 3141

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3141, a bill to amend the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act to clarify and expand food donation, and for other purposes.

S. 3250

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3250, a bill to ensure U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, agents, and other personnel have

adequate synthetic opioid detection equipment, that the Department of Homeland Security has a process to update synthetic opioid detection capability, and for other purposes.

S. 3393

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3393, 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. 3401

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3401, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to replace the windfall elimination provision with a formula equalizing benefits for certain individuals with noncovered employment, and for other purposes.

S. 3471

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3471, a bill to ensure that goods made with forced labor in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China do not enter the United States market, and for other purposes.

S. 3547

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3547, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive limitations on expansion of facility capacity under rural provider and hospital exception to ownership or investment prohibition during coronavirus 2020 emergency period.

S. 3612

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) 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. 3693

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3693, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to foster efficient markets and increase competition and transparency among packers that purchase livestock from producers.

S. 3718

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3718, a bill to expand the waiver of affiliation rules for certain business concerns with more than 1

physical location, and for other purposes.

S. 3761

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3761, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans service organizations and recognized agents and attorneys opportunities to review Department of Veterans Affairs disability rating determinations before they are finalized, and for other purposes.

S. 3812

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3812, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care from the Department of Veterans Affairs to include veterans of World War II.

S. 3814

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3814, a bill to establish a loan program for businesses affected by COVID-19 and to extend the loan forgiveness period for paycheck protection program loans made to the hardest hit businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 3856

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3856, a bill to authorize emergency homeless assistance grants under the Emergency Solutions Grants program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for response to the public health emergency relating to COVID-19, and for other purposes.

S. 3898

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3898, a bill to provide flexibility for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in caring for homeless veterans during a covered public health emergency, and for other purposes.

S. 3899

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. MCSALLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3899, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a retraining assistance program for unemployed veterans, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3899, *supra*.

S. 4019

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4019, a bill to amend title 5, United

States Code, to designate Juneteenth National Independence Day as a legal public holiday.

S. 4048

At the request of Ms. WARREN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 4048, a bill to modify the deadlines for completing the 2020 decennial census of population and related tabulations, and for other purposes.

S. 4089

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4089, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies.

S. 4098

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4098, a bill to provide funding for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Act, and for other purposes.

S. 4110

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4110, a bill to designate residents of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as Priority 2 refugees of special humanitarian concern, and for other purposes.

S. 4117

At the request of Mr. CRAMER, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. 4117, a bill to provide automatic forgiveness for paycheck protection program loans under \$150,000, and for other purposes.

S. 4150

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4150, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to provide assistance to certain providers of transportation services affected by the novel coronavirus.

S. 4166

At the request of Ms. SINEMA, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 4166, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to secure medical opinions for veterans with service-connected disabilities who die from COVID-19 to determine whether their service-connected disabilities were the principal or contributory cases of death, and for other purposes.

S. 4174

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the

Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4174, a bill to provide emergency appropriations to the United States Postal Service to cover losses related to the COVID-19 crisis and to direct the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service to develop a plan for ensuring the long term solvency of the Postal Service.

S. 4190

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4190, a bill to authorize the Director of the United States Geological Survey to establish a regional program to assess, monitor, and benefit the hydrology of saline lakes in the Great Basin and the migratory birds and other wildlife dependent on those habitats, and for other purposes.

S. 4191

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4191, a bill to require a report on foreign investment in the pharmaceutical industry of the United States.

S. 4233

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4233, a bill to establish a payment program for unexpected loss of markets and revenues to timber harvesting and timber hauling businesses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes.

S. 4258

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4258, a bill to establish a grant program for small live venue operators and talent representatives.

S. 4292

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mrs. LOEFFLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4292, a bill to prohibit Federal funds from being made available to teach the 1619 Project curriculum in elementary schools and secondary schools, and for other purposes.

S. 4299

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4299, a bill to provide grants for tourism and events support and promotion in areas affected by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and for other purposes.

S. 4317

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Mon-

tana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4317, a bill to lessen the burdens on interstate commerce by discouraging insubstantial lawsuits relating to COVID-19 while preserving the ability of individuals and businesses that have suffered real injury to obtain complete relief.

S. 4374

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4374, a bill to establish a Government-wide initiative to promote diversity and inclusion in the Federal workforce, and for other purposes.

S. 4395

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 4395, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to authorize maritime transportation emergency relief, and for other purposes.

S. 4402

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4402, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify certain activities that would have been authorized under Nationwide Permit 12 and other Nationwide Permits, and for other purposes.

S. 4422

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 4422, a bill to establish the Office of Minority Broadband Initiatives within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 4423

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4423, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide the Secretary of Health and Human Services with the authority to temporarily modify certain Medicare requirements for hospice care during the COVID public health emergency.

S. 4464

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 4464, a bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to add additional demographic reporting requirements, to modify the goals of the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes.

S. 4473

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland

(Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4473, a bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to address circumvention of copyright protection systems with respect to the maintenance or repair of critical medical infrastructure, and for other purposes.

S. 4491

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4491, a bill to designate methamphetamine as an emerging threat, and for other purposes.

S. 4493

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4493, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to establish an Inspector General of the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and for other purposes.

S. 4526

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4526, a bill to ensure that COVID-19-related Federal programs and assistance provide for the translation of informational materials relating to awareness, screening, testing, and treatment for COVID-19 into priority languages.

S. RES. 509

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 509, a resolution calling upon the United Nations Security Council to adopt a resolution on Iran that extends the dates by which Annex B restrictions under Resolution 2231 are currently set to expire.

S. RES. 658

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 658, a resolution calling for a free, fair, and transparent presidential election in Belarus taking place on August 9, 2020, including the unimpeded participation of all presidential candidates.

S. RES. 670

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 670, a resolution recognizing the seriousness of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and expressing support for the designation of September 2020 as "PCOS Awareness Month".

S. RES. 672

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 672, a resolution designating September 2020 as National Democracy Month as a time to reflect

on the contributions of the system of government of the United States to a more free and stable world.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 4538. A bill to establish a Restore Employment in Natural and Environmental Work Conservation Corps in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 4538

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Restore Employment in Natural and Environmental Work Conservation Corps Act” or the “RENEW Conservation Corps Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) as a result of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, more than 40,000,000 people in the United States have filed claims for unemployment benefits since March 2020, which is a level of unemployment not seen since the Great Depression;

(2) investments in fish, wildlife, and habitat restoration and outdoor recreation infrastructure generate as many as 33 jobs per \$1,000,000 invested, as demonstrated by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5, 123 Stat. 115);

(3) the outdoor recreation economy—

(A) generates \$887,000,000,000 in economic activity each year, which is 2.2 percent of the gross domestic product of the United States, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis; and

(B) was 1 of the fastest growing sectors of the United States economy before the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic;

(4) the Federal Government and State and local governments and agencies have many “shovel-ready” projects and green infrastructure maintenance backlog projects that would improve the quality of life, outdoor experiences, and access to outdoor recreation opportunities of people of the United States on completion of the projects;

(5) many facilities and natural resources located on dedicated conservation land are in disrepair or degraded and in need of labor-intensive rehabilitation, restoration, and enhancement work that cannot be carried out at existing staffing levels;

(6) enhancing and maintaining environmentally and recreationally important land and waters through the participation of unemployed individuals in the United States in a conservation corps could—

(A) provide critical employment, education, and skill development opportunities to the individuals;

(B) prepare the individuals for permanent jobs in the conservation field; and

(C) benefit the economy and environment of the United States; and

(7) existing networks of conservation corps are in place but need additional resources in order to scale up the activities of the conservation corps to meet growing deferred maintenance needs on public land.

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

(1) to employ, during the 5-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, a total of 1,000,000 people in the United States in dedicated conservation land projects to support the growing backlog of deferred conservation land projects;

(2) to expose Participants to public service while furthering the understanding and appreciation of the Participants of the natural and cultural resources of the United States;

(3) to stimulate interest among Participants in conservation careers by exposing the Participants to conservation professionals in land management agencies; and

(4) to build on the existing network of conservation corps organizations working across the United States while providing for expanded participation in urban centers.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) CORPS.—The term “Corps” means the Restore Employment in Natural and Environmental Work Conservation Corps established by section 4(a).

(2) COUNCIL.—The term “Council” means the National Council on the Restore Employment in Natural and Environmental Work Conservation Corps established under section 6(a).

(3) ELIGIBLE LOCAL AGENCY.—The term “eligible local agency” means a unit of local government, land trust, or similar conservation nonprofit organization.

(4) ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT.—The term “eligible participant” means an individual who—

(A) is 16 years of age or older at the time the individual begins the term of service as a Participant; and

(B) is a citizen or national of the United States or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States.

(5) ELIGIBLE PROJECT.—The term “eligible project” means any of the following:

(A) A project to plant trees.

(B) A project for the restoration and management of wildlife habitat.

(C) A project to control invasive species.

(D) A project for the conduct of prescribed burns.

(E) A project for the restoration of streams, wetlands, and other aquatic ecosystems.

(F) A project to monitor water quality in streams and lakes.

(G) A project to assist with the conduct of fish and wildlife surveys.

(H) A project for the construction or maintenance of trails, bridges, campgrounds, picnic shelters, or other recreational amenities for use by the public.

(I) A project for the construction or maintenance of parks and playgrounds.

(J) A project to restore brownfield sites (as defined in section 101 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601)) in urban areas.

(K) A project to construct rain gardens, grass waterways, pollinator gardens, or green schoolyards.

(L) A project for the development of urban gardens and farms.

(M) A project to plant native grasslands.

(N) A project to provide environmental interpretation or outdoor education.

(O) Any other project determined to be appropriate by the Secretaries.

(6) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe” has the meaning given the term “Indian tribe” in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

(7) PARTICIPANT.—The term “Participant” means an eligible participant enrolled in the Corps.

(8) PROGRAM PARTNER.—The term “Program partner” means—

(A) a State or Indian Tribe administering a program for eligible projects or a grant program under subsection (a) or (b) of section 5, as applicable; and

(B) an eligible local agency carrying out eligible projects under section 5(a)(3)(B).

(9) SECRETARIES.—The term “Secretaries” means the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, acting jointly.

(10) STATE.—The term “State” means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any other territory or possession of the United States.

SEC. 4. RESTORE EMPLOYMENT IN NATURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL WORK CONSERVATION CORPS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture the Restore Employment in Natural and Environmental Work Conservation Corps program under which Participants shall carry out—

(1) eligible projects administered by the Secretaries under this section; and

(2) eligible projects administered by Program partners under subsection (a) or (b) of section 5.

(b) PARTICIPANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corps shall consist of—

(A) eligible participants who are enrolled in the Corps by the Secretaries; and

(B) eligible participants who are enrolled in the Corps by Program partners.

(2) REQUIREMENT.—In enrolling eligible participants in the Corps under paragraph (1), the Secretaries and Program partners shall ensure that Participants reflect the demographics of the area in which the Participants are carrying out an eligible project.

(c) TERMS AND COMPENSATION.—

(1) TERM.—Participants shall serve for a term of at least 12 weeks, but not more than 1 year.

(2) COMPENSATION.—

(A) WAGES.—Participants shall be compensated at a wage rate that is appropriate for the type of work performed by the Participant, but not less than \$15 per hour (to be increased each year based on increases in the Consumer Price Index for the year).

(B) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—If a Participant completes at least 1 year of service in the Corps, Participants shall be eligible for—

(i) an educational credit that may be applied toward a program of postsecondary education at an institution of higher education that agrees to award the credit for participation in the Corps; and

(ii) not more than \$5,500 in tuition assistance to the Participant for purposes of continuing education.

(d) TRAINING; APPRENTICESHIPS.—The Secretaries and Program partners shall—

(1) ensure that Participants are provided at least 2 weeks of training during each term of the applicable Participant; and

(2) provide curricula to Participants that improve the future job prospects of Participants, including through making available to Participants registered apprenticeships and other professional licenses or certifications.

SEC. 5. STATE, TRIBAL, AND LOCAL FUNDING PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.

(a) APPORTIONMENT TO STATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year, subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), of the amounts made available for apportionment to the States for that fiscal year under section 7(2), the Secretaries shall apportion—

(A) 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent among States based on the proportion that—

(i) the number of unemployed individuals in each State, as determined based on the most recent data available; bears to

(ii) the total number of unemployed individuals in all States as so determined; and

(B) 33 1/3 percent among States based on the proportion that—

(i) the population of each State; bears to

(ii) the population of all States.

(2) **MINIMUM APPORTIONMENT.**—No State shall receive an apportionment under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year in an amount less than \$42,000,000.

(3) **USE OF FUNDS.**—Of the amounts apportioned to a State under this subsection for a fiscal year—

(A) 50 percent shall be used by the State to administer a program for the conduct of eligible projects by Participants enrolled in the program by the States; and

(B) 50 percent shall be used by the State to administer a grant program in the State under which the State provides grants to eligible local agencies in the State for the conduct of eligible projects by Participants enrolled by the eligible local agencies.

(b) **TRIBAL PROGRAM.**—For each fiscal year, the Secretaries shall apportion, in accordance with a formula established by the Secretaries, amounts made available under section 7(3) to Indian Tribes to administer a program for the conduct of eligible projects by Participants enrolled in the program by the Indian Tribe.

(c) **USE OF FUNDS.**—Of the amounts provided to a Program partner for the conduct of eligible projects under this section, the Program partner—

(1) may use not more than 20 percent for administrative costs of administering and carrying out eligible projects (including costs of recruiting and hiring individuals to carry out eligible projects);

(2) may use not more than 14 percent to provide continuing education to individuals administering or carrying out eligible projects;

(3) may use not more than 8 percent for the cost of equipment and supplies for eligible projects; and

(4) shall use the remainder of the amounts for the costs of salaries of individuals administering or carrying out eligible projects.

(d) **REALLOCATION.**—Any funds made available to a State or Indian Tribe under subsection (a) or (b) that are not obligated by the State or Indian Tribe at the end of the third fiscal year beginning after the fiscal year during which the funds were made available shall be withdrawn from the State or Indian Tribe and reallocated by the Secretaries to other States and Indian Tribes on the basis of need, as determined by the Secretaries, and in amounts that the Secretaries determine would best accomplish the purposes described in section 2(b).

SEC. 6. NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE RESTORE EMPLOYMENT IN NATURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL WORK CONSERVATION CORPS.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, the Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service, and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, through the execution of a memorandum of understanding, shall establish a National Council on the Restore Employment in Natural and Environmental Work Conservation Corps.

(b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Council shall be composed of—

(A) the Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs;

(B) the Director of the Bureau of Land Management;

(C) the Commissioner of Reclamation;

(D) the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service;

(E) the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;

(F) the Director of the National Park Service;

(G) the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

(H) the Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement;

(I) the Chief of Engineers;

(J) the Chief of the Forest Service;

(K) the Director of the Office of Personnel Management;

(L) the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency;

(M) the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality;

(N) the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service; and

(O) other members that the signatories to the memorandum of understanding under subsection (a) determine to be appropriate for membership on the Council, including—

(i) the Secretary of Labor;

(ii) the Secretary of Education;

(iii) the Secretary of Health and Human Services;

(iv) the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and

(v) the Secretary of Transportation; and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

(2) **CHAIR.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Council shall select a Chair of the Council from among the members of the Council described in subparagraphs (A) through (M) of paragraph (1).

(B) **TERM.**—The Chair of the Council shall serve for a term of 1 year.

(c) **ANNUAL MEETING.**—The Chair of the Council shall convene annual meetings of the Council during which the Council shall conduct an assessment of—

(1) the Corps; and

(2) eligible projects carried out by the Corps.

SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act \$55,800,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2021 through 2025, of which—

(1) 37.5 percent shall be made available to the Secretaries to carry out eligible projects under section 4(a)(1);

(2) 57.5 percent shall be made available to the Secretaries for apportionment to States under section 5(a); and

(3) 5 percent shall be made available to the Secretaries for apportionment to Indian Tribes under section 5(b).

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 684—CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT OF CAMEROON AND SEPARATIST ARMED GROUPS FROM THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING NORTHWEST AND SOUTHWEST REGIONS TO END ALL VIOLENCE, RESPECT THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL CAMEROONIANS, AND PURSUE A GENUINELY INCLUSIVE DIALOGUE TOWARD RESOLVING THE ONGOING CIVIL CONFLICT IN ANGLOPHONE CAMEROON

Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. VAN HOL-

LEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. KAINE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 684

Whereas Cameroon is beset with multiple security challenges, including a Boko Haram insurgency in the Far North region, cross-border conflict and criminality by Central African militia groups to the east, and a civil war involving the Government of Cameroon and Anglophone separatist armed groups in the Northwest and Southwest regions;

Whereas the official actions and policies of the Francophone-dominated Government of Cameroon have repressed English-speaking Cameroonians politically and economically throughout the history of Cameroon, dating back to the reunification of British-administered Southern Cameroons and French Cameroun under a federal system in October 1961;

Whereas Paul Biya, the oldest head of state in Africa, has been the President of Cameroon since 1982, maintaining his grip on power by centralizing authority in the executive, undermining the Constitution of Cameroon, impeding democratic governance through corrupt practices, using security services to repress the opposition, and conducting elections marred by widespread irregularities and allegations of fraud;

Whereas key decentralization reforms enacted in the Constitution of Cameroon in 1996, which mandated the establishment of a decentralized unitary state, “equality of all citizens before the law”, the equal status of French and English as official languages, and the establishment of local authorities with “administrative and financial autonomy”, remain largely unrealized, though an enabling law was adopted in December 2019;

Whereas, throughout his tenure, President Biya has spent extended periods in Europe, pursued government policies exclusively benefiting the Francophone majority in Cameroon, and crippled many parastatals and private enterprises in the Northwest and Southwest regions, further marginalizing English-speaking Cameroonians;

Whereas, in October 2016, English-speaking lawyers, students, and teachers in the Northwest and Southwest regions of Cameroon took to the streets to peacefully protest marginalization of English-speaking Cameroonians by the Government of Cameroon in the legal and education systems, as exemplified by the appointment of French-speaking judges and teachers in the Northwest and Southwest regions and the publishing of important legislation solely in the French language;

Whereas those peaceful protests by English-speaking lawyers, students, and teachers were met with excessive force by the police and gendarmerie of Cameroon, which led to gross human rights violations, the arrest of lawyers, teachers, and Anglophone civic leaders, and their detention in the notorious Kondengui prison in Yaoundé;

Whereas, amid broader protests across the Northwest and Southwest regions demanding greater autonomy from the central government of Cameroon, on October 1, 2017, the 56th anniversary of the end of British trusteeship over Southern Cameroons, the Anglophone crisis escalated as separatist armed groups declared independence from Cameroon;

Whereas, in late 2017, Anglophone separatist armed groups escalated attacks, targeting government officials and facilities as well as civilians and traditional leaders seen

as sympathetic to the Government of Cameroon and brutally enforcing “ghost town operations” (general strikes) and school boycotts in the Northwest and Southwest regions;

Whereas lengthy government-imposed shutdowns of the internet and social media in the Northwest and Southwest regions, totaling 240 days between 2017 and 2018, had a devastating impact on the economies and educational institutions in the regions, undermined freedom of expression, prevented the free flow of information related to the conflict, and restricted the ability of local communities to interact and communicate;

Whereas the conflict in the Northwest and Southwest regions of Cameroon has caused considerable instability and human suffering, with more than 3,000 deaths linked to the conflict, and according to United Nations agencies, approximately 3,000,000 people are in need of humanitarian assistance, approximately 60,000 Cameroonian refugees have fled to Nigeria, and approximately 700,000 persons are internally displaced;

Whereas the Department of State 2019 Country Report on Human Rights Practices for Cameroon cited “significant” human rights abuses by security forces and separatist armed groups in Cameroon, including unlawful or arbitrary killings, forced disappearances, torture, arbitrary detention, repression of fundamental rights, and violence against women and children;

Whereas the United Nations Children’s Fund estimates that more than 855,000 children are out of school due to the conflict, and the Department of State added Cameroon to the Child Soldiers Prevention Act List in the 2020 Trafficking in Persons Report as a foreign government “identified during the previous year as having governmental armed forces, police, or other security forces, or government-supported armed groups that recruit or use child soldiers”;

Whereas United States citizen Charles Wesco was shot and killed near the town of Bamenda, Cameroon, on October 30, 2018, and, in November 2018, the Department of State stated, “In memory of American missionary Charles Wesco and all others who have lost their lives in the Anglophone Crisis, we urge all sides to end the violence and enter into broad-based reconciliatory dialogue without preconditions.”;

Whereas, in June 2019, the Government of Switzerland announced that, together with the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, it was facilitating a dialogue between the Government of Cameroon and armed opposition groups to support a resolution of the Anglophone crisis;

Whereas, in September 2019, President Biya hastily announced a Major National Dialogue, chaired by Prime Minister Ngute from September 30 to October 4, 2019, in Yaoundé, “to examine the ways and means to respond to the deeply-held aspirations of the populations in the Northwest and Southwest”;

Whereas, though the Major National Dialogue led to some concessions by the Government of Cameroon on broader democratization issues, including the release of some political prisoners, including the leader of the Cameroon Renaissance Movement, Maurice Kamto, and some of his associates after nine months of detention, attempts at conflict resolution have failed to bring all parties to the table, as high levels of deaths, brutality, and suffering continue;

Whereas national and international outrage followed the massacre of at least 23 people, including 15 children and 2 pregnant women, by government security forces and allied militia on February 14, 2020, in Ngarbuh, Donga Mantung division, in the Northwest region, and a commission of inquiry established by Cameroonian authori-

ties ultimately led to the arrest and charging of 3 soldiers for murder;

Whereas, on June 5, 2020, amidst increasing concern over attacks on freedom of the press and detention of journalists on politically motivated charges in recent years, Cameroon authorities confirmed that an Anglophone journalist covering the conflict, Samuel Ajiekah Abuwe, known as Wazizi, who was arrested in August 2019 and transferred to a military facility, died in custody shortly after his arrest, an acknowledgment that led to widespread condemnation and calls for an independent inquiry;

Whereas the Rapid Intervention Battalion (BIR) of the Government of Cameroon, which has been accused of torture and extrajudicial killings and implicated in massacres like that of February 14, 2020, has received training and support from the United States, potentially in contravention of legal requirements that “no assistance shall be furnished . . . to any unit of the security forces of a foreign country if the Secretary of State has credible information that such unit has committed a gross violation of human rights”;

Whereas, in February 2019, the Department of State announced that it would withhold some security assistance to Cameroon, including equipment and training, citing credible allegations of human rights violations by state security forces and a lack of investigation, accountability, and transparency by the Government of Cameroon in response;

Whereas, on December 26, 2019, the United States terminated the designation of Cameroon as a beneficiary under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.) because “the Government of Cameroon currently engages in gross violations of internationally recognized human rights”;

Whereas a European Parliament resolution, passed on April 18, 2019, urged inclusive political dialogue to resolve the Anglophone crisis, called for the conflict to be considered by the United Nations Security Council, and urged the European Union to “use the political leverage provided by development aid and other bilateral programmes to enhance the defense of human rights in Cameroon”;

Whereas France maintains considerable interests in Cameroon, including significant economic and security cooperation, but has not adequately used its influence to stem atrocities committed in the Anglophone regions or support stronger international action to seek resolution to the conflict;

Whereas the United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Cameroon stated on January 24, 2019, that “Cameroon can no longer be a forgotten crisis; it needs to be high on our agenda”, and, on June 22, 2020, a group of former world leaders and 5 Nobel Peace Laureates called on the United Nations Security Council and the United Nations Secretary-General, the African Union, the Commonwealth of Nations, and La Francophonie to “ensure that Cameroon’s Anglophone conflict is on the agenda of the forthcoming UN Security Council meeting and all UNOCA sessions before the UNSC”;

Whereas, on May 13, 2019, an Arria-formula meeting on the humanitarian crisis in Cameroon was held for the United Nations Security Council, but a formal meeting on the situation in Cameroon has not yet been placed on the United Nations Security Council agenda;

Whereas, on July 1, 2020, in Resolution 2532 (2020), the United Nations Security Council unanimously underlined its support of the appeal of the United Nations Secretary-General for a global ceasefire in all conflicts as the world battles the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas there is a significant Cameroonian diaspora in the United States, and Cameroon is a longstanding security

partner and aid recipient of the United States, participating in the Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership (TSCTP) led by the Department of State and in United States-supported efforts to counter Boko Haram and the Islamic State–West Africa, both of which have mounted terrorist operations in the Far North region of Cameroon since 2014; Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) strongly condemns abuses committed by state security forces and armed groups in the Northwest and Southwest regions of Cameroon, including extrajudicial killings and detentions, the use of force against civilians and nonviolent protestors, torture, rape, kidnappings, and other forms of violence against women, and violations of the freedoms of press, expression, and assembly;

(2) urges all parties to the Anglophone conflict in Cameroon, including political opposition groups, to—

(A) conclude and uphold an immediate ceasefire;

(B) guarantee unfettered humanitarian access and assistance to the Northwest and Southwest regions;

(C) exercise restraint and ensure that political protests are peaceful; and

(D) establish a credible process for an inclusive dialogue that includes all relevant stakeholders, including from civil society, to achieve a sustainable political solution that respects the rights and freedoms of all of the people of Cameroon;

(3) affirms that the United States Government continues to hold the Government of Cameroon responsible for safeguarding the safety, security, and constitutional rights of all citizens, regardless of their region of origin or the regions in which they reside, or their religious beliefs or political views;

(4) urges the Government of Cameroon to—

(A) initiate a credible, inclusive, good-faith effort to end the armed conflict in the Northwest and Southwest regions of Cameroon by addressing the root causes of the crisis and grievances and seeking nonviolent solutions to resolve the conflict, including possibly involving an independent mediator in negotiations;

(B) follow through on initiatives developed to address the grievances that sparked the conflict, including the National Commission for the Promotion of Bilingualism and Multiculturalism, the Ministry of Decentralization and Local Development, and the National Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration Committee;

(C) fully implement recommendations of the Major National Dialogue held in late 2019;

(D) respect the rule of law and the constitutional rights of all Cameroonians, including members of the political opposition, civil society activists, and journalists;

(E) allow for credible, independent, and transparent investigations of all allegations of human rights abuses committed in the Northwest and Southwest regions;

(F) release all political prisoners and journalists currently detained and immediately stop all arbitrary detention, torture, forced disappearances, deaths in custody, and inhumane prison conditions; and

(G) work with United States law enforcement to thoroughly investigate and prosecute those responsible for the murder of Charles Wesco;

(5) urges the Anglophone armed separatist groups to—

(A) engage peacefully with government officials to express grievances and engage in nonviolent efforts to resolve the conflict, including participation in a credible and inclusive dialogue, possibly involving an independent mediator;

(B) immediately cease human rights abuses, including killings of civilians, torture, kidnapping, and extortion;

(C) immediately end the school boycott in the Northwest and Southwest regions and attacks on schools, teachers, and education officials, and allow for the safe return of all students to class; and

(D) immediately release all kidnapped and detained civilians;

(6) urges the Department of State, Department of the Treasury, and United States Agency for International Development, in coordination with other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to—

(A) consider imposing targeted sanctions on individual government and separatist leaders “responsible for extrajudicial killings, torture, or other gross violations of internationally recognized human rights”;

(B) press the Government of Cameroon to provide unfettered humanitarian access to vulnerable populations in the Northwest and Southwest regions of Cameroon;

(C) support credible efforts to address the root causes of the conflict and to achieve sustainable peace and reconciliation and efforts to aid the economic recovery of and fight coronavirus in the Northwest and Southwest regions;

(D) support humanitarian and development programming, including to meet immediate needs, advance nonviolent conflict resolution and reconciliation, promote economic recovery and development, support primary and secondary education, and strengthen democratic processes, including political decentralization, enshrined as a fundamental principle of state governance in the Constitution of Cameroon;

(E) continue to limit security assistance to Cameroon and ensure that United States training and equipment is not being used to facilitate human rights abuses in the Northwest and Southwest regions;

(F) prioritize efforts to help develop and sustain effective, professional civilian oversight of law enforcement and security services in Cameroon to ensure they are held accountable for abuses; and

(G) engage in an ongoing effort to ensure that the crisis in the Anglophone regions is discussed in international fora, including the United Nations Security Council, that focus on urgent international diplomatic engagement and response; and

(7) urges members of the international community to—

(A) join in a strategic collective effort to pressure the Government of Cameroon and separatist armed groups, including through the use of available diplomatic and punitive tools, to immediately conclude and uphold a ceasefire, participate in an inclusive and meaningful dialogue to address the root causes of the conflict and pending grievances, and seek nonviolent solutions to the conflict, including by possibly involving an independent and credible mediator;

(B) mobilize and coordinate funding for local and international organizations to provide humanitarian and development assistance, including to fight coronavirus, to communities affected by the crisis in the Northwest and Southwest regions of Cameroon;

(C) leverage bilateral relationships to encourage key partners of Cameroon, particularly France, to help foster a peaceful resolution to the crisis in the Northwest and Southwest regions of Cameroon and implement a mutually agreed-upon program to address longstanding grievances and marginalization; and

(D) use regional and international fora, including the African Union, the Economic Community of Central African States, and the United Nations Security Council to discuss the ongoing crisis in the Northwest and

Southwest regions of Cameroon and push for a cessation of violence, an expedient resolution, the implementation of a mutually agreed-upon program for addressing the root causes and pending grievances, and the investigation and prosecution of human rights abuses and crimes committed against civilians.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2652. Mr. McCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill S. 178, to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2652. Mr. McCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill S. 178, to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted; insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Delivering Immediate Relief to America’s Families, Schools and Small Businesses Act”.

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

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SEC. 3. REFERENCES.

Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference to “this Act” contained in any division of this Act shall be treated as referring only to the provisions of that division.

DIVISION A—LIABILITY PROTECTIONS, CONTINUED RELIEF FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND WORKERS, PUBLIC HEALTH ENHANCEMENTS, AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

TITLE I—SUNSETS AND OFFSETS

SEC. 1001. EMERGENCY RELIEF AND TAXPAYER PROTECTIONS.

Section 4003 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9061) is amended in subsection (e) by striking “Amounts” and inserting “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, amounts”.

SEC. 1002. DIRECT APPROPRIATION.

Section 4027 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9063) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) REDUCTION.—The appropriation made under this section shall be reduced, on January 19, 2021, by an amount equal to the difference between \$454,000,000,000 and the aggregate amount of loans, loan guarantees, and other investments that the Secretary has made or committed to make under section 4003(b)(4) as of such date.”

SEC. 1003. TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.

Section 4029 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9063) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(c) FEDERAL RESERVE PROGRAMS OR FACILITIES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, after January 4, 2021, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Reserve banks shall not make any loan, purchase any obligation, asset, security, or other interest, or make any extension of credit through any program or facility established under section 13(3) of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 343(3)) in which the Secretary made a loan, loan guarantee, or other investment using funds appropriated under section 4027, other than any such loan, purchase, or extension of credit for which a complete application was submitted on or before January 4, 2021, provided that such loan, purchase, or extension of credit is made on or before January 18, 2021, and under the terms and conditions of the program or facility as in effect on the date the complete application was submitted.

“(2) NO MODIFICATION.—On or after January 19, 2021, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Reserve banks shall not modify the terms and conditions of any program or facility established under section 13(3) of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 343(3)) in which the Secretary made a loan, loan guarantee, or other investment using funds appropriated under section 4027, but may modify or restructure a loan, obligation, asset, security, or other interest, or extension of credit made or purchased through any such program or facility provided that—

“(A) the loan, obligation, asset, security, or other interest, or extension of credit is for an eligible business, including an eligible nonprofit organization; and

“(B) the modification or restructuring relates to a single and specific eligible business, including an eligible nonprofit organization; and

“(C) the modification or restructuring is necessary to minimize costs to taxpayers that could arise from a default on the loan, obligation, asset, security, or other interest, or extension of credit.”

SEC. 1004. RESCISSIONS.

(a) PPP AND SUBSIDY FOR CERTAIN LOAN PAYMENTS.—Of the unobligated balances in the appropriations account under the heading “Small Business Administration—Business Loans Program Account, CARES Act” as of the day before the date of enactment of this Act, effective on the date of enactment

of this Act \$146,000,000,000 shall be rescinded and deposited into the general fund of the Treasury.

(b) EXCHANGE STABILIZATION FUND.—Section 4003 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9042) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “\$500,000,000,000” and inserting “\$296,000,000,000”; and

(2) in subsection (b)(4), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “\$454,000,000,000” and inserting “\$250,000,000,000”.

TITLE II—CORONAVIRUS LIABILITY RELIEF

SEC. 2001. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Safeguarding America’s Frontline Employees To Offer Work Opportunities Required to Kickstart the Economy Act” or the “SAFE TO WORK Act”.

SEC. 2002. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) The SARS-CoV-2 virus that originated in China and causes the disease COVID-19 has caused untold misery and devastation throughout the world, including in the United States.

(2) For months, frontline health care workers and health care facilities have fought the virus with courage and resolve. They did so at first with very little information about how to treat the virus and developed strategies to save lives of the people of the United States in real time. They risked their personal health and wellbeing to protect and treat their patients.

(3) Businesses in the United States kicked into action to produce and procure personal protective equipment, such as masks, gloves, face shields, and hand sanitizer, and other necessary medical supplies, such as ventilators, at unprecedented rates.

(4) To halt the spread of the disease, State and local governments took drastic measures. They shut down small and large businesses, schools, colleges and universities, religious, philanthropic and other nonprofit institutions, and local government agencies. They ordered people to remain in their homes.

(5) This standstill was needed to slow the spread of the virus. But it devastated the economy of the United States. The sum of hundreds of local-level and State-level decisions to close nearly every space in which people might gather brought interstate commerce nearly to a halt.

(6) This halt led to the loss of millions of jobs. These lost jobs were not a natural consequence of the economic environment, but rather the result of a drastic, though temporary, response to the unprecedented nature of this global pandemic.

(7) Congress passed a series of statutes to address the health care and economic crises—the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-123; 134 Stat. 146), the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116-127; 134 Stat. 178), the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136), and the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (Public Law 116-139; 134 Stat. 620). In these laws Congress exercised its power under the Commerce and Spending Clauses of the Constitution of the United States to direct trillions of taxpayer dollars toward efforts to aid workers, businesses, State and local governments, health care workers, and patients.

(8) This legislation provided short-term insulation from the worst of the economic storm, but these laws alone cannot protect the United States from further devastation.

Only reopening the economy so that workers can get back to work and students can get back to school can accomplish that goal.

(9) The Constitution of the United States specifically enumerates the legislative powers of Congress. One of those powers is the regulation of interstate commerce. The Government is not a substitute for the economy, but it has the authority and the duty to act when interstate commerce is threatened and damaged. As applied to the present crisis, Congress can deploy its power over interstate commerce to promote a prudent reopening of businesses and other organizations that serve as the foundation and backbone of the national economy and of commerce among the States. These include small and large businesses, schools (which are substantial employers in their own right and provide necessary services to enable parents and other caregivers to return to work), colleges and universities (which are substantial employers and supply the interstate market for higher-education services), religious, philanthropic and other nonprofit institutions (which are substantial employers and provide necessary services to their communities), and local government agencies.

(10) Congress must also ensure that the Nation’s health care workers and health care facilities are able to act fully to defeat the virus.

(11) Congress must also safeguard its investment of taxpayer dollars under the CARES Act and other coronavirus legislation. Congress must ensure that those funds are used to help businesses and workers survive and recover from the economic crisis, and to help health care workers and health care facilities defeat the virus. CARES Act funds cannot be diverted from these important purposes to line the pockets of the trial bar.

(12) One of the chief impediments to the continued flow of interstate commerce as this public-health crisis has unfolded is the risk of litigation. Small and large businesses, schools, colleges and universities, religious, philanthropic and other nonprofit institutions, and local government agencies confront the risk of a tidal wave of lawsuits accusing them of exposing employees, customers, students, and worshipers to coronavirus. Health care workers face the threat of lawsuits arising from their efforts to fight the virus.

(13) They confront this litigation risk even as they work tirelessly to comply with the coronavirus guidance, rules, and regulations issued by local governments, State governments, and the Federal Government. They confront this risk notwithstanding equipment and staffing shortages. And they confront this risk while also grappling with constantly changing information on how best to protect employees, customers, students, and worshipers from the virus, and how best to treat it.

(14) These lawsuits pose a substantial risk to interstate commerce because they threaten to keep small and large businesses, schools, colleges and universities, religious, philanthropic and other nonprofit institutions, and local government agencies from reopening for fear of expensive litigation that might prove to be meritless. These lawsuits further threaten to undermine the Nation’s fight against the virus by exposing our health care workers and health care facilities to liability for difficult medical decisions they have made under trying and uncertain circumstances.

(15) These lawsuits also risk diverting taxpayer money provided under the CARES Act and other coronavirus legislation from its intended purposes to the pockets of opportunistic trial lawyers.

(16) This risk is not purely local. It is necessarily national in scale. A patchwork of local and State rules governing liability in coronavirus-related lawsuits creates tremendous unpredictability for everyone participating in interstate commerce and acts as a significant drag on national recovery. The aggregation of each individual potential liability risk poses a substantial and unprecedented threat to interstate commerce.

(17) The accumulated economic risks for these potential defendants directly and substantially affects interstate commerce. Individuals and entities potentially subject to coronavirus-related liability will structure their decisionmaking to avoid that liability. Small and large businesses, schools, colleges and universities, religious, philanthropic and other nonprofit institutions, and local government agencies may decline to reopen because of the risk of litigation. They may limit their output or engagement with customers and communities to avoid the risk of litigation. These individual economic decisions substantially affect interstate commerce because, as a whole, they will prevent the free and fair exchange of goods and services across State lines. Such economic activity that, individually and in the aggregate, substantially affects interstate commerce is precisely the sort of conduct that should be subject to congressional regulation.

(18) Lawsuits against health care workers and facilities pose a similarly dangerous risk to interstate commerce. Interstate commerce will not truly rebound from this crisis until the virus is defeated, and that will not happen unless health care workers and facilities are free to combat vigorously the virus and treat patients with coronavirus and those otherwise impacted by the response to coronavirus.

(19) Subjecting health care workers and facilities to onerous litigation even as they have done their level best to combat a virus about which very little was known when it arrived in the United States would divert important health care resources from hospitals and providers to courtrooms.

(20) Such a diversion would substantially affect interstate commerce by degrading the national capacity for combating the virus and saving patients, thereby substantially elongating the period before interstate commerce could fully re-engage.

(21) Congress also has the authority to determine the jurisdiction of the courts of the United States, to set the standards for causes of action they can hear, and to establish the rules by which those causes of action should proceed. Congress therefore must act to set rules governing liability in coronavirus-related lawsuits.

(22) These rules necessarily must be temporary and carefully tailored to the interstate crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic. They must extend no further than necessary to meet this uniquely national crisis for which a patchwork of State and local tort laws are ill-suited.

(23) Because of the national scope of the economic and health care dangers posed by the risks of coronavirus-related lawsuits, establishing temporary rules governing liability for certain coronavirus-related tort claims is a necessary and proper means of carrying into execution Congress's power to regulate commerce among the several States.

(24) Because Congress must safeguard the investment of taxpayer dollars it made in the CARES Act and other coronavirus legislation, and ensure that they are used for their intended purposes and not diverted for other purposes, establishing temporary rules governing liability for certain coronavirus-related tort claims is a necessary and proper means of carrying into execution Congress's

power to provide for the general welfare of the United States.

(b) PURPOSES.—Pursuant to the powers delegated to Congress by article I, section 8, clauses 1, 3, 9, and 18, and article III, section 2, clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States, the purposes of this title are to—

(1) establish necessary and consistent standards for litigating certain claims specific to the unique coronavirus pandemic;

(2) prevent the overburdening of the court systems with undue litigation;

(3) encourage planning, care, and appropriate risk management by small and large businesses, schools, colleges and universities, religious, philanthropic and other nonprofit institutions, local government agencies, and health care providers;

(4) ensure that the Nation's recovery from the coronavirus economic crisis is not burdened or slowed by the substantial risk of litigation;

(5) prevent litigation brought to extract settlements and enrich trial lawyers rather than vindicate meritorious claims;

(6) protect interstate commerce from the burdens of potentially meritless litigation;

(7) ensure the economic recovery proceeds without artificial and unnecessary delay;

(8) protect the interests of the taxpayers by ensuring that emergency taxpayer support continues to aid businesses, workers, and health care providers rather than enrich trial lawyers; and

(9) protect the highest and best ideals of the national economy, so businesses can produce and serve their customers, workers can work, teachers can teach, students can learn, and believers can worship.

SEC. 2003. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) APPLICABLE GOVERNMENT STANDARDS AND GUIDANCE.—The term “applicable government standards and guidance” means—

(A) any mandatory standards or regulations specifically concerning the prevention or mitigation of the transmission of coronavirus issued by the Federal Government, or a State or local government with jurisdiction over an individual or entity, whether provided by executive, judicial, or legislative order; and

(B) with respect to an individual or entity that, at the time of the actual, alleged, feared, or potential for exposure to coronavirus is not subject to any mandatory standards or regulations described in subparagraph (A), any guidance, standards, or regulations specifically concerning the prevention or mitigation of the transmission of coronavirus issued by the Federal Government, or a State or local government with jurisdiction over the individual or entity.

(2) BUSINESSES, SERVICES, ACTIVITIES, OR ACCOMMODATIONS.—The term “businesses, services, activities, or accommodations” means any act by an individual or entity, irrespective of whether the act is carried on for profit, that is interstate or foreign commerce, that involves persons or things in interstate or foreign commerce, that involves the channels or instrumentalities of interstate or foreign commerce, that substantially affects interstate or foreign commerce, or that is otherwise an act subject to regulation by Congress as necessary and proper to carry into execution Congress's powers to regulate interstate or foreign commerce or to spend funds for the general welfare.

(3) CORONAVIRUS.—The term “coronavirus” means any disease, health condition, or threat of harm caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus or a virus mutating therefrom.

(4) CORONAVIRUS EXPOSURE ACTION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “coronavirus exposure action” means a civil action—

(i) brought by a person who suffered personal injury or is at risk of suffering personal injury, or a representative of a person who suffered personal injury or is at risk of suffering personal injury;

(ii) brought against an individual or entity engaged in businesses, services, activities, or accommodations; and

(iii) alleging that an actual, alleged, feared, or potential for exposure to coronavirus caused the personal injury or risk of personal injury, that—

(I) occurred in the course of the businesses, services, activities, or accommodations of the individual or entity; and

(II) occurred—

(aa) on or after December 1, 2019; and

(bb) before the later of—

(AA) October 1, 2024; or

(BB) the date on which there is no declaration by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319F-3(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6d(b)) (relating to medical countermeasures) that is in effect with respect to coronavirus, including the Declaration Under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act for Medical Countermeasures Against COVID-19 (85 Fed. Reg. 15198) issued by the Secretary of Health and Human Services on March 17, 2020.

(B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “coronavirus exposure action” does not include—

(i) a criminal, civil, or administrative enforcement action brought by the Federal Government or any State, local, or Tribal government; or

(ii) a claim alleging intentional discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including pregnancy), disability, genetic information, or age.

(5) CORONAVIRUS-RELATED ACTION.—The term “coronavirus-related action” means a coronavirus exposure action or a coronavirus-related medical liability action.

(6) CORONAVIRUS-RELATED HEALTH CARE SERVICES.—The term “coronavirus-related health care services” means services provided by a health care provider, regardless of the location where the services are provided, that relate to—

(A) the diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of coronavirus;

(B) the assessment or care of an individual with a confirmed or suspected case of coronavirus; or

(C) the care of any individual who is admitted to, presents to, receives services from, or resides at, a health care provider for any purpose during the period of a Federal emergency declaration concerning coronavirus, if such provider's decisions or activities with respect to such individual are impacted as a result of coronavirus.

(7) CORONAVIRUS-RELATED MEDICAL LIABILITY ACTION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “coronavirus-related medical liability action” means a civil action—

(i) brought by a person who suffered personal injury, or a representative of a person who suffered personal injury;

(ii) brought against a health care provider; and

(iii) alleging any harm, damage, breach, or tort resulting in the personal injury alleged to have been caused by, be arising out of, or be related to a health care provider's act or omission in the course of arranging for or providing coronavirus-related health care services that occurred—

(I) on or after December 1, 2019; and

(II) before the later of—

(aa) October 1, 2024; or

(bb) the date on which there is no declaration by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319F-3(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6d(b))

(relating to covered countermeasures) that is in effect with respect to coronavirus, including the Declaration Under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act for Medical Countermeasures Against COVID-19 (85 Fed. Reg. 15198) issued by the Secretary of Health and Human Services on March 17, 2020.

(B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “coronavirus-related medical liability action” does not include—

(i) a criminal, civil, or administrative enforcement action brought by the Federal Government or any State, local, or Tribal government; or

(ii) a claim alleging intentional discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including pregnancy), disability, genetic information, or age.

(8) EMPLOYER.—The term “employer” —

(A) means any person serving as an employer or acting directly in the interest of an employer in relation to an employee;

(B) includes a public agency; and

(C) does not include any labor organization (other than when acting as an employer) or any person acting in the capacity of officer or agent of such labor organization.

(9) GOVERNMENT.—The term “government” means an agency, instrumentality, or other entity of the Federal Government, a State government (including multijurisdictional agencies, instrumentalities, and entities), a local government, or a Tribal government.

(10) GROSS NEGLIGENCE.—The term “gross negligence” means a conscious, voluntary act or omission in reckless disregard of—

(A) a legal duty;

(B) the consequences to another party; and

(C) applicable government standards and guidance.

(11) HARM.—The term “harm” includes—

(A) physical and nonphysical contact that results in personal injury to an individual; and

(B) economic and noneconomic losses.

(12) HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “health care provider” means any person, including an agent, volunteer (subject to subparagraph (C)), contractor, employee, or other entity, who is—

(i) required by Federal or State law to be licensed, registered, or certified to provide health care and is so licensed, registered, or certified (or is exempt from any such requirement);

(ii) otherwise authorized by Federal or State law to provide care (including services and supports furnished in a home or community-based residential setting under the State Medicaid program or a waiver of that program); or

(iii) considered under applicable Federal or State law to be a health care provider, health care professional, health care institution, or health care facility.

(B) INCLUSION OF ADMINISTRATORS, SUPERVISORS, ETC.—The term “health care provider” includes a health care facility administrator, executive, supervisor, board member or trustee, or another individual responsible for directing, supervising, or monitoring the provision of coronavirus-related health care services in a comparable role.

(C) INCLUSION OF VOLUNTEERS.—The term “health care provider” includes volunteers that meet the following criteria:

(i) The volunteer is a health care professional providing coronavirus-related health care services.

(ii) The act or omission by the volunteer occurs—

(I) in the course of providing health care services;

(II) in the health care professional’s capacity as a volunteer;

(III) in the course of providing health care services that—

(aa) are within the scope of the license, registration, or certification of the volunteer, as defined by the State of licensure, registration, or certification; and

(bb) do not exceed the scope of license, registration, or certification of a substantially similar health professional in the State in which such act or omission occurs; and

(IV) in a good-faith belief that the individual being treated is in need of health care services.

(13) INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY.—The term “individual or entity” means—

(A) any natural person, corporation, company, trade, business, firm, partnership, joint stock company, vessel in rem, educational institution, labor organization, or similar organization or group of organizations;

(B) any nonprofit organization, foundation, society, or association organized for religious, charitable, educational, or other purposes; or

(C) any State, Tribal, or local government.

(14) LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term “local government” means any unit of government within a State, including a—

(A) county;

(B) borough;

(C) municipality;

(D) city;

(E) town;

(F) township;

(G) parish;

(H) local public authority, including any public housing agency under the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.);

(I) special district;

(J) school district;

(K) intrastate district;

(L) council of governments, whether or not incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under State law; and

(M) agency or instrumentality of—

(i) multiple units of local government (including units of local government located in different States); or

(ii) an intra-State unit of local government.

(15) MANDATORY.—The term “mandatory”, with respect to applicable government standards and guidance, means the standards or regulations are themselves enforceable by the issuing government through criminal, civil, or administrative action.

(16) PERSONAL INJURY.—The term “personal injury” means—

(A) actual or potential physical injury to an individual or death caused by a physical injury; or

(B) mental suffering, emotional distress, or similar injuries suffered by an individual in connection with a physical injury.

(17) STATE.—The term “State”—

(A) means any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and any other territory or possession of the United States, and any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof; and

(B) includes any agency or instrumentality of 2 or more of the entities described in subparagraph (A).

(18) TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “Tribal government” means the recognized governing body of any Indian tribe included on the list published by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to section 104(a) of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 5131(a)).

(B) INCLUSION.—The term “Tribal government” includes any subdivision (regardless

of the laws and regulations of the jurisdiction in which the subdivision is organized or incorporated) of a governing body described in subparagraph (A) that—

(i) is wholly owned by that governing body; and

(ii) has been delegated the right to exercise 1 or more substantial governmental functions of the governing body.

(19) WILLFUL MISCONDUCT.—The term “willful misconduct” means an act or omission that is taken—

(A) intentionally to achieve a wrongful purpose;

(B) knowingly without legal or factual justification; and

(C) in disregard of a known or obvious risk that is so great as to make it highly probable that the harm will outweigh the benefit.

Subtitle A—Liability Relief

PART I—LIABILITY LIMITATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES ENGAGED IN BUSINESSES, SERVICES, ACTIVITIES, OR ACCOMMODATIONS

SEC. 2121. APPLICATION OF PART.

(a) CAUSE OF ACTION; TRIBAL SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.—

(1) CAUSE OF ACTION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—This part creates an exclusive cause of action for coronavirus exposure actions.

(B) LIABILITY.—A plaintiff may prevail in a coronavirus exposure action only in accordance with the requirements of this subtitle.

(C) APPLICATION.—The provisions of this part shall apply to—

(i) any cause of action that is a coronavirus exposure action that was filed before the date of enactment of this Act and that is pending on such date of enactment; and

(ii) any coronavirus exposure action filed on or after such date of enactment.

(2) PRESERVATION OF LIABILITY LIMITS AND DEFENSES.—Except as otherwise explicitly provided in this part, nothing in this part expands any liability otherwise imposed or limits any defense otherwise available under Federal, State, or Tribal law.

(3) IMMUNITY.—Nothing in this part abrogates the immunity of any State, or waives the immunity of any Tribal government. The limitations on liability provided under this part shall control in any action properly filed against a State or Tribal government pursuant to a duly executed waiver by the State or Tribe of sovereign immunity and stating claims within the scope of this part.

(b) PREEMPTION AND SUPERSEDED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as described in paragraphs (2) through (6), this part preempts and supersedes any Federal, State, or Tribal law, including statutes, regulations, rules, orders, proclamations, or standards that are enacted, promulgated, or established under common law, related to recovery for personal injuries caused by actual, alleged, feared, or potential for exposure to coronavirus.

(2) STRICTER LAWS NOT PREEMPTED OR SUPERSEDED.—Nothing in this part shall be construed to affect the applicability of any provision of any Federal, State, or Tribal law that imposes stricter limits on damages or liabilities for personal injury caused by, arising out of, or related to an actual, alleged, feared, or potential for exposure to coronavirus, or otherwise affords greater protection to defendants in any coronavirus exposure action, than are provided in this part. Any such provision of Federal, State, or Tribal law shall be applied in addition to the requirements of this part and not in lieu thereof.

(3) WORKERS’ COMPENSATION LAWS NOT PREEMPTED OR SUPERSEDED.—Nothing in this

part shall be construed to affect the applicability of any State or Tribal law providing for a claim for benefits under a workers' compensation scheme or program, or to preempt or supersede an exclusive remedy under such scheme or program.

(4) ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.—Nothing in this part shall be construed to impair, limit, or affect the authority of the Federal Government, or of any State, local, or Tribal government, to bring any criminal, civil, or administrative enforcement action against any individual or entity.

(5) DISCRIMINATION CLAIMS.—Nothing in this part shall be construed to affect the applicability of any provision of any Federal, State, or Tribal law that creates a cause of action for intentional discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including pregnancy), disability, genetic information, or age.

(6) MAINTENANCE AND CURE.—Nothing in this part shall be construed to affect a seaman's right to claim maintenance and cure benefits.

(c) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—A coronavirus exposure action may not be commenced in any Federal, State, or Tribal government court later than 1 year after the date of the actual, alleged, feared, or potential for exposure to coronavirus.

SEC. 2122. LIABILITY; SAFE HARBOR.

(a) REQUIREMENTS FOR LIABILITY FOR EXPOSURE TO CORONAVIRUS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and except as otherwise provided in this section, no individual or entity engaged in businesses, services, activities, or accommodations shall be liable in any coronavirus exposure action unless the plaintiff can prove by clear and convincing evidence that—

(1) in engaging in the businesses, services, activities, or accommodations, the individual or entity was not making reasonable efforts in light of all the circumstances to comply with the applicable government standards and guidance in effect at the time of the actual, alleged, feared, or potential for exposure to coronavirus;

(2) the individual or entity engaged in gross negligence or willful misconduct that caused an actual exposure to coronavirus; and

(3) the actual exposure to coronavirus caused the personal injury of the plaintiff.

(b) REASONABLE EFFORTS TO COMPLY.—

(1) CONFLICTING APPLICABLE GOVERNMENT STANDARDS AND GUIDANCE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If more than 1 government to whose jurisdiction an individual or entity is subject issues applicable government standards and guidance, and the applicable government standards and guidance issued by 1 or more of the governments conflicts with the applicable government standards and guidance issued by 1 or more of the other governments, the individual or entity shall be considered to have made reasonable efforts in light of all the circumstances to comply with the applicable government standards and guidance for purposes of subsection (a)(1) unless the plaintiff establishes by clear and convincing evidence that the individual or entity was not making reasonable efforts in light of all the circumstances to comply with any of the conflicting applicable government standards and guidance issued by any government to whose jurisdiction the individual or entity is subject.

(B) EXCEPTION.—If mandatory standards and regulations constituting applicable government standards and guidance issued by any government with jurisdiction over the individual or entity conflict with applicable government standards and guidance that are not mandatory and are issued by any other government with jurisdiction over the indi-

vidual or entity or by the same government that issued the mandatory standards and regulations, the plaintiff may establish that the individual or entity did not make reasonable efforts in light of all the circumstances to comply with the applicable government standards and guidance for purposes of subsection (a)(1) by establishing by clear and convincing evidence that the individual or entity was not making reasonable efforts in light of all the circumstances to comply with the mandatory standards and regulations to which the individual or entity was subject.

(2) WRITTEN OR PUBLISHED POLICY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If an individual or entity engaged in businesses, services, activities, or accommodations maintained a written or published policy on the mitigation of transmission of coronavirus at the time of the actual, alleged, feared, or potential for exposure to coronavirus that complied with, or was more protective than, the applicable government standards and guidance to which the individual or entity was subject, the individual or entity shall be presumed to have made reasonable efforts in light of all the circumstances to comply with the applicable government standards and guidance for purposes of subsection (a)(1).

(B) REBUTTAL.—The plaintiff may rebut the presumption under subparagraph (A) by establishing that the individual or entity was not complying with the written or published policy at the time of the actual, alleged, feared, or potential for exposure to coronavirus.

(C) ABSENCE OF A WRITTEN OR PUBLISHED POLICY.—The absence of a written or published policy shall not give rise to a presumption that the individual or entity did not make reasonable efforts in light of all the circumstances to comply with the applicable government standards and guidance for purposes of subsection (a)(1).

(3) TIMING.—For purposes of subsection (a)(1), a change to a policy or practice by an individual or entity before or after the actual, alleged, feared, or potential for exposure to coronavirus, shall not be evidence of liability for the actual, alleged, feared, or potential for exposure to coronavirus.

(c) THIRD PARTIES.—No individual or entity shall be held liable in a coronavirus exposure action for the acts or omissions of a third party, unless—

(1) the individual or entity had an obligation under general common law principles to control the acts or omissions of the third party; or

(2) the third party was an agent of the individual or entity.

(d) MITIGATION.—Changes to the policies, practices, or procedures of an individual or entity for complying with the applicable government standards and guidance after the time of the actual, alleged, feared, or potential for exposure to coronavirus, shall not be considered evidence of liability or culpability.

PART II—LIABILITY LIMITATIONS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

SEC. 2141. APPLICATION OF PART.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) CAUSE OF ACTION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—This part creates an exclusive cause of action for coronavirus-related medical liability actions.

(B) LIABILITY.—A plaintiff may prevail in a coronavirus-related medical liability action only in accordance with the requirements of this subtitle.

(C) APPLICATION.—The provisions of this part shall apply to—

(i) any cause of action that is a coronavirus-related medical liability action that was filed before the date of enactment of this Act and that is pending on such date of enactment; and

(ii) any coronavirus-related medical liability action filed on or after such date of enactment.

(2) PRESERVATION OF LIABILITY LIMITS AND DEFENSES.—Except as otherwise explicitly provided in this part, nothing in this part expands any liability otherwise imposed or limits any defense otherwise available under Federal, State, or Tribal law.

(3) IMMUNITY.—Nothing in this part abrogates the immunity of any State, or waives the immunity of any Tribal government. The limitations on liability provided under this part shall control in any action properly filed against a State or Tribal government pursuant to a duly executed waiver by the State or Tribe of sovereign immunity and stating claims within the scope of this part.

(b) PREEMPTION AND SUPERSEDE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as described in paragraphs (2) through (6), this part preempts and supersedes any Federal, State, or Tribal law, including statutes, regulations, rules, orders, proclamations, or standards that are enacted, promulgated, or established under common law, related to recovery for personal injuries caused by, arising out of, or related to an act or omission by a health care provider in the course of arranging for or providing coronavirus-related health care services.

(2) STRICTER LAWS NOT PREEMPTED OR SUPERSEDED.—Nothing in this part shall be construed to affect the applicability of any provision of any Federal, State, or Tribal law that imposes stricter limits on damages or liabilities for personal injury caused by, arising out of, or related to an act or omission by a health care provider in the course of arranging for or providing coronavirus-related health care services, or otherwise affords greater protection to defendants in any coronavirus-related medical liability action than are provided in this part. Any such provision of Federal, State, or Tribal law shall be applied in addition to the requirements of this part and not in lieu thereof.

(3) ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.—Nothing in this part shall be construed to impair, limit, or affect the authority of the Federal Government, or of any State, local, or Tribal government to bring any criminal, civil, or administrative enforcement action against any health care provider.

(4) DISCRIMINATION CLAIMS.—Nothing in this part shall be construed to affect the applicability of any provision of any Federal, State, or Tribal law that creates a cause of action for intentional discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including pregnancy), disability, genetic information, or age.

(5) PUBLIC READINESS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.—Nothing in this part shall be construed to affect the applicability of section 319F-3 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6d) to any act or omission involving a covered countermeasure, as defined in subsection (i) of such section in arranging for or providing coronavirus-related health care services. Nothing in this part shall be construed to affect the applicability of section 319F-4 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6e).

(6) VACCINE INJURY.—To the extent that title XXI of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300aa-1 et seq.) establishes a Federal rule applicable to a civil action brought for a vaccine-related injury or death, this part does not affect the application of that rule to such an action.

(c) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—A coronavirus-related medical liability action may not be commenced in any Federal, State, or Tribal government court later than 1 year after the date of the alleged harm, damage, breach, or tort, unless tolled for—

(1) proof of fraud;

(2) intentional concealment; or

(3) the presence of a foreign body, which has no therapeutic or diagnostic purpose or effect, in the person of the injured person.

SEC. 2142. LIABILITY FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES DURING CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

(a) **REQUIREMENTS FOR LIABILITY FOR CORONAVIRUS-RELATED HEALTH CARE SERVICES.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and except as provided in subsection (b), no health care provider shall be liable in a coronavirus-related medical liability action unless the plaintiff can prove by clear and convincing evidence—

(1) gross negligence or willful misconduct by the health care provider; and

(2) that the alleged harm, damage, breach, or tort resulting in the personal injury was directly caused by the alleged gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(b) **EXCEPTIONS.**—For purposes of this section, acts, omissions, or decisions resulting from a resource or staffing shortage shall not be considered willful misconduct or gross negligence.

PART III—SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS FOR CORONAVIRUS-RELATED ACTIONS GENERALLY

SEC. 2161. JURISDICTION.

(a) **JURISDICTION.**—The district courts of the United States shall have concurrent original jurisdiction of any coronavirus-related action.

(b) **REMOVAL.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—A coronavirus-related action of which the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction under subsection (a) that is brought in a State or Tribal government court may be removed to a district court of the United States in accordance with section 1446 of title 28, United States Code, except that—

(A) notwithstanding subsection (b)(2)(A) of such section, such action may be removed by any defendant without the consent of all defendants; and

(B) notwithstanding subsection (b)(1) of such section, for any cause of action that is a coronavirus-related action that was filed in a State court before the date of enactment of this Act and that is pending in such court on such date of enactment, and of which the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction under subsection (a), any defendant may file a notice of removal of a civil action or proceeding within 30 days of the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) **PROCEDURE AFTER REMOVAL.**—Section 1447 of title 28, United States Code, shall apply to any removal of a case under paragraph (1), except that, notwithstanding subsection (d) of such section, a court of appeals of the United States shall accept an appeal from an order of a district court granting or denying a motion to remand the case to the State or Tribal government court from which it was removed if application is made to the court of appeals of the United States not later than 10 days after the entry of the order.

SEC. 2162. LIMITATIONS ON SUITS.

(a) **JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY LIMITATIONS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—An individual or entity against whom a final judgment is entered in any coronavirus-related action shall be liable solely for the portion of the judgment that corresponds to the relative and proportionate responsibility of that individual or entity. In determining the percentage of responsibility of any defendant, the trier of fact shall determine that percentage as a percentage of the total fault of all individuals or entities, including the plaintiff, who

caused or contributed to the total loss incurred by the plaintiff.

(2) **PROPORTIONATE LIABILITY.**—

(A) **DETERMINATION OF RESPONSIBILITY.**—In any coronavirus-related action, the court shall instruct the jury to answer special interrogatories, or, if there is no jury, the court shall make findings with respect to each defendant, including defendants who have entered into settlements with the plaintiff or plaintiffs, concerning the percentage of responsibility, if any, of each defendant, measured as a percentage of the total fault of all individuals or entities who caused or contributed to the loss incurred by the plaintiff.

(B) **FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION.**—In determining the percentage of responsibility under this subsection, the trier of fact shall consider—

(i) the nature of the conduct of each individual or entity found to have caused or contributed to the loss incurred by the plaintiff; and

(ii) the nature and extent of the causal relationship between the conduct of each such individual or entity and the damages incurred by the plaintiff.

(3) **JOINT LIABILITY FOR SPECIFIC INTENT OR FRAUD.**—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), in any coronavirus-related action the liability of a defendant is joint and several if the trier of fact specifically determines that the defendant—

(A) acted with specific intent to injure the plaintiff; or

(B) knowingly committed fraud.

(4) **RIGHT TO CONTRIBUTION NOT AFFECTED.**—Nothing in this subsection affects the right, under any other law, of a defendant to contribution with respect to another defendant determined under paragraph (3) to have acted with specific intent to injure the plaintiff or to have knowingly committed fraud.

(b) **LIMITATIONS ON DAMAGES.**—In any coronavirus-related action—

(1) the award of compensatory damages shall be limited to economic losses incurred as the result of the personal injury, harm, damage, breach, or tort, except that the court may award damages for noneconomic losses if the trier of fact determines that the personal injury, harm, damage, breach, or tort was caused by the willful misconduct of the individual or entity;

(2) punitive damages—

(A) may be awarded only if the trier of fact determines that the personal injury to the plaintiff was caused by the willful misconduct of the individual or entity; and

(B) may not exceed the amount of compensatory damages awarded; and

(3) the amount of monetary damages awarded to a plaintiff shall be reduced by the amount of compensation received by the plaintiff from another source in connection with the personal injury, harm, damage, breach, or tort, such as insurance or reimbursement by a government.

(c) **PREEMPTION AND SUPERSEDE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as described in paragraphs (2) and (3), this section preempts and supersedes any Federal, State, or Tribal law, including statutes, regulations, rules, orders, proclamations, or standards that are enacted, promulgated, or established under common law, related to joint and several liability, proportionate or contributory liability, contribution, or the award of damages for any coronavirus-related action.

(2) **STRICTER LAWS NOT PREEMPTED OR SUPERSEDED.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the applicability of any provision of any Federal, State, or Tribal law that—

(A) limits the liability of a defendant in a coronavirus-related action to a lesser degree

of liability than the degree of liability determined under this section;

(B) otherwise affords a greater degree of protection from joint or several liability than is afforded by this section; or

(C) limits the damages that can be recovered from a defendant in a coronavirus-related action to a lesser amount of damages than the amount determined under this section.

(3) **PUBLIC READINESS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.**—Nothing in this part shall be construed to affect the applicability of section 319F-3 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6d) to any act or omission involving a covered countermeasure, as defined in subsection (i) of such section in arranging for or providing coronavirus-related health care services. Nothing in this part shall be construed to affect the applicability of section 319F-4 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6e).

SEC. 2163. PROCEDURES FOR SUIT IN DISTRICT COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

(a) **PLEADING WITH PARTICULARITY.**—In any coronavirus-related action filed in or removed to a district court of the United States—

(1) the complaint shall plead with particularity—

(A) each element of the plaintiff's claim; and

(B) with respect to a coronavirus exposure action, all places and persons visited by the person on whose behalf the complaint was filed and all persons who visited the residence of the person on whose behalf the complaint was filed during the 14-day-period before the onset of the first symptoms allegedly caused by coronavirus, including—

(i) each individual or entity against which a complaint is filed, along with the factual basis for the belief that such individual or entity was a cause of the personal injury alleged; and

(ii) every other person or place visited by the person on whose behalf the complaint was filed and every other person who visited the residence of the person on whose behalf the complaint was filed during such period, along with the factual basis for the belief that these persons and places were not the cause of the personal injury alleged; and

(2) the complaint shall plead with particularity each alleged act or omission constituting gross negligence or willful misconduct that resulted in personal injury, harm, damage, breach, or tort.

(b) **SEPARATE STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE NATURE AND AMOUNT OF DAMAGES AND REQUIRED STATE OF MIND.**—

(1) **NATURE AND AMOUNT OF DAMAGES.**—In any coronavirus-related action filed in or removed to a district court of the United States in which monetary damages are requested, there shall be filed with the complaint a statement of specific information as to the nature and amount of each element of damages and the factual basis for the damages calculation.

(2) **REQUIRED STATE OF MIND.**—In any coronavirus-related action filed in or removed to a district court of the United States in which a claim is asserted on which the plaintiff may prevail only on proof that the defendant acted with a particular state of mind, there shall be filed with the complaint, with respect to each element of that claim, a statement of the facts giving rise to a strong inference that the defendant acted with the required state of mind.

(c) **VERIFICATION AND MEDICAL RECORDS.**—

(1) **VERIFICATION REQUIREMENT.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The complaint in a coronavirus-related action filed in or removed to a district court of the United States shall include a verification, made by affidavit of the plaintiff under oath, stating

that the pleading is true to the knowledge of the deponent, except as to matters specifically identified as being alleged on information and belief, and that as to those matters the plaintiff believes it to be true.

(B) IDENTIFICATION OF MATTERS ALLEGED UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF.—Any matter that is not specifically identified as being alleged upon the information and belief of the plaintiff, shall be regarded for all purposes, including a criminal prosecution, as having been made upon the knowledge of the plaintiff.

(2) MATERIALS REQUIRED.—In any coronavirus-related action filed in or removed to a district court of the United States, the plaintiff shall file with the complaint—

(A) an affidavit by a physician or other qualified medical expert who did not treat the person on whose behalf the complaint was filed that explains the basis for such physician's or other qualified medical expert's belief that such person suffered the personal injury, harm, damage, breach, or tort alleged in the complaint; and

(B) certified medical records documenting the alleged personal injury, harm, damage, breach, or tort.

(d) APPLICATION WITH FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE.—This section applies exclusively to any coronavirus-related action filed in or removed to a district court of the United States and, except to the extent that this section requires additional information to be contained in or attached to pleadings, nothing in this section is intended to amend or otherwise supersede applicable rules of Federal civil procedure.

(e) CIVIL DISCOVERY FOR ACTIONS IN DISTRICT COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES.—

(1) TIMING.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in any coronavirus-related action filed in or removed to a district court of the United States, no discovery shall be allowed before—

(A) the time has expired for the defendant to answer or file a motion to dismiss; and

(B) if a motion to dismiss is filed, the court has ruled on the motion.

(2) STANDARD.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the court in any coronavirus-related action that is filed in or removed to a district court of the United States—

(A) shall permit discovery only with respect to matters directly related to material issues contested in the coronavirus-related action; and

(B) may compel a response to a discovery request (including a request for admission, an interrogatory, a request for production of documents, or any other form of discovery request) under rule 37 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, only if the court finds that—

(i) the requesting party needs the information sought to prove or defend as to a material issue contested in such action; and

(ii) the likely benefits of a response to such request equal or exceed the burden or cost for the responding party of providing such response.

(f) INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL AND STAY OF DISCOVERY.—The courts of appeals of the United States shall have jurisdiction of an appeal from a motion to dismiss that is denied in any coronavirus-related action in a district court of the United States. The district court shall stay all discovery in such a coronavirus-related action until the court of appeals has disposed of the appeal.

(g) CLASS ACTIONS AND MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION PROCEEDINGS.—

(1) CLASS ACTIONS.—In any coronavirus-related action that is filed in or removed to a district court of the United States and is

maintained as a class action or multidistrict litigation—

(A) an individual or entity shall only be a member of the class if the individual or entity affirmatively elects to be a member; and

(B) the court, in addition to any other notice required by applicable Federal or State law, shall direct notice of the action to each member of the class, which shall include—

(i) a concise and clear description of the nature of the action;

(ii) the jurisdiction where the case is pending; and

(iii) the fee arrangements with class counsel, including—

(I) the hourly fee being charged; or

(II) if it is a contingency fee, the percentage of the final award which will be paid, including an estimate of the total amount that would be paid if the requested damages were to be granted; and

(III) if the cost of the litigation is being financed, a description of the financing arrangement.

(2) MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATIONS.—

(A) TRIAL PROHIBITION.—In any coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings conducted pursuant to section 1407(b) of title 28, United States Code, the judge or judges to whom coronavirus-related actions are assigned by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation may not conduct a trial in a coronavirus-related action transferred to or directly filed in the proceedings unless all parties to that coronavirus-related action consent.

(B) REVIEW OF ORDERS.—The court of appeals of the United States having jurisdiction over the transferee district court shall permit an appeal to be taken from any order issued in the conduct of coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings conducted pursuant to section 1407(b) of title 28, United States Code, if the order is applicable to 1 or more coronavirus-related actions and an immediate appeal from the order may materially advance the ultimate termination of 1 or more coronavirus-related actions in the proceedings.

SEC. 2164. DEMAND LETTERS; CAUSE OF ACTION.

(a) CAUSE OF ACTION.—If any person transmits or causes another to transmit in any form and by any means a demand for remuneration in exchange for settling, releasing, waiving, or otherwise not pursuing a claim that is, or could be, brought as part of a coronavirus-related action, the party receiving such a demand shall have a cause of action for the recovery of damages occasioned by such demand and for declaratory judgment in accordance with chapter 151 of title 28, United States Code, if the claim for which the letter was transmitted was meritless.

(b) DAMAGES.—Damages available under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) compensatory damages including costs incurred in responding to the demand; and

(2) punitive damages, if the court determines that the defendant had knowledge or was reckless with regard to the fact that the claim was meritless.

(c) ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS.—In an action commenced under subsection (a), if the plaintiff is a prevailing party, the court shall, in addition to any judgment awarded to a plaintiff, allow a reasonable attorney's fee to be paid by the defendant, and costs of the action.

(d) JURISDICTION.—The district courts of the United States shall have concurrent original jurisdiction of all claims arising under subsection (a).

(e) ENFORCEMENT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Whenever the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that any person or group of persons is engaged in

a pattern or practice of transmitting demands for remuneration in exchange for settling, releasing, waiving, or otherwise not pursuing a claim that is, or could be, brought as part of a coronavirus-related action and that is meritless, the Attorney General may commence a civil action in any appropriate district court of the United States.

(2) RELIEF.—In a civil action under paragraph (1), the court may, to vindicate the public interest, assess a civil penalty against the respondent in an amount not exceeding \$50,000 per transmitted demand for remuneration in exchange for settling, releasing, waiving or otherwise not pursuing a claim that is meritless.

(3) DISTRIBUTION OF CIVIL PENALTIES.—If the Attorney General obtains civil penalties in accordance with paragraph (2), the Attorney General shall distribute the proceeds equitably among those persons aggrieved by the respondent's pattern or practice of transmitting demands for remuneration in exchange for settling, releasing, waiving or otherwise not pursuing a claim that is meritless.

PART IV—RELATION TO LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAWS

SEC. 2181. LIMITATION ON VIOLATIONS UNDER SPECIFIC LAWS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term "covered Federal employment law" means any of the following:

(A) The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) (including any standard included in a State plan approved under section 18 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 667)).

(B) The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 201 et seq.).

(C) The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (29 U.S.C. 621 et seq.).

(D) The Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (29 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.).

(E) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq.).

(F) Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (42 U.S.C. 2000ff et seq.).

(G) Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12111 et seq.).

(2) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any provision of a covered Federal employment law, in any action, proceeding, or investigation resulting from or related to an actual, alleged, feared, or potential for exposure to coronavirus, or a change in working conditions caused by a law, rule, declaration, or order related to coronavirus, an employer shall not be subject to any enforcement proceeding or liability under any provision of a covered Federal employment law if the employer—

(A) was relying on and generally following applicable government standards and guidance;

(B) knew of the obligation under the relevant provision; and

(C) attempted to satisfy any such obligation by—

(i) exploring options to comply with such obligations and with the applicable government standards and guidance (such as through the use of virtual training or remote communication strategies);

(ii) implementing interim alternative protections or procedures; or

(iii) following guidance issued by the relevant agency with jurisdiction with respect to any exemptions from such obligation.

(b) PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION LAWS.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

(A) the term "auxiliary aids and services" has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12103);

(B) the term “covered public accommodation law” means—

(i) title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12181 et seq.); or

(ii) title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000a et seq.);

(C) the term “place of public accommodation” means—

(i) a place of public accommodation, as defined in section 201 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000a); or

(ii) a public accommodation, as defined in section 301 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12181); and

(D) the term “public health emergency period” means a period designated a public health emergency period by a Federal, State, or local government authority.

(2) ACTIONS AND MEASURES DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, during any public health emergency period, no person who owns, leases (or leases to), or operates a place of public accommodation shall be liable under, or found in violation of, any covered public accommodation law for any action or measure taken regarding coronavirus and that place of public accommodation, if such person—

(i) has determined that the significant risk of substantial harm to public health or the health of employees cannot be reduced or eliminated by reasonably modifying policies, practices, or procedures, or the provision of an auxiliary aid or service; or

(ii) has offered such a reasonable modification or auxiliary aid or service but such offer has been rejected by the individual protected by the covered law.

(B) REQUIRED WAIVER PROHIBITED.—For purposes of this subsection, no person who owns, leases (or leases to), or operates a place of public accommodation shall be required to waive any measure, requirement, or recommendation that has been adopted in accordance with a requirement or recommendation issued by the Federal Government or any State or local government with regard to coronavirus, in order to offer such a reasonable modification or auxiliary aids and services.

SEC. 2182. LIABILITY FOR CONDUCTING TESTING AT WORKPLACE.

Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal, State, or local law, an employer, or other person who hires or contracts with other individuals to provide services, that conducts tests for coronavirus on the employees of the employer or persons hired or contracted to provide services shall not be liable for any action or personal injury directly resulting from such testing, except for those personal injuries caused by the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of the employer or other person.

SEC. 2183. JOINT EMPLOYMENT AND INDEPENDENT CONTRACTING.

Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal or State law, including any covered Federal employment law (as defined in section 2181(a)), the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 (29 U.S.C. 141 et seq.), the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), and the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.), it shall not constitute evidence of a joint employment relationship or employment relationship for any employer to provide or require, for an employee of another employer or for an independent contractor, any of the following:

(1) Coronavirus-related policies, procedures, or training.

(2) Personal protective equipment or training for the use of such equipment.

(3) Cleaning or disinfecting services or the means for such cleaning or disinfecting.

(4) Workplace testing for coronavirus.

(5) Temporary assistance due to coronavirus, including financial assistance or other health and safety benefits.

SEC. 2184. EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2(a) of the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (29 U.S.C. 2101(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by adding before the semicolon at the end the following: “and the shutdown, if occurring during the covered period, is not a result of the COVID-19 national emergency;”;

(2) in paragraph (3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by adding “and” at the end; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) if occurring during the covered period, is not a result of the COVID-19 national emergency;”;

(3) in paragraph (7), by striking “and”;

(4) in paragraph (8), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(5) by adding at the end the following:

“(9) the term ‘covered period’ means the period that—

“(A) begins on January 1, 2020; and

“(B) ends 90 days after the last date of the COVID-19 national emergency; and

“(10) the term ‘COVID-19 national emergency’ means the national emergency declared by the President under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).”

(b) EXCLUSION FROM DEFINITION OF EMPLOYMENT LOSS.—Section 2(b) of the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (29 U.S.C. 2101(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(6), during the covered period an employee may not be considered to have experienced an employment loss if the termination, layoff exceeding 6 months, or reduction in hours of work of more than 50 percent during each month of any 6-month period involved is a result of the COVID-19 national emergency.”

Subtitle B—Products

SEC. 2201. APPLICABILITY OF THE TARGETED LIABILITY PROTECTIONS FOR PANDEMIC AND EPIDEMIC PRODUCTS AND SECURITY COUNTERMEASURES WITH RESPECT TO COVID-19.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 319F-3(i)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6d(i)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “; or” and inserting a semicolon;

(2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(E) a drug (as such term is defined in section 201(g)(1) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act), biological product (including a vaccine) (as such term is defined in section 351(i)), or device (as such term is defined in section 201(h) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act) that—

“(i) is the subject of a notice of use of enforcement discretion issued by the Secretary if such drug, biological product, or device is used—

“(I) when such notice is in effect;

“(II) within the scope of such notice; and

“(III) in compliance with other applicable requirements of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act that are not the subject of such notice;

“(ii) in the case of a device, is exempt from the requirement under section 510(k) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; or

“(iii) in the case of a drug—

“(I) meets the requirements for marketing under a final administrative order under section 505G of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; or

“(II) is marketed in accordance with section 505G(a)(3) of such Act.”

(b) CLARIFYING MEANS OF DISTRIBUTION.—Section 319F-3(a)(5) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6d(a)(5)) is amended by inserting “by, or in partnership with, Federal, State, or local public health officials or the private sector” after “distribution” the first place it appears.

(c) NO CHANGE TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT APPLICATION TO ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION EXERCISE.—Section 319F-3 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6d) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(j) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed—

“(1) to require use of procedures described in section 553 of title 5, United States Code, for a notice of use of enforcement discretion for which such procedures are not otherwise required; or

“(2) to affect whether such notice constitutes final agency action within the meaning of section 704 of title 5, United States Code.”

Subtitle C—General Provisions

SEC. 2301. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this title, an amendment made by this title, or the application of such a provision or amendment to any person or circumstance is held to be unconstitutional, the remaining provisions of and amendments made by this title, as well as the application of such provision or amendment to any person other than the parties to the action holding the provision or amendment to be unconstitutional, or to any circumstances other than those presented in such action, shall not be affected thereby.

TITLE III—ASSISTANCE FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES

SEC. 3001. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Continued Financial Relief to Americans Act of 2020”.

SEC. 3002. EXTENSION OF THE FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROGRAM.

(a) EXTENSION.—Section 2104(e)(2) of division A of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9023(e)(2)) is amended by striking “July 31, 2020” and inserting “December 27, 2020”.

(b) AMOUNT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2104(b) of division A of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9023(b)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “of \$600” and inserting “equal to the amount specified in paragraph (3)”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) AMOUNT OF FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.—The amount specified in this paragraph is the following amount:

“(A) For weeks of unemployment beginning after the date on which an agreement is entered into under this section and ending on or before July 31, 2020, \$600.

“(B) For weeks of unemployment beginning after the last week under subparagraph (A) and ending on or before December 27, 2020, \$300.”

(2) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT REGARDING APPLICATION TO SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION PROGRAMS AND AGREEMENTS.—Section 2104(i)(2) of division A of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9023(i)(2)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(E) short-time compensation under section 2108 or 2109.”.

(c) EXTENSION OF ENHANCED BENEFITS UNDER THE RAILROAD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT.—Section 2(a)(5)(A) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. 352(a)(5)(A)) is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following new sentence: “Notwithstanding paragraph (3), subsection (c)(1)(B), and any other limitation on total benefits in this Act, for registration periods beginning after July 31, 2020, but on or before December 27, 2020, a recovery benefit in the amount of \$600 shall be payable with respect to a qualified employee for a period in which the individual received unemployment benefits under paragraph (1)(A).”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9001 note).

TITLE IV—SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS SEC. 4001. SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Continuing the Paycheck Protection Program Act”.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ADMINISTRATION; ADMINISTRATOR.—The terms “Administration” and “Administrator” mean the Small Business Administration and the Administrator thereof, respectively.

(2) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term “small business concern” has the meaning given the term in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

(c) EMERGENCY RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall issue regulations to carry out this section and the amendments made by this section without regard to the notice requirements under section 553(b) of title 5, United States Code.

(d) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBLE EXPENSES.—

(1) ALLOWABLE USE OF PPP LOAN.—Section 7(a)(36)(F)(i) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(F)(i)) is amended—

(A) in subclause (VI), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in subclause (VII), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(VIII) covered operations expenditures, as defined in section 1106(a) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9005(a));

“(IX) covered property damage costs, as defined in such section 1106(a);

“(X) covered supplier costs, as defined in such section 1106(a); and

“(XI) covered worker protection expenditures, as defined in such section 1106(a).”.

(2) LOAN FORGIVENESS.—Section 1106 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9005) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) by redesignating paragraphs (6), (7), and (8) as paragraphs (10), (11), and (12), respectively;

(ii) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (8);

(iii) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (6);

(iv) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4);

(v) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

“(3) the term ‘covered operations expenditure’ means a payment for any business software or cloud computing service that facilitates business operations, product or service delivery, the processing, payment, or tracking of payroll expenses, human resources, sales and billing functions, or accounting or tracking of supplies, inventory, records and expenses;”;

(vi) by inserting after paragraph (4), as so redesignated, the following:

“(5) the term ‘covered property damage cost’ means a cost related to property damage and vandalism or looting due to public disturbances that occurred during 2020 that was not covered by insurance or other compensation;”;

(vii) by inserting after paragraph (6), as so redesignated, the following:

“(5) the term ‘covered supplier cost’ means an expenditure made by an entity to a supplier of goods pursuant to a contract in effect before February 15, 2020 for the supply of goods that are essential to the operations of the entity at the time at which the expenditure is made;”;

(viii) by inserting after paragraph (8), as so redesignated, the following:

“(9) the term ‘covered worker protection expenditure’—

“(A) means an operating or a capital expenditure that is required to facilitate the adaptation of the business activities of an entity to comply with requirements established or guidance issued by the Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Disease Control, or the Occupational Safety and Health Administration during the period beginning on March 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 related to the maintenance of standards for sanitation, social distancing, or any other worker or customer safety requirement related to COVID-19;

“(B) may include—

“(i) the purchase, maintenance, or renovation of assets that create or expand—

“(I) a drive-through window facility;

“(II) an indoor, outdoor, or combined air or air pressure ventilation or filtration system;

“(III) a physical barrier such as a sneeze guard;

“(IV) an indoor, outdoor, or combined commercial real property;

“(V) an onsite or offsite health screening capability; or

“(VI) other assets relating to the compliance with the requirements or guidance described in subparagraph (A), as determined by the Administrator in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Labor; and

“(ii) the purchase of—

“(I) covered materials described in section 328.103(a) of title 44, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation;

“(II) particulate filtering facepiece respirators approved by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, including those approved only for emergency use authorization; or

“(III) other kinds of personal protective equipment, as determined by the Administrator in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Labor; and

“(C) does not include residential real property or intangible property;”;

(ix) in paragraph (11), as so redesignated—

(I) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and” at the end;

(II) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at the end; and

(III) by adding at the end the following:

“(E) covered operations expenditures;

“(F) covered property damage costs;

“(G) covered supplier costs; and

“(H) covered worker protection expenditures; and”;

(B) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the following:

“(5) Any covered operations expenditure.

“(6) Any covered property damage cost.

“(7) Any covered supplier cost.

“(8) Any covered worker protection expenditure.”;

(C) in subsection (d)(8), by inserting “any payment on any covered operations expendi-

ture, any payment on any covered property damage cost, any payment on any covered supplier cost, any payment on any covered worker protection expenditure,” after “rent obligation.”; and

(D) in subsection (e)—

(i) in paragraph (2), by inserting “payments on covered operations expenditures, payments on covered property damage costs, payments on covered supplier costs, payments on covered worker protection expenditures,” after “lease obligations;”;

(ii) in paragraph (3)(B), by inserting “make payments on covered operations expenditures, make payments on covered property damage costs, make payments on covered supplier costs, make payments on covered worker protection expenditures,” after “rent obligation.”.

(e) LENDER SAFE HARBOR.—Subsection (h) of section 1106 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9005) is amended to read as follows:

“(h) HOLD HARMLESS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A lender may rely on any certification or documentation submitted by an applicant for a covered loan or an eligible recipient of a covered loan that—

“(A) is submitted pursuant to any statutory requirement relating to covered loans or any rule or guidance issued to carry out any action relating to covered loans; and

“(B) attests that the applicant or eligible recipient, as applicable, has accurately verified any certification or documentation provided to the lender.

(2) NO ENFORCEMENT ACTION.—With respect to a lender that relies on a certification or documentation described in paragraph (1)—

“(A) an enforcement action may not be taken against the lender acting in good faith relating to origination or forgiveness of a covered loan based on such reliance; and

“(B) the lender acting in good faith shall not be subject to any penalties relating to origination or forgiveness of a covered loan based on such reliance.”.

(f) SELECTION OF COVERED PERIOD FOR FORGIVENESS.—Section 1106 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9005) is amended—

(1) by amending paragraph (4) of subsection (a), as so redesignated by subsection (d) of this section, to read as follows:

“(4) the term ‘covered period’ means the period—

“(A) beginning on the date of the origination of a covered loan; and

“(B) ending on a date selected by the eligible recipient of the covered loan that occurs during the period—

“(i) beginning on the date that is 8 weeks after such date of origination; and

“(ii) ending on December 31, 2020;”;

(2) by striking subsection (1).

(g) SIMPLIFIED APPLICATION.—Section 1106 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9005), as amended by subsection (f) of this section, is amended—

(1) in subsection (e), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “An eligible” and inserting “Except as provided in subsection (1), an eligible”;

(2) in subsection (f), by inserting “or the information required under subsection (1), as applicable” after “subsection (e)”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(1) SIMPLIFIED APPLICATION.—

“(1) COVERED LOANS UNDER \$150,000.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection (e), with respect to a covered loan made to an eligible recipient that is not more than \$150,000, the covered loan amount shall be forgiven under this section if the eligible recipient—

“(i) signs and submits to the lender a one-page online or paper form, to be established by the Administrator not later than 7 days

after the date of enactment of the Continuing the Paycheck Protection Program Act, that—

“(I) reports the amount of the covered loan amount spent by the eligible recipient—

“(aa) on payroll costs; and

“(bb) on the sum of—

“(AA) payments of interest on any covered mortgage obligation (which shall not include any prepayment of or payment of principal on a covered mortgage obligation);

“(BB) payments on any covered rent obligation;

“(CC) covered utility payments;

“(DD) covered operations expenditures;

“(EE) covered property damage costs;

“(FF) covered supplier costs; and

“(GG) covered worker protection expenditures; and

“(II) attests that the eligible recipient made a good faith effort to comply with the requirements under section 7(a)(36) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)); and

“(ii) retains records relevant to the form that prove compliance with those requirements—

“(I) with respect to employment records, for the 4-year period following submission of the form; and

“(II) with respect to other records, for the 3-year period following submission of the form.

“(B) DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION.—An eligible recipient of a covered loan described in subparagraph (A) may complete and submit any form related to borrower demographic information.

“(C) AUDIT.—The Administrator may—

“(i) review and audit covered loans described in subparagraph (A); and

“(ii) in the case of fraud, ineligibility, or other material noncompliance with applicable loan or loan forgiveness requirements, modify—

“(I) the amount of a covered loan described in subparagraph (A); or

“(II) the loan forgiveness amount with respect to a covered loan described in subparagraph (A).

“(2) COVERED LOANS BETWEEN \$150,000 AND \$2,000,000.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection (e), with respect to a covered loan made to an eligible recipient that is more than \$150,000 and not more than \$2,000,000—

“(i) the eligible recipient seeking loan forgiveness under this section—

“(I) is not required to submit the supporting documentation described in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (e) or the certification described in subsection (e)(3)(A);

“(II) shall retain—

“(aa) all employment records relevant to the application for loan forgiveness for the 4-year period following submission of the application; and

“(bb) all other supporting documentation relevant to the application for loan forgiveness for the 3-year period following submission of the application; and

“(III) may complete and submit any form related to borrower demographic information;

“(ii) review by the lender of an application submitted by the eligible recipient for loan forgiveness under this section shall be limited to whether the lender received a complete application, with all fields completed, initialed, or signed, as applicable; and

“(iii) the lender shall—

“(I) accept the application submitted by the eligible recipient for loan forgiveness under this section; and

“(II) submit the application to the Administrator.

“(B) AUDIT.—The Administrator may—

“(i) review and audit covered loans described in subparagraph (A); and

“(ii) in the case of fraud, ineligibility, or other material noncompliance with applicable loan or loan forgiveness requirements, modify—

“(I) the amount of a covered loan described in subparagraph (A); or

“(II) the loan forgiveness amount with respect to a covered loan described in subparagraph (A).

“(3) AUDIT PLAN.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of the Continuing the Paycheck Protection Program Act, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives an audit plan that details—

“(i) the policies and procedures of the Administrator for conducting reviews and audits of covered loans; and

“(ii) the metrics that the Administrator shall use to determine which covered loans will be audited for each category of covered loans described in paragraphs (1) and (2).

“(B) REPORTS.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Administrator submits the audit plan required under subparagraph (A), and each month thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives a report on the review and audit activities of the Administrator under this subsection, which shall include—

“(i) the number of active reviews and audits;

“(ii) the number of reviews and audits that have been ongoing for more than 60 days; and

“(iii) any substantial changes made to the audit plan submitted under subparagraph (A).”

(h) GROUP INSURANCE PAYMENTS AS PAYROLL COSTS.—Section 7(a)(36)(A)(viii)(I)(aa)(EE) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(A)(viii)(I)(aa)(EE)) is amended by inserting “and other group insurance” before “benefits”.

(i) PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM SECOND DRAW LOANS.—Section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(37) PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM SECOND DRAW LOANS.—

“(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph—

“(i) the terms ‘community financial institutions’, ‘credit union’, ‘eligible self-employed individual’, ‘insured depository institution’, ‘nonprofit organization’, ‘payroll costs’, ‘seasonal employer’, and ‘veterans organization’ have the meanings given those terms in paragraph (36), except that ‘eligible entity’ shall be substituted for ‘eligible recipient’ each place it appears in the definitions of those terms;

“(ii) the term ‘covered loan’ means a loan made under this paragraph;

“(iii) the terms ‘covered mortgage obligation’, ‘covered operating expenditure’, ‘covered property damage cost’, ‘covered rent obligation’, ‘covered supplier cost’, ‘covered utility payment’, and ‘covered worker protection expenditure’ have the meanings given those terms in section 1106(a) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9005(a));

“(iv) the term ‘covered period’ means the period beginning on the date of the origination of a covered loan and ending on December 31, 2020;

“(v) the term ‘eligible entity’—

“(I) means any business concern, nonprofit organization, veterans organization, Tribal business concern, eligible self-employed individual, sole proprietor, independent contractor, or small agricultural cooperative that—

“(aa)(AA) with respect to a business concern, would qualify as a small business concern by the annual receipts size standard (if applicable) established by section 121.201 of title 13, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation; or

“(BB) if the entity does not qualify as a small business concern, meets the alternative size standard established under section 3(a)(5);

“(bb) employs not more than 300 employees; and

“(cc)(AA) except as provided in subitems (BB), (CC), and (DD), had gross receipts during the first or second quarter in 2020 that are not less than 35 percent less than the gross receipts of the entity during the same quarter in 2019;

“(BB) if the entity was not in business during the first or second quarter of 2019, but was in business during the third and fourth quarter of 2019, had gross receipts during the first or second quarter of 2020 that are less than 35 percent of the amount of the gross receipts of the entity during the third or fourth quarter of 2019;

“(CC) if the entity was not in business during the first, second, or third quarter of 2019, but was in business during the fourth quarter of 2019, had gross receipts during the first or second quarter of 2020 that are less than 35 percent of the amount of the gross receipts of the entity during the fourth quarter of 2019; or

“(DD) if the entity was not in business during 2019, but was in operation on February 15, 2020, had gross receipts during the second quarter of 2020 that are less than 35 percent of the amount of the gross receipts of the entity during the first quarter of 2020;

“(II) includes an organization described in subparagraph (D)(vii) of paragraph (36) that is eligible to receive a loan under that paragraph and that meets the requirements described in items (aa) and (cc) of subclause (I); and

“(III) does not include—

“(aa) an issuer, the securities of which are listed on an exchange registered a national securities exchange under section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78f);

“(bb) any entity that—

“(AA) is a type of business concern described in subsection (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (h), (l) (m), (p), (q), (r), or (s) of section 120.110 of title 13, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation;

“(BB) is a type of business concern described in section 120.110(g) of title 13, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation, except as otherwise provided in the interim final rule of the Administration entitled ‘Business Loan Program Temporary Changes; Paycheck Protection Program—Additional Eligibility Criteria and Requirements for Certain Pledges of Loans’ (85 Fed. Reg. 21747 (April 20, 2020));

“(CC) is a type of business concern described in section 120.110(i) of title 13, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation, except if the business concern is an organization described in paragraph (36)(D)(vii);

“(DD) is a type of business concern described in section 120.110(j) of title 13, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation, except as otherwise provided in the interim final rules of the Administration entitled ‘Business Loan Program Temporary Changes; Paycheck Protection Program—Eligibility of Certain Electric Cooperatives’ (85 Fed. Reg. 29847 (May 19, 2020)) and ‘Business Loan Program Temporary Changes; Paycheck Protection Program—Eligibility of Certain Telephone Cooperatives’ (85 Fed.

Reg. 35550 (June 11, 2020)) or any other guidance or rule issued or that may be issued by the Administrator;

“(EE) is a type of business concern described in section 120.110(n) of title 13, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation, except as otherwise provided in the interim final rule of the Administration entitled ‘Business Loan Program Temporary Changes; Paycheck Protection Program—Additional Eligibility Revisions to First Interim Final Rule’ (85 Fed. Reg. 38301 (June 26, 2020)) or any other guidance or rule issued or that may be issued by the Administrator;

“(FF) is a type of business concern described in section 120.110(o) of title 13, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation, except as otherwise provided in any guidance or rule issued or that may be issued by the Administrator; or

“(GG) is an entity that would be described in the subsections listed in subitems (AA) through (FF) if the entity were a business concern; or

“(HH) is assigned, or was approved for a loan under paragraph (36) with, a North American Industry Classification System code beginning with 52;

“(cc) any business concern or entity primarily engaged in political or lobbying activities, which shall include any entity that is organized for research or for engaging in advocacy in areas such as public policy or political strategy or otherwise describes itself as a think tank in any public documents; or

“(dd) any business concern or entity—

“(AA) for which an entity created in or organized under the laws of the People’s Republic of China or the Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong, or that has significant operations in the People’s Republic of China or the Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong, owns or holds, directly or indirectly, not less than 20 percent of the economic interest of the business concern or entity, including as equity shares or a capital or profit interest in a limited liability company or partnership; or

“(BB) that retains, as a member of the board of directors of the business concern, a person who is a resident of the People’s Republic of China;

“(vi) the terms ‘exchange’, ‘issuer’, and ‘security’ have the meanings given those terms in section 3(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)); and

“(vii) the term ‘Tribal business concern’ means a Tribal business concern described in section 31(b)(2)(C).

“(B) LOANS.—Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the Administrator may guarantee covered loans to eligible entities under the same terms, conditions, and processes as a loan made under paragraph (36).

“(C) MAXIMUM LOAN AMOUNT.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, the maximum amount of a covered loan made to an eligible entity is the lesser of—

“(I) the product obtained by multiplying—

“(aa) at the election of the eligible entity, the average total monthly payment for payroll costs incurred or paid by the eligible entity during—

“(AA) the 1-year period before the date on which the loan is made; or

“(BB) calendar year 2019; by

“(bb) 2.5; or

“(II) \$2,000,000.

“(ii) SEASONAL EMPLOYERS.—The maximum amount of a covered loan made to an eligible entity that is a seasonal employer is the lesser of—

“(I) the product obtained by multiplying—

“(aa) at the election of the eligible entity, the average total monthly payments for pay-

roll costs incurred or paid by the eligible entity—

“(AA) for a 12-week period beginning February 15, 2019 or March 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2019; or

“(BB) for a consecutive 12-week period between May 1, 2019 and September 15, 2019; by

“(bb) 2.5; or

“(II) \$2,000,000.

“(iii) NEW ENTITIES.—The maximum amount of a covered loan made to an eligible entity that did not exist during the 1-year period preceding February 15, 2020 is the lesser of—

“(I) the product obtained by multiplying—

“(aa) the quotient obtained by dividing—

“(AA) the sum of the total monthly payments by the eligible entity for payroll costs paid or incurred by the eligible entity as of the date on which the eligible entity applies for the covered loan; by

“(BB) the number of months in which those payroll costs were paid or incurred; by

“(bb) 2.5; or

“(II) \$2,000,000.

“(iv) LIMIT FOR MULTIPLE LOCATIONS.—With respect to an eligible entity with more than 1 physical location, the total amount of all covered loans shall be not more than \$2,000,000.

“(v) LOAN NUMBER LIMITATION.—An eligible entity may only receive 1 covered loan.

“(vi) 90 DAY RULE FOR MAXIMUM LOAN AMOUNT.—The maximum aggregate loan amount of loans guaranteed under this subsection that are approved for an eligible entity (including any affiliates) within 90 days of approval of another loan under this subsection for the eligible entity (including any affiliates) shall not exceed \$10,000,000.

“(D) EXCEPTION FROM CERTAIN CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—An eligible entity applying for a covered loan shall not be required to make the certification described in subclause (III) or (IV) of paragraph (36)(G)(i).

“(E) FEE WAIVER.—With respect to a covered loan—

“(i) in lieu of the fee otherwise applicable under paragraph (23)(A), the Administrator shall collect no fee; and

“(ii) in lieu of the fee otherwise applicable under paragraph (18)(A), the Administrator shall collect no fee.

“(F) ELIGIBLE CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.—

“(i) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the interim final rule of the Administration entitled ‘Business Loan Program Temporary Changes; Paycheck Protection Program’ (85 Fed. Reg. 20817 (April 15, 2020)) properly clarified the eligibility of churches and religious organizations for loans made under paragraph (36).

“(ii) APPLICABILITY OF PROHIBITION.—The prohibition on eligibility established by section 120.110(k) of title 13, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation, shall not apply to a covered loan.

“(G) GROSS RECEIPTS FOR NONPROFIT AND VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS.—For purposes of calculating gross receipts under subparagraph (A)(v)(I)(cc) for an eligible entity that is a nonprofit organization, a veterans organization, or an organization described in subparagraph (A)(v)(II), gross receipts—

“(i) shall include proceeds from fundraising events, federated campaigns, gifts, donor-advised funds, and funds from similar sources; and

“(ii) shall not include—

“(I) Federal grants (excluding any loan forgiveness on loans received under paragraph (36) or this paragraph);

“(II) revenues from a supporting organization;

“(III) grants from private foundations that are disbursed over the course of more than 1 calendar year; or

“(IV) any contribution of property other than money, stocks, bonds, and other securities, provided that the non-cash contribution is not sold by the organization in a transaction unrelated to the tax-exempt purpose of the organization.

“(H) LOAN FORGIVENESS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, an eligible entity shall be eligible for forgiveness of indebtedness on a covered loan in the same manner as an eligible recipient with respect to a loan made under paragraph (36), as described in section 1106 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9005).

“(ii) FORGIVENESS AMOUNT.—An eligible entity shall be eligible for forgiveness of indebtedness on a covered loan in an amount equal to the sum of the following costs incurred or expenditures made during the covered period:

“(I) Payroll costs.

“(II) Any payment of interest on any covered mortgage obligation (which shall not include any prepayment of or payment of principal on a covered mortgage obligation).

“(III) Any covered operations expenditure.

“(IV) Any covered property damage cost.

“(V) Any payment on any covered rent obligation.

“(VI) Any covered utility payment.

“(VII) Any covered supplier cost.

“(VIII) Any covered worker protection expenditure.

“(iii) LIMITATION ON FORGIVENESS FOR ALL ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The forgiveness amount under this subparagraph shall be equal to the lesser of—

“(I) the amount described in clause (ii); and

“(II) the amount equal to the quotient obtained by dividing—

“(aa) the amount of the covered loan used for payroll costs during the covered period; and

“(bb) 0.60.

“(I) LENDER ELIGIBILITY.—Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, a lender approved to make loans under paragraph (36) may make covered loans under the same terms and conditions as in paragraph (36).

“(J) REIMBURSEMENT FOR LOAN PROCESSING AND SERVICING.—The Administrator shall reimburse a lender authorized to make a covered loan in an amount that is—

“(i) 3 percent of the principal amount of the financing of the covered loan up to \$350,000; and

“(ii) 1 percent of the principal amount of the financing of the covered loan above \$350,000, if applicable.

“(K) SET ASIDE FOR SMALL ENTITIES.—Not less than \$25,000,000,000 of the total amount of covered loans guaranteed by the Administrator shall be made to eligible entities with not more than 10 employees as of February 15, 2020.

“(L) SET ASIDE FOR COMMUNITY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, SMALL INSURED DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS, CREDIT UNIONS, AND FARM CREDIT SYSTEM INSTITUTIONS.—Not less than \$10,000,000,000 of the total amount of covered loans guaranteed by the Administrator shall be made by—

“(i) community financial institutions;

“(ii) insured depository institutions with consolidated assets of less than \$10,000,000,000;

“(iii) credit unions with consolidated assets of less than \$10,000,000,000; and

“(iv) institutions of the Farm Credit System chartered under the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.) with consolidated assets of less than \$10,000,000,000 (not including the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation).

“(M) PUBLICATION OF GUIDANCE.—Not later than 10 days after the date of enactment of

this paragraph, the Administrator shall issue guidance addressing barriers to accessing capital for minority, underserved, veteran, and women-owned business concerns for the purpose of ensuring equitable access to covered loans.

“(N) STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE.—The Administrator shall, to the maximum extent practicable, allow a lender approved to make covered loans to use existing program guidance and standard operating procedures for loans made under this subsection.

“(O) PROHIBITION ON USE OF PROCEEDS FOR LOBBYING ACTIVITIES.—None of the proceeds of a covered loan may be used for—

“(i) lobbying activities, as defined in section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1602);

“(ii) lobbying expenditures related to a State or local election; or

“(iii) expenditures designed to influence the enactment of legislation, appropriations, regulation, administrative action, or Executive order proposed or pending before Congress or any State government, State legislature, or local legislature or legislative body.”

(j) CONTINUED ACCESS TO THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(a)(36)(E)(ii) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(E)(ii)) is amended by striking “\$10,000,000” and inserting “\$2,000,000”.

(2) APPLICABILITY OF MAXIMUM LOAN AMOUNT CALCULATION.—

(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph, the terms “covered loan” and “eligible recipient” have the meanings given those terms in section 7(a)(36) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)).

(B) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall apply only with respect to a covered loan applied for by an eligible recipient on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

(k) INCREASED ABILITY FOR PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM BORROWERS TO REQUEST AN INCREASE IN LOAN AMOUNT DUE TO UPDATED REGULATIONS.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the terms “covered loan” and “eligible recipient” have the meanings given those terms in section 7(a)(36) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)).

(2) INCREASED AMOUNT.—Notwithstanding the interim final rule issued by the Administration entitled “Business Loan Program Temporary Changes; Paycheck Protection Program—Loan Increases” (85 Fed. Reg. 29842 (May 19, 2020)), an eligible recipient of a covered loan that is eligible for an increased covered loan amount as a result of any interim final rule that allows for covered loan increases may submit a request for an increase in the covered loan amount even if—

(A) the initial covered loan amount has been fully disbursed; or

(B) the lender of the initial covered loan has submitted to the Administration a Form 1502 report related to the covered loan.

(l) CALCULATION OF MAXIMUM LOAN AMOUNT FOR FARMERS AND RANCHERS UNDER THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(a)(36) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)), as amended by subsection (j) of this section, is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (E), in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “During” and inserting “Except as provided in subparagraph (T), during”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(T) CALCULATION OF MAXIMUM LOAN AMOUNT FOR FARMERS AND RANCHERS.—

“(i) DEFINITION.—In this subparagraph, the term ‘covered recipient’ means an eligible recipient that—

“(I) operates as a sole proprietorship or as an independent contractor, or is an eligible self-employed individual;

“(II) reports farm income or expenses on a Schedule F (or any equivalent successor schedule); and

“(III) was in business during the period beginning on February 15, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2019.

“(ii) NO EMPLOYEES.—With respect to covered recipient without employees, the maximum covered loan amount shall be the lesser of—

“(I) the sum of—

“(aa) the product obtained by multiplying—

“(AA) the gross income of the covered recipient in 2019, as reported on a Schedule F (or any equivalent successor schedule), that is not more than \$100,000, divided by 12; and

“(BB) 2.5; and

“(bb) the outstanding amount of a loan under subsection (b)(2) that was made during the period beginning on January 31, 2020 and ending on April 3, 2020 that the borrower intends to refinance under the covered loan, not including any amount of any advance under the loan that is not required to be repaid; or

“(II) \$2,000,000.

“(iii) WITH EMPLOYEES.—With respect to a covered recipient with employees, the maximum covered loan amount shall be calculated using the formula described in subparagraph (E), except that the gross income of the covered recipient described in clause (ii)(I)(aa)(AA) of this subparagraph, as divided by 12, shall be added to the sum calculated under subparagraph (E)(i)(I).

“(iv) RECALCULATION.—A lender that made a covered loan to a covered recipient before the date of enactment of this subparagraph may, at the request of the covered recipient—

“(I) recalculate the maximum loan amount applicable to that covered loan based on the formula described in clause (ii) or (iii), as applicable, if doing so would result in a larger covered loan amount; and

“(II) provide the covered recipient with additional covered loan amounts based on that recalculation.”

(m) FARM CREDIT SYSTEM INSTITUTIONS.—

(1) DEFINITION OF FARM CREDIT SYSTEM INSTITUTION.—In this subsection, the term “Farm Credit System institution”—

(A) means an institution of the Farm Credit System chartered under the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.); and

(B) does not include the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

(2) FACILITATION OF PARTICIPATION IN PPP AND SECOND DRAW LOANS.—

(A) APPLICABLE RULES.—Solely with respect to loans under paragraphs (36) and (37) of section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)), Farm Credit Administration regulations and guidance issued as of July 14, 2020, and compliance with such regulations and guidance, shall be deemed functionally equivalent to requirements referenced in section 3(a)(iii)(II) of the interim final rule of the Administration entitled “Business Loan Program Temporary Changes; Paycheck Protection Program” (85 Fed. Reg. 20811 (April 15, 2020)) or any similar requirement referenced in that interim final rule in implementing such paragraph (37).

(B) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN LOAN REQUIREMENTS.—For purposes of making loans under paragraph (36) or (37) of section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) or forgiving those loans in accordance with section 1106 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9005) and subparagraph (H) of such paragraph (37), sections 4.13, 4.14, and 4.14A of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C. 2199, 2202, 2202a)

(including regulations issued under those sections) shall not apply.

(C) RISK WEIGHT.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the application of Farm Credit Administration capital requirements, a loan described in clause (ii)—

(I) shall receive a risk weight of zero percent; and

(II) shall not be included in the calculation of any applicable leverage ratio or other applicable capital ratio or calculation.

(ii) LOANS DESCRIBED.—A loan referred to in clause (i) is—

(I) a loan made by a Farm Credit Bank described in section 1.2(a) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C. 2002(a)) to a Federal Land Bank Association, a Production Credit Association, or an agricultural credit association described in that section to make loans under paragraph (36) or (37) of section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) or forgive those loans in accordance with section 1106 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9005) and subparagraph (H) of such paragraph (37); or

(II) a loan made by a Federal Land Bank Association, a Production Credit Association, an agricultural credit association, or the bank for cooperatives described in section 1.2(a) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C. 2002(a)) under paragraph (36) or (37) of section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)).

(D) RESERVATION OF LOAN GUARANTEES.—Section 7(a)(36)(S) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(S)) is amended—

(i) in clause (i)—

(I) in subclause (I), by striking “and” at the end;

(II) in subclause (II), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(III) by adding at the end the following:

“(III) institutions of the Farm Credit System chartered under the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.) with consolidated assets of not less than \$10,000,000 and less than \$50,000,000,000.”; and

(ii) in clause (ii)—

(I) in subclause (II), by striking “and” at the end;

(II) in subclause (III), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(III) by adding at the end the following:

“(IV) institutions of the Farm Credit System chartered under the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.) with consolidated assets of less than \$10,000,000,000.”

(n) DEFINITION OF SEASONAL EMPLOYER.—

(1) PPP LOANS.—Section 7(a)(36)(A) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(A)) is amended—

(A) in clause (xi), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in clause (xii), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(xiii) the term ‘seasonal employer’ means an eligible recipient that—

“(I) does not operate for more than 7 months in any calendar year; or

“(II) during the preceding calendar year, had gross receipts for any 6 months of that year that were not more than 33.33 percent of the gross receipts of the employer for the other 6 months of that year.”

(2) LOAN FORGIVENESS.—Paragraph (12) of section 1106(a) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9005(a)), as so redesignated by subsection (d)(2) of this section, is amended to read as follows:

“(12) the terms ‘payroll costs’ and ‘seasonal employer’ have the meanings given those terms in section 7(a)(36) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)).”

(o) ELIGIBILITY OF 501(c)(6) ORGANIZATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM.—Section 7(a)(36)(D) of the Small

Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(D)) is amended—

(1) in clause (v), by inserting “or whether an organization described in clause (vii) employs not more than 150 employees,” after “clause (i)(I).”;

(2) in clause (vi), by inserting “, an organization described in clause (vii),” after “non-profit organization”;

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(vii) ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN 501(C)(6) ORGANIZATIONS.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subclause (II), any organization that is described in section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code and that is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such Code (excluding professional sports leagues and organizations with the purpose of promoting or participating in a political campaign or other activity) shall be eligible to receive a covered loan if—

“(aa) the organization does not receive more than 10 percent of its receipts from lobbying activities;

“(bb) the lobbying activities of the organization do not comprise more than 10 percent of the total activities of the organization; and

“(cc) the organization employs not more than 150 employees.

“(II) DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS.—Notwithstanding subclause (I), during the covered period, any destination marketing organization shall be eligible to receive a covered loan if—

“(aa) the destination marketing organization does not receive more than 10 percent of its receipts from lobbying activities;

“(bb) the lobbying activities of the destination marketing organization do not comprise more than 10 percent of the total activities of the organization;

“(cc) the destination marketing organization employs not more than 150 employees; and

“(dd) the destination marketing organization—

“(AA) is described in section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such Code; or

“(BB) is a quasi-governmental entity or is a political subdivision of a State or local government, including any instrumentality of those entities.”.

(p) PROHIBITION ON USE OF LOAN PROCEEDS FOR LOBBYING ACTIVITIES.—Section 7(a)(36)(F) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(F)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(vi) PROHIBITION.—None of the proceeds of a covered loan may be used for—

“(I) lobbying activities, as defined in section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1602);

“(II) lobbying expenditures related to a State or local election; or

“(III) expenditures designed to influence the enactment of legislation, appropriations, regulation, administrative action, or Executive order proposed or pending before Congress or any State government, State legislature, or local legislature or legislative body.”.

(q) EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made to paragraph (36) of section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) and title I of the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136) under this section shall be effective as if included in the CARES Act and shall apply to any loan made pursuant to section 7(a)(36) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)).

(r) BANKRUPTCY PROVISIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 364 of title 11, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(g)(1) The court, after notice and a hearing, may authorize a debtor in possession or a trustee that is authorized to operate the business of the debtor under section 1183, 1184, 1203, 1204, or 1304 of this title to obtain a loan under paragraph (36) or (37) of section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)), and such loan shall be treated as a debt to the extent the loan is not forgiven in accordance with section 1106 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9005) or subparagraph (H) of such paragraph (37), as applicable, with priority equal to a claim of the kind specified in subsection (c)(1) of this section.

“(2) The trustee may incur debt described in paragraph (1) notwithstanding any provision in a contract, prior order authorizing the trustee to incur debt under this section, prior order authorizing the trustee to use cash collateral under section 363, or applicable law that prohibits the debtor from incurring additional debt.

“(3) The court shall hold a hearing within 7 days after the filing and service of the motion to obtain a loan described in paragraph (1). Notwithstanding the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, at such hearing, the court may grant relief on a final basis.”.

(2) ALLOWANCE OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Section 503(b) of title 11, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in paragraph (8)(B), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in paragraph (9), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”;

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(10) any debt incurred under section 364(g)(1) of this title.”.

(3) CONFIRMATION OF PLAN FOR REORGANIZATION.—Section 1191 of title 11, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(f) SPECIAL PROVISION RELATED TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC.—Notwithstanding section 1129(a)(9)(A) of this title and subsection (e) of this section, a plan that provides for payment of a claim of a kind specified in section 503(b)(10) of this title may be confirmed under subsection (b) of this section if the plan proposes to make payments on account of such claim when due under the terms of the loan giving rise to such claim.”.

(4) CONFIRMATION OF PLAN FOR FAMILY FARMERS AND FISHERMEN.—Section 1225 of title 11, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) Notwithstanding section 1222(a)(2) of this title and subsection (b)(1) of this section, a plan that provides for payment of a claim of a kind specified in section 503(b)(10) of this title may be confirmed if the plan proposes to make payments on account of such claim when due under the terms of the loan giving rise to such claim.”.

(5) CONFIRMATION OF PLAN FOR INDIVIDUALS.—Section 1325 of title 11, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) Notwithstanding section 1322(a)(2) of this title and subsection (b)(1) of this section, a plan that provides for payment of a claim of a kind specified in section 503(b)(10) of this title may be confirmed if the plan proposes to make payments on account of such claim when due under the terms of the loan giving rise to such claim.”.

(6) EFFECTIVE DATE; SUNSET.—

(A) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by paragraphs (1) through (5) shall—

(i) take effect on the date on which the Administrator submits to the Director of the Executive Office for United States Trustees a written determination that, subject to satisfying any other eligibility requirements, any debtor in possession or trustee that is authorized to operate the business of the debtor under section 1183, 1184, 1203, 1204, or 1304 of title 11, United States Code, would be eli-

gible for a loan under paragraphs (36) and (37) of section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)); and

(ii) apply to any case pending on or commenced on or after the date described in clause (i).

(B) SUNSET.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—If the amendments made by this subsection take effect under subparagraph (A), effective on the date that is 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act—

(I) section 364 of title 11, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (g);

(II) section 503(b) of title 11, United States Code, is amended—

(aa) in paragraph (8)(B), by adding “and” at the end;

(bb) in paragraph (9), by striking “; and” at the end and inserting a period; and

(cc) by striking paragraph (10);

(III) section 1191 of title 11, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (f);

(IV) section 1225 of title 11, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (d); and

(V) section 1325 of title 11, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (d).

(ii) APPLICABILITY.—Notwithstanding the amendments made by clause (i) of this subparagraph, if the amendments made by paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) take effect under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, such amendments shall apply to any case under title 11, United States Code, commenced before the date that is 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(s) OVERSIGHT.—

(1) COMPLIANCE WITH OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), on and after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall comply with any data or information requests or inquiries made by the Comptroller General of the United States not later than 30 days (or such later date as the Comptroller General may specify) after receiving the request or inquiry.

(B) EXCEPTION.—If the Administrator is unable to comply with a request or inquiry described in subparagraph (A) within the 30-day period or, if applicable, later period described in that clause, the Administrator shall, during that 30-day (or later) period, submit to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives a notification that includes a detailed justification for the inability of the Administrator to comply with the request or inquiry.

(2) TESTIMONY.—Not later than the date that is 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and every quarter thereafter until the date that is 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator and the Secretary of the Treasury shall testify before the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives regarding implementation of this section and the amendments made by this section.

(t) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

(A) CONTROLLING INTEREST.—The term “controlling interest” means owning, controlling, or holding not less than 20 percent, by vote or value, of the outstanding amount of any class of equity interest in an entity.

(B) COVERED ENTITY.—

(i) DEFINITION.—The term “covered entity” means an entity in which a covered individual directly or indirectly holds a controlling interest.

(ii) TREATMENT OF SECURITIES.—For the purpose of determining whether an entity is

a covered entity, the securities owned, controlled, or held by 2 or more individuals who are related as described in subparagraph (C)(ii) shall be aggregated.

(C) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “covered individual” means—

(i) the President, the Vice President, the head of an Executive department, or a Member of Congress; and

(ii) the spouse, child, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law, as determined under applicable common law, of an individual described in clause (i).

(D) EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.—The term “Executive department” has the meaning given the term in section 101 of title 5, United States Code.

(E) MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—The term “Member of Congress” means a Member of the Senate or House of Representatives, a Delegate to the House of Representatives, and the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico.

(F) EQUITY INTEREST.—The term “equity interest” means—

(i) a share in an entity, without regard to whether the share is—

(I) transferable; or
(II) classified as stock or anything similar;
(ii) a capital or profit interest in a limited liability company or partnership; or

(iii) a warrant or right, other than a right to convert, to purchase, sell, or subscribe to a share or interest described in clause (i) or (ii), respectively.

(2) REQUIREMENT.—The principal executive officer and the principal financial officer, or individuals performing similar functions, of an entity seeking to enter a transaction made under paragraph (36) or (37) of section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)), as added and amended by this section, shall, before that transaction is approved, disclose to the Administrator whether the entity is a covered entity.

(3) APPLICABILITY.—The requirement under paragraph (2)—

(A) shall apply with respect to any transaction made under paragraph (36) or (37) of section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)), as added and amended by this section, on or after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(B) shall not apply with respect to—

(i) any transaction described in subparagraph (A) that was made before the date of enactment of this Act; or

(ii) forgiveness under section 1106 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9005) or any other provision of law of any loan associated with any transaction described in subparagraph (A) that was made before the date of enactment of this Act.

(u) COMMITMENT AUTHORITY AND APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) COMMITMENT AUTHORITY.—Section 1102(b) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the paragraph heading, by inserting “AND SECOND DRAW” after “PPP”;

(ii) by striking “August 8, 2020” and inserting “December 31, 2020”;

(iii) by striking “paragraph (36)” and inserting “paragraphs (36) and (37)”;

(iv) by striking “\$659,000,000,000” and inserting “\$316,640,000,000”;

(B) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

“(2) OTHER 7(A) LOANS.—During fiscal year 2020, the amount authorized for commitments for section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) under the heading ‘Small Business Administration—Business Loans Program Account’ in the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2020 (division C of Public Law 116-193) shall apply with respect to any commit-

ments under such section 7(a) other than under paragraphs (36) and (37) of such section 7(a).”.

(2) DIRECT APPROPRIATIONS.—

(A) NEW DIRECT APPROPRIATIONS FOR PPP LOANS, SECOND DRAW LOANS, AND THE MBDA.—

(i) PPP AND SECOND DRAW LOANS.—There is appropriated, out of amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, to remain available until September 30, 2021, for additional amounts—

(I) \$257,640,000,000 under the heading “Small Business Administration—Business Loans Program Account, CARES Act” for the cost of guaranteed loans as authorized under paragraph (36) and (37) of section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)), as amended and added by this Act;

(II) \$10,000,000 under the heading “Department of Commerce—Minority Business Development Agency” for minority business centers of the Minority Business Development Agency to provide technical assistance to small business concerns; and

(III) \$50,000,000 under the heading “Small Business Administration—Salaries and Expenses” for the cost of carrying out reviews and audits of loans under subsection (1) of section 1106 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9005), as amended by this Act.

(B) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED FOR THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.—Section 1107(a)(3) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9006(a)(3)) is amended by striking “September 20, 2024” and inserting “extended”.

TITLE V—POSTAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE

SEC. 5001. COVID-19 FUNDING FOR THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE.

Section 6001 of the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136; 134 Stat. 281) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “BORROWING AUTHORITY” and inserting “FUNDING”;

(2) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (e); and

(3) by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

“(c) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS; NO REPAYMENT REQUIRED.—Notwithstanding subsection (b) or any agreement entered into between the Secretary of the Treasury and the Postal Service under that subsection, the Postal Service—

“(1) may only use amounts borrowed under that subsection if the Postal Service has less than \$8,000,000,000 in cash on hand; and

“(2) shall not be required to repay the amounts borrowed under that subsection.

“(d) CERTIFICATIONS.—

“(1) POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION.—The Postal Service shall certify in its quarterly and audited annual reports to the Postal Regulatory Commission under section 3654 of title 39, United States Code, and in conformity with the requirements of section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m, 78o(d)), any expenditures made using amounts borrowed under subsection (b) of this section.

“(2) CONGRESS.—Not later than 15 days after filing a report described in paragraph (1) with the Postal Regulatory Commission, the Postal Service shall submit a copy of the information required to be certified under that paragraph to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Reform of the House of Representatives.”.

TITLE VI—EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT AND CHILD CARE

Subtitle A—Emergency Education Freedom Grants; Tax Credits for Contributions to Eligible Scholarship-granting Organizations

SEC. 6001. EMERGENCY EDUCATION FREEDOM GRANTS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ELIGIBLE SCHOLARSHIP-GRANTING ORGANIZATION.—The term “eligible scholarship-granting organization” means—

(A) an organization that—

(i) is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such Code;

(ii) provides qualifying scholarships to individual elementary and secondary students who—

(I) reside in the State in which the eligible scholarship-granting organization is recognized; or

(II) in the case of funds provided to the Secretary of the Interior, attending elementary schools or secondary schools operated or funded by the Bureau of Indian Education;

(iii) allocates at least 90 percent of qualified contributions to qualifying scholarships on an annual basis; and

(iv) provides qualifying scholarships to—

(I) more than 1 eligible student;

(II) more than 1 eligible family; and

(III) different eligible students attending more than 1 education provider;

(B) an organization that—

(i) is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such Code; and

(ii) pursuant to State law, was able, as of January 1, 2021, to receive contributions that are eligible for a State tax credit if such contributions are used by the organization to provide scholarships to individual elementary and secondary students, including scholarships for attending private schools; or

(C) an organization identified by a Governor of a State to receive a subgrant from the State under subsection (d).

(2) EMERGENCY EDUCATION FREEDOM GRANT FUNDS.—The term “emergency education freedom grant funds” means the amount of funds available under subsection (b)(1) for this section that are not reserved under subsection (c)(1).

(3) QUALIFIED CONTRIBUTION.—The term “qualified contribution” means a contribution of cash to any eligible scholarship-granting organization.

(4) QUALIFIED EXPENSE.—The term “qualified expense” means any educational expense that is—

(A) for an individual student’s elementary or secondary education, as recognized by the State; or

(B) for the secondary education component of an individual elementary or secondary student’s career and technical education, as defined by section 3(5) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302(5)).

(5) QUALIFYING SCHOLARSHIP.—The term “qualifying scholarship” means a scholarship granted by an eligible scholarship-granting organization to an individual elementary or secondary student for a qualified expense.

(6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Education.

(7) STATE.—The term “State” means each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(b) GRANTS.—

(1) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—From the funds appropriated to carry out this section, the Secretary shall carry out subsection (c) and award emergency education freedom grants to States with approved applications, in

order to enable the States to award subgrants to eligible scholarship-granting organizations under subsection (d).

(2) **TIMING.**—The Secretary shall make the allotments required under this subsection by not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) **RESERVATION AND ALLOTMENTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—From the amounts made available under subsection (b)(1), the Secretary shall—

(A) reserve—

(i) one-half of 1 percent for allotments for the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be distributed among those outlying areas on the basis of their relative need, as determined by the Secretary, in accordance with the purpose of this section; and

(ii) one-half of 1 percent of such amounts for the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Indian Education, to be used to provide subgrants described in subsection (d) to eligible scholarship-granting organizations that serve students attending elementary schools or secondary schools operated or funded by the Bureau of Indian Education; and

(B) subject to paragraph (2), allot each State that submits an approved application under this section the sum of—

(i) the amount that bears the same relation to 20 percent of the emergency education freedom grant funds as the number of individuals aged 5 through 17 in the State, as determined by the Secretary on the basis of the most recent satisfactory data, bears to the number of those individuals, as so determined, in all such States that submitted approved applications; and

(ii) an amount that bears the same relationship to 80 percent of the emergency education freedom grant funds as the number of individuals aged 5 through 17 from families with incomes below the poverty line in the State, as determined by the Secretary on the basis of the most recent satisfactory data, bears to the number of those individuals, as so determined, in all such States that submitted approved applications.

(2) **MINIMUM ALLOTMENT.**—No State shall receive an allotment under this subsection for a fiscal year that is less than one-half of 1 percent of the amount of emergency education freedom grant funds available for such fiscal year.

(d) **SUBGRANTS TO ELIGIBLE SCHOLARSHIP-GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—A State that receives an allotment under this section shall use the allotment to award subgrants, on a basis determined appropriate by the State, to eligible scholarship-granting organizations in the State.

(2) **INITIAL TIMING.**—

(A) **STATES WITH EXISTING TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**—By not later than 30 days after receiving an allotment under subsection (c)(1)(B), a State with an existing, as of the date of application for an allotment under this section, tax credit scholarship program shall use not less than 50 percent of the allotment to award subgrants to eligible scholarship-granting organizations under subsection (a)(1)(B) in the State in proportion to the contributions received in calendar year 2019 that were eligible for a State tax credit if such contributions are used by the organization to provide scholarships to individual elementary and secondary students, including scholarships for attending private schools.

(B) **STATES WITHOUT TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS.**—By not later than 60 days after receiving an allotment under subsection (c)(1)(B), a State without a tax credit scholarship program shall use not less than

50 percent of the allotment to award subgrants to eligible scholarship-granting organizations in the State.

(3) **USES OF FUNDS.**—An eligible scholarship-granting organization that receives a subgrant under this subsection—

(A) may reserve not more than 5 percent of the subgrant funds for public outreach, student and family support activities, and administrative expenses related to the subgrant; and

(B) shall use not less than 95 percent of the subgrant funds to provide qualifying scholarships for qualified expenses only to individual elementary school and secondary school students who reside in the State in which the eligible scholarship-granting organization is recognized.

(e) **REALLOCATION.**—A State shall return to the Secretary any amounts of the allotment received under this section that the State does not award as subgrants under subsection (d) by March 30, 2021, and the Secretary shall reallocate such funds to the remaining eligible States in accordance with subsection (c)(1)(B).

(f) **RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—A qualifying scholarship awarded to a student from funds provided under this section shall not be considered assistance to the school or other educational provider that enrolls, or provides educational services to, the student or the student's parents.

(2) **EXCLUSION FROM INCOME.**—

(A) **INCOME TAXES.**—For purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, gross income shall not include any amount received by an individual as a qualifying scholarship.

(B) **FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS.**—Any amount received by an individual as a qualifying scholarship shall not be taken into account as income or resources for purposes of determining the eligibility of such individual or any other individual for benefits or assistance, or the amount or extent of such benefits or assistance, under any Federal program or under any State or local program financed in whole or in part with Federal funds.

(3) **PROHIBITION OF CONTROL OVER NONPUBLIC EDUCATION PROVIDERS.**—

(A)(i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit, allow, encourage, or authorize any Federal control over any aspect of any private, religious, or home education provider, whether or not a home education provider is treated as a private school or home school under State law.

(ii) This section shall not be construed to exclude private, religious, or home education providers from participation in programs or services under this section.

(B) Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit, allow, encourage, or authorize a State to mandate, direct, or control any aspect of a private or home education provider, regardless of whether or not a home education provider is treated as a private school under State law.

(C) No participating State shall exclude, discriminate against, or otherwise disadvantage any education provider with respect to programs or services under this section based in whole or in part on the provider's religious character or affiliation, including religiously based or mission-based policies or practices.

(4) **PARENTAL RIGHTS TO USE SCHOLARSHIPS.**—No participating State shall disfavor or discourage the use of qualifying scholarships for the purchase of elementary and secondary education services, including those services provided by private or nonprofit entities, such as faith-based providers.

(5) **STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed to modify

a State or local government's authority and responsibility to fund education.

(g) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary.

SEC. 6002. TAX CREDITS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO ELIGIBLE SCHOLARSHIP-GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS.

(a) **CREDIT FOR INDIVIDUALS.**—Subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding after section 25D the following new section:

“SEC. 25E. CONTRIBUTIONS TO ELIGIBLE SCHOLARSHIP-GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS.

“(a) **ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.**—Subject to section 6003(c) of the Delivering Immediate Relief to America's Families, Schools and Small Businesses Act, in the case of an individual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for the taxable year an amount equal to the sum of any qualified contributions made by the taxpayer during the taxable year.

“(b) **AMOUNT OF CREDIT.**—The credit allowed under subsection (a) for any taxable year shall not exceed 10 percent of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income for the taxable year.

“(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this section—

“(1) **ELIGIBLE SCHOLARSHIP-GRANTING ORGANIZATION.**—The term ‘eligible scholarship-granting organization’ means—

“(A) an organization that—

“(i) is described in section 501(c)(3) and exempt from taxation under section 501(a),

“(ii) provides qualifying scholarships to individual elementary and secondary students who—

“(I) reside in the State in which the eligible scholarship-granting organization is recognized, or

“(II) in the case of the Bureau of Indian Education, are members of a federally recognized tribe,

“(iii) a State identifies to the Secretary as an eligible scholarship-granting organization under section 6003(c)(5)(B) of the Delivering Immediate Relief to America's Families, Schools and Small Businesses Act,

“(iv) allocates at least 90 percent of qualified contributions to qualifying scholarships on an annual basis, and

“(v) provides qualifying scholarships to—

“(I) more than 1 eligible student,

“(II) more than 1 eligible family, and

“(III) different eligible students attending more than 1 education provider, or

“(B) an organization that—

“(i) is described in section 501(c)(3) and exempt from taxation under section 501(a), and

“(ii) pursuant to State law, was able, as of January 1, 2021, to receive contributions that are eligible for a State tax credit if such contributions are used by the organization to provide scholarships to individual elementary and secondary students, including scholarships for attending private schools.

“(2) **QUALIFIED CONTRIBUTION.**—The term ‘qualified contribution’ means a contribution of cash to any eligible scholarship-granting organization.

“(3) **QUALIFIED EXPENSE.**—The term ‘qualified expense’ means any educational expense that is—

“(A) for an individual student's elementary or secondary education, as recognized by the State, or

“(B) for the secondary education component of an individual elementary or secondary student's career and technical education, as defined by section 3(5) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302(5)).

“(4) **QUALIFYING SCHOLARSHIP.**—The term ‘qualifying scholarship’ means a scholarship

granted by an eligible scholarship-granting organization to an individual elementary or secondary student for a qualified expense.

“(5) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the outlying areas (as defined in section 1121(c) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6331(c)), and the Department of the Interior (acting through the Bureau of Indian Education).

“(d) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A qualifying scholarship awarded to a student from the proceeds of a qualified contribution under this section shall not be considered assistance to the school or other educational provider that enrolls, or provides educational services to, the student or the student’s parents.

“(2) EXCLUSION FROM INCOME.—Gross income shall not include any amount received by an individual as a qualifying scholarship and such amount shall not be taken into account as income or resources for purposes of determining the eligibility of such individual or any other individual for benefits or assistance, or the amount or extent of such benefits or assistance, under any Federal program or under any State or local program financed in whole or in part with Federal funds.

“(3) PROHIBITION OF CONTROL OVER NON-PUBLIC EDUCATION PROVIDERS.—

“(A)(i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit, allow, encourage, or authorize any Federal control over any aspect of any private, religious, or home education provider, whether or not a home education provider is treated as a private school or home school under State law.

“(ii) This section shall not be construed to exclude private, religious, or home education providers from participation in programs or services under this section.

“(B) Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit, allow, encourage, or authorize an entity submitting a list of eligible scholarship-granting organizations on behalf of a State pursuant to section 6003(c)(5) of the Delivering Immediate Relief to America’s Families, Schools and Small Businesses Act to mandate, direct, or control any aspect of a private or home education provider, regardless of whether or not a home education provider is treated as a private school under State law.

“(C) No participating State or entity acting on behalf of a State pursuant to section 6003(c)(5) of the Delivering Immediate Relief to America’s Families, Schools and Small Businesses Act shall exclude, discriminate against, or otherwise disadvantage any education provider with respect to programs or services under this section based in whole or in part on the provider’s religious character or affiliation, including religiously-based or mission-based policies or practices.

“(4) PARENTAL RIGHTS TO USE SCHOLARSHIPS.—No participating State or entity acting on behalf of a State pursuant to section 6003(c)(5) of the Delivering Immediate Relief to America’s Families, Schools and Small Businesses Act shall disfavor or discourage the use of qualifying scholarships for the purchase of elementary and secondary education services, including those services provided by private or nonprofit entities, such as faith-based providers.

“(5) STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to modify a State or local government’s authority and responsibility to fund education.

“(e) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations or other guidance to ensure that the sum of the tax benefits provided by Federal, State, or local law for a qualified contribution receiving a Federal tax credit in any taxable year

does not exceed the sum of the qualified contributions made by the taxpayer for the taxable year.

“(f) CARRYFORWARD OF CREDIT.—If a tax credit allowed under this section is not fully used within the applicable taxable year because of insufficient tax liability on the part of the taxpayer, the unused amount may be carried forward for a period not to exceed 5 years.

“(g) ELECTION.—This section shall apply to a taxpayer for a taxable year only if the taxpayer elects to have this section apply for such taxable year.

“(h) ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX.—For purposes of calculating the alternative minimum tax under section 55, a taxpayer may use any credit received for a qualified contribution under this section.

“(i) TERMINATION.—This section shall not apply to any contributions made in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.”

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 25D the following new item:

“Sec. 25E. Contributions to eligible scholarship-granting organizations.”

(c) CREDIT FOR CORPORATIONS.—Subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 45U. CONTRIBUTIONS TO ELIGIBLE SCHOLARSHIP-GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS.

“(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—Subject to section 6003(c) of the Delivering Immediate Relief to America’s Families, Schools and Small Businesses Act, for purposes of section 38, in the case of a domestic corporation, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for the taxable year an amount equal to the sum of any qualified contributions (as defined in section 25E(c)(2)) made by such corporation during the taxable year.

“(b) AMOUNT OF CREDIT.—The credit allowed under subsection (a) for any taxable year shall not exceed 5 percent of the taxable income (as defined in section 170(b)(2)(D)) of the domestic corporation for such taxable year.

“(c) ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.—For purposes of this section, any qualified contributions made by a domestic corporation shall be subject to the provisions of section 25E (including subsection (d) of such section), to the extent applicable.

“(d) ELECTION.—This section shall apply to a taxpayer for a taxable year only if the taxpayer elects to have this section apply for such taxable year.

“(e) TERMINATION.—This section shall not apply to any contributions made in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.”

(d) CREDIT PART OF GENERAL BUSINESS CREDIT.—Section 38(b) is amended—

(1) by striking “plus” at the end of paragraph (32);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (33) and inserting “, plus”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(34) the credit for qualified contributions determined under section 45U(a).”

(e) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“Sec. 45U. Contributions to eligible scholarship-granting organizations.”

(f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

SEC. 6003. EDUCATION FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIPS WEB PORTAL AND ADMINISTRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall, in coordination with the Sec-

retary of Education, establish, host, and maintain a web portal that—

(1) lists all eligible scholarship-granting organizations;

(2) enables a taxpayer to make a qualifying contribution to one or more eligible scholarship-granting organizations and to immediately obtain both a pre-approval of a tax credit for that contribution and a receipt for tax filings;

(3) provides information about the tax benefits under sections 25E and 45U of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

(4) enables a State to submit and update information about its programs and its eligible scholarship-granting organizations for informational purposes only, including information on—

(A) student eligibility;

(B) allowable educational expenses;

(C) the types of allowable education providers;

(D) the percentage of funds an organization may use for program administration; and

(E) the percentage of total contributions the organization awards in a calendar year.

(b) NONPORTAL CONTRIBUTIONS.—A taxpayer may opt to make a contribution directly to an eligible scholarship-granting organization, instead of through the web portal described in subsection (a), provided that the taxpayer, or the eligible scholarship-granting organization on behalf of the taxpayer, applies for, and receives pre-approval for a tax credit from the Secretary of the Treasury in coordination with the Secretary of Education.

(c) NATIONAL AND STATE LIMITATIONS ON CREDITS.—

(1) NATIONAL LIMITATION.—For each fiscal year, the total amount of qualifying contributions for which a credit is allowed under sections 25E and 45U of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall not exceed \$5,000,000,000.

(2) ALLOCATION OF LIMITATION.—

(A) INITIAL ALLOCATIONS.—For each calendar year, with respect to the limitation under paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, shall—

(i) allocate to each State an amount equal to the sum of the qualifying contributions made in the State in the previous year; and

(ii) from any amounts remaining following allocations made under clause (i), allocate to each participating State an amount equal to the sum of—

(I) an amount that bears the same relationship to 20 percent of such remaining amount as the number of individuals aged 5 through 17 in the State, as determined by the Secretary of Education on the basis of the most recent satisfactory data, bears to the number of those individuals in all such States, as so determined; and

(II) an amount that bears the same relationship to 80 percent of such remaining amount as the number of individuals aged 5 through 17 from families with incomes below the poverty line in the State, as determined by the Secretary of Education, on the basis of the most recent satisfactory data, bears to the number of those individuals in all such States, as so determined.

(B) MINIMUM ALLOCATION.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), no State receiving an allocation under this section may receive less than ½ of 1 percent of the amount allocated for a fiscal year.

(3) ALLOWABLE PARTNERSHIPS.—A State may choose to administer the allocation it receives under paragraph (2) in partnership with one or more States, provided that the eligible scholarship-granting organizations in each partner State serve students who reside in all States in the partnership.

(4) TOTAL ALLOCATION.—A State’s allocation, for any fiscal year, is the sum of the

amount determined for such State under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2).

(5) ALLOCATION AND ADJUSTMENTS.—

(A) INITIAL ALLOCATION TO STATES.—Not later than November 1 of the year preceding a year for which there is a national limitation on credits under paragraph (1) (referred to in this section as the “applicable year”), or as early as practicable with respect to the first year, the Secretary of the Treasury shall announce the State allocations under paragraph (2) for the applicable year.

(B) LIST OF ELIGIBLE SCHOLARSHIP-GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1 of each applicable year, or as early as practicable with respect to the first year, each State shall provide the Secretary of the Treasury a list of eligible scholarship-granting organizations, including a certification that the entity submitting the list on behalf of the State has the authority to perform this function.

(ii) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Neither this section nor any other Federal law shall be construed as limiting the entities that may submit the list on behalf of a State.

(C) REALLOCATION OF UNCLAIMED CREDITS.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall reallocate a State’s allocation to other States, in accordance with paragraph (2), if the State—

(i) chooses not to identify scholarship-granting organizations under subparagraph (B) in any applicable year; or

(ii) does not have an existing eligible scholarship-granting organization.

(D) REALLOCATION.—On or after April 1 of any applicable year, the Secretary of the Treasury may reallocate, to one or more other States that have eligible scholarship-granting organizations in the States, without regard to paragraph (2), the allocation of a State for which the State’s allocation has not been claimed.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—Any term used in this section which is also used in section 25E of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall have the same meaning as when used in such section.

SEC. 6004. 529 ACCOUNT FUNDING FOR HOMESCHOOL AND ADDITIONAL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EXPENSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 529(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) by striking “Any reference” and inserting

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Any reference”, and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

“(B) ADDITIONAL EXPENSES.—In the case of any distribution made after the date of the enactment of the Delivering Immediate Relief to America’s Families, Schools and Small Businesses Act and before January 1, 2023, any reference in this section to the term ‘qualified higher education expense’ shall include a reference to the following expenses in connection with enrollment or attendance at, or for students enrolled at or attending, an elementary or secondary public, private, or religious school:

“(i) Curriculum and curricular materials.

“(ii) Books or other instructional materials.

“(iii) Online educational materials.

“(iv) Tuition for tutoring or educational classes outside of the home, including at a tutoring facility, but only if the tutor or instructor is not related to the student and—

“(I) is licensed as a teacher in any State,

“(II) has taught at an eligible educational institution, or

“(III) is a subject matter expert in the relevant subject.

“(v) Fees for a nationally standardized norm-referenced achievement test, an advanced placement examination, or any ex-

aminations related to college or university admission.

“(vi) Fees for dual enrollment in an institution of higher education.

“(vii) Educational therapies for students with disabilities provided by a licensed or accredited practitioner or provider, including occupational, behavioral, physical, and speech-language therapies.

“(C) TREATMENT OF HOMESCHOOL EXPENSES.—In the case of any distribution made after the date of the enactment of the Delivering Immediate Relief to America’s Families, Schools and Small Businesses Act and before January 1, 2023, the term ‘qualified higher education expense’ shall include expenses for the purposes described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) in connection with a homeschool (whether treated as a homeschool or a private school for purposes of applicable State law).”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to distributions made after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Subtitle B—Back to Work Child Care Grants

SEC. 6101. BACK TO WORK CHILD CARE GRANTS.

(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to support the recovery of the United States economy by providing assistance to aid in reopening child care programs, and maintaining the availability of child care in the United States, so that parents can access safe care and return to work.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—The term “COVID-19 public health emergency” means the public health emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) on January 31, 2020, with respect to COVID-19, including any renewal of such declaration.

(2) ELIGIBLE CHILD CARE PROVIDER.—The term “eligible child care provider” means—

(A) an eligible child care provider as defined in section 658P(6)(A) of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858n(6)(A)); and

(B) a child care provider that—

(i) is license-exempt and operating legally in the State;

(ii) is not providing child care services to relatives; and

(iii) satisfies State and local requirements, including those referenced in section 658E(c)(2)(I) of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 ((42 U.S.C. 9858c)(c)(2)(I)).

(3) INDIAN TRIBE; TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The terms “Indian tribe” and “tribal organization” have the meanings given the terms in section 658P of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858n).

(4) LEAD AGENCY.—The term “lead agency” has the meaning given the term in section 658P of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858n).

(5) QUALIFIED CHILD CARE PROVIDER.—The term “qualified child care provider” means an eligible child care provider with an application approved under subsection (g) for the program involved.

(6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(7) STATE.—The term “State” has the meaning given the term in section 658P of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858n).

(c) GRANTS FOR CHILD CARE PROGRAMS.—From the funds appropriated to carry out this section, the Secretary shall make Back to Work Child Care grants to States, Indian tribes, and tribal organizations, that submit notices of intent to provide assurances under

subsection (d)(2). The grants shall provide for subgrants to qualified child care providers, for a transition period of not more than 9 months to assist in paying for fixed costs and increased operating expenses due to COVID-19, and to reenroll children in an environment that supports the health and safety of children and staff.

(d) PROCESS FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

(1) ALLOCATION.—Any funds that are appropriated to carry out this section shall be distributed by the Secretary to the Administration for Children and Families for distribution under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9857 et seq.) in accordance with subsection (e)(2) of this section.

(2) NOTICE.—Not later than 7 days after funds are appropriated to carry out this section, the Secretary shall provide to States, Indian tribes, and tribal organizations a notice of funding availability, for Back to Work Child Care grants under subsection (c) from allotments and payments under subsection (e)(2). The Secretary shall issue a notice of the funding allocations for each State, Indian tribe, and tribal organization not later than 14 days after funds are appropriated to carry out this section.

(3) NOTICE OF INTENT.—Not later than 14 days after issuance of a notice of funding allocations under paragraph (1), a State, Indian tribe, or tribal organization that seeks such a grant shall submit to the Secretary a notice of intent to provide assurances for such grant. The notice of intent shall include a certification that the State, Indian tribe, or tribal organization will repay the grant funds if such State, Indian tribe, or tribal organization fails to provide assurances that meet the requirements of subsection (f) or to comply with such an assurance.

(4) GRANTS TO LEAD AGENCIES.—The Secretary may make grants under subsection (c) to the lead agency of each State, Indian tribe, or tribal organization, upon receipt of the notice of intent to provide assurances for such grant.

(5) PROVISION OF ASSURANCES.—Not later than 15 days after receiving the grant, the State, Indian tribe, or tribal organization shall provide assurances that meet the requirements of subsection (f).

(e) FEDERAL RESERVATION; ALLOTMENTS AND PAYMENTS.—

(1) RESERVATION.—The Secretary shall reserve not more than 1 percent of the amount appropriated to carry out this section to pay for the costs of the Federal administration of this section. The amount appropriated to carry out this section and reserved under this paragraph shall remain available through fiscal year 2021.

(2) ALLOTMENTS AND PAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall use the remaining portion of such amount to make allotments and payments, to States, Indian tribes, and tribal organizations that submit such a notice of intent to provide assurances, in accordance with paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a), and subsection (b), of section 658O of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858m), for the grants described in subsection (c).

(f) ASSURANCES.—A State, Indian tribe, or tribal organization that receives a grant under subsection (c) shall provide to the Secretary assurances that the lead agency will—

(1) require as a condition of subgrant funding under subsection (g) that each eligible child care provider applying for a subgrant from the lead agency—

(A) has been an eligible child care provider in continuous operation and serving children through a child care program immediately prior to March 1, 2020;

(B) agree to follow all applicable State, local, and tribal health and safety requirements and, if applicable, enhanced protocols for child care services and related to COVID-19 or another health or safety condition;

(C) agree to comply with the documentation and reporting requirements under subsection (h); and

(D) certify in good faith that the child care program of the provider will remain open for not less than 1 year after receiving such a subgrant, unless such program is closed due to extraordinary circumstances, including a state of emergency declared by the Governor or a major disaster or emergency declared by the President under section 401 or 501, respectively, of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170, 5191);

(2) ensure eligible child care providers in urban, suburban, and rural areas can readily apply for and access funding under this section, which shall include the provision of technical assistance either directly or through resource and referral agencies or staffed family child care provider networks;

(3) ensure that subgrant funds are made available to eligible child care providers regardless of whether the eligible child care provider is providing services for which assistance is made available under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9857 et seq.) at the time of application for a subgrant;

(4) through at least December 31, 2020, continue to expend funds provided under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9857 et seq.) for the purpose of continuing payments and assistance to qualified child care providers on the basis of applicable reimbursements prior to March 2020;

(5) undertake a review of burdensome State, local, and tribal regulations and requirements that hinder the opening of new licensed child care programs to meet the needs of the working families in the State or tribal community, as applicable;

(6) make available to the public, which shall include, at a minimum, posting to an internet website of the lead agency—

(A) notice of funding availability through subgrants for qualified child care providers under this section; and

(B) the criteria for awarding subgrants for qualified child care providers, including the methodology the lead agency used to determine and disburse funds in accordance with subparagraphs (D) and (E) of subsection (g)(4); and

(7) ensure the maintenance of a delivery system of child care services throughout the State that provides for child care in a variety of settings, including the settings of family child care providers.

(g) LEAD AGENCY USE OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A lead agency that receives a Back to Work Child Care grant under this section—

(A) shall use a portion that is not less than 94 percent of the grant funds to award subgrants to qualified child care providers as described in the lead agency's assurances pursuant to subsection (f);

(B) shall reserve not more than 6 percent of the funds to—

(i) use not less than 1 percent of the funds to provide technical assistance and support in applying for and accessing funding through such subgrants to eligible child care providers, including to rural providers, family child care providers, and providers with limited administrative capacity; and

(ii) use the remainder of the reserved funds to—

(I) administer subgrants to qualified child care providers under paragraph (4), which shall include monitoring the compliance of

qualified child care providers with applicable State, local, and tribal health and safety requirements; and

(II) comply with the reporting and documentation requirements described in subsection (h); and

(C)(i) shall not make more than 1 subgrant under paragraph (4) to a child care provider, except as described in clause (ii); and

(ii) may make multiple subgrants to a qualified child care provider, if the lead agency makes each subgrant individually for 1 child care program operated by the provider and the funds from the multiple subgrants are not pooled for use for more than 1 of the programs.

(2) ROLE OF THIRD PARTY.—The lead agency may designate a third party, such as a child care resource and referral agency, to carry out the responsibilities of the lead agency, and oversee the activities conducted by qualified child care providers under this subsection.

(3) OBLIGATION AND RETURN OF FUNDS.—

(A) OBLIGATION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The lead agency shall obligate at least 50 percent of the grant funds in the portion described in paragraph (1)(A) for subgrants to qualified child care providers by the day that is 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

(ii) WAIVERS.—At the request of a State, Indian tribe, or tribal organization, and for good cause shown, the Secretary may waive the requirement under clause (i) for the State, Indian tribe, or tribal organization.

(B) RETURN OF FUNDS.—Not later than the date that is 12 months after a grant is awarded to a lead agency in accordance with this section, the lead agency shall return to the Secretary any of the grant funds that are not obligated by the lead agency by such date. The Secretary shall return any funds received under this subparagraph to the Treasury of the United States.

(4) SUBGRANTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—A lead agency that receives a grant under subsection (c) shall make subgrants to qualified child care providers to assist in paying for fixed costs and increased operating expenses, for a transition period of not more than 9 months, so that parents have a safe place for their children to receive child care as the parents return to the workplace.

(B) USE OF FUNDS.—A qualified child care provider may use subgrant funds for—

(i) sanitation and other costs associated with cleaning the facility, including deep cleaning in the case of an outbreak of COVID-19, of a child care program used to provide child care services;

(ii) recruiting, retaining, and compensating child care staff, including providing professional development to the staff related to child care services and applicable State, local, and tribal health and safety requirements and, if applicable, enhanced protocols for child care services and related to COVID-19 or another health or safety condition;

(iii) paying for fixed operating costs associated with providing child care services, including the costs of payroll, the continuation of existing (as of March 1, 2020) employee benefits, mortgage or rent, utilities, and insurance;

(iv) acquiring equipment and supplies (including personal protective equipment) necessary to provide child care services in a manner that is safe for children and staff in accordance with applicable State, local, and tribal health and safety requirements;

(v) replacing materials that are no longer safe to use as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency;

(vi) making facility changes and repairs to address enhanced protocols for child care services related to COVID-19 or another

health or safety condition, to ensure children can safely occupy a child care facility;

(vii) purchasing or updating equipment and supplies to serve children during nontraditional hours;

(viii) adapting the child care program or curricula to accommodate children who have not had recent access to a child care setting;

(ix) carrying out any other activity related to the child care program of a qualified child care provider; and

(x) reimbursement of expenses incurred before the provider received a subgrant under this paragraph, if the use for which the expenses are incurred is described in any of clauses (i) through (ix) and is disclosed in the subgrant application for such subgrant.

(C) SUBGRANT APPLICATION.—To be qualified to receive a subgrant under this paragraph, an eligible child care provider shall submit an application to the lead agency in such form and containing such information as the lead agency may reasonably require, including—

(i) a budget plan that includes—

(I) information describing how the eligible child care provider will use the subgrant funds to pay for fixed costs and increased operating expenses, including, as applicable, payroll, employee benefits, mortgage or rent, utilities, and insurance, described in subparagraph (B)(iii);

(II) data on current operating capacity, taking into account previous operating capacity for a period of time prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency, and updated group size limits and staff-to-child ratios;

(III) child care enrollment, attendance, and revenue projections based on current operating capacity and previous enrollment and revenue for the period described in subclause (II); and

(IV) a demonstration of how the subgrant funds will assist in promoting the long-term viability of the eligible child care provider and how the eligible child care provider will sustain its operations after the cessation of funding under this section;

(ii) assurances that the eligible child care provider will—

(I) report to the lead agency, before every month for which the subgrant funds are to be received, data on current financial characteristics, including revenue, and data on current average enrollment and attendance;

(II) not artificially suppress revenue, enrollment, or attendance for the purposes of receiving subgrant funding;

(III) provide the necessary documentation under subsection (h) to the lead agency, including providing documentation of expenditures of subgrant funds; and

(IV) implement all applicable State, local, and tribal health and safety requirements and, if applicable, enhanced protocols for child care services and related to COVID-19 or another health or safety condition; and

(iii) a certification in good faith that the child care program will remain open for not less than 1 year after receiving a subgrant under this paragraph, unless such program is closed due to extraordinary circumstances described in subsection (f)(1)(D).

(D) SUBGRANT DISBURSEMENT.—In providing funds through a subgrant under this paragraph—

(i) the lead agency shall—

(I) disburse such subgrant funds to a qualified child care provider in installments made not less than once monthly;

(II) disburse a subgrant installment for a month after the qualified child care provider has provided, before that month, the enrollment, attendance, and revenue data required under subparagraph (C)(ii)(I) and, if applicable, current operating capacity data required under subparagraph (C)(i)(II); and

(III) make subgrant installments to any qualified child care provider for a period of not more than 9 months; and

(ii) the lead agency may, notwithstanding subparagraph (E)(1), disburse an initial subgrant installment to a provider in a greater amount than that subparagraph provides for, and adjust the succeeding installments, as applicable.

(E) SUBGRANT INSTALLMENT AMOUNT.—The lead agency—

(i) shall determine the amount of a subgrant installment under this paragraph by basing the amount on—

(I)(aa) at a minimum, the fixed costs associated with the provision of child care services by a qualified child care provider; and

(bb) at the election of the lead agency, an additional amount determined by the State, for the purposes of assisting qualified child care providers with, as applicable, increased operating costs and lost revenue, associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

(II) any other methodology that the lead agency determines to be appropriate, and which is disclosed in reporting submitted by the lead agency under subsection (F)(6)(B);

(i) shall ensure that, for any period for which subgrant funds are disbursed under this paragraph, no qualified child care provider receives a subgrant installment that when added to current revenue for that period exceeds the revenue for the corresponding period 1 year prior; and

(iii) may factor in decreased operating capacity due to updated group size limits and staff-to-child ratios, in determining subgrant installment amounts.

(F) REPAYMENT OF SUBGRANT FUNDS.—A qualified child care provider that receives a subgrant under this paragraph shall be required to repay the subgrant funds if the lead agency determines that the provider fails to provide the assurances described in subparagraph (C)(ii)(II), or to comply with such an assurance.

(5) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Amounts made available to carry out this section shall be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, tribal, and local public funds expended to provide child care services, including funds provided under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9857 et seq.) and State and tribal child care programs.

(h) DOCUMENTATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) DOCUMENTATION.—A State, Indian tribe, or tribal organization receiving a grant under subsection (c) shall provide documentation of any State or tribal expenditures from grant funds received under subsection (c) in accordance with section 658K(b) of the Child Care Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858i(b)), and to the independent entity described in that section.

(2) REPORTS.—

(A) LEAD AGENCY REPORT.—A lead agency receiving a grant under subsection (c) shall, not later than 12 months after receiving such grant, submit a report to the Secretary that includes for the State or tribal community involved a description of the program of subgrants carried out to meet the objectives of this section, including—

(i) a description of how the lead agency determined—

(I) the criteria for awarding subgrants for qualified child care providers, including the methodology the lead agency used to determine and disburse funds in accordance with subparagraphs (D) and (E) of subsection (g)(4); and

(II) the types of providers that received priority for the subgrants, including considerations related to—

(aa) setting;

(bb) average monthly revenues, enrollment, and attendance, before and during the COVID-19 public health emergency and after the expiration of State, local, and tribal stay-at-home orders; and

(cc) geographically based child care service needs across the State or tribal community; and

(ii) the number of eligible child care providers in operation and serving children on March 1, 2020, and the average number of such providers for March 2020 and each of the 11 months following, disaggregated by age of children served, geography, region, center-based child care setting, and family child care setting;

(iii) the number of child care slots, in the capacity of a qualified child care provider given applicable group size limits and staff-to-child ratios, that were open for attendance of children on March 1, 2020, the average number of such slots for March 2020 and each of 11 months following, disaggregated by age of children served, geography, region, center-based child care setting, and family child care setting;

(iv)(I) the number of qualified child care providers that received a subgrant under subsection (g)(4), disaggregated by age of children served, geography, region, center-based child care setting, and family child care setting, and the average and range of the amounts of the subgrants awarded; and

(II) the percentage of all eligible child care providers that are qualified child care providers that received such a subgrant, disaggregated as described in subclause (I); and

(v) information concerning how qualified child care providers receiving subgrants under subsection (g)(4) used the subgrant funding received, disaggregated by the allowable uses of funds described in subsection (g)(4)(B).

(B) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90 days after receiving the lead agency reports required under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall make publicly available and provide to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives a report summarizing the findings of the lead agency reports.

(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the activities under this section.

(j) EXCLUSION FROM INCOME.—For purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, gross income shall not include any amount received by a qualified child care provider under this section.

TITLE VII—PANDEMIC PREPARATION AND STRATEGIC STOCKPILE

SEC. 7001. SUSTAINED ON-SHORE MANUFACTURING CAPACITY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 319L of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-7e) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(6)(B)—

(A) by redesignating clauses (iv) and (v) as clauses (v) and (vi), respectively;

(B) by inserting after clause (iii), the following:

“(iv) activities to support domestic manufacturing surge capacity of products or platform technologies, including manufacturing capacity and capabilities to utilize platform technologies to provide for flexible manufacturing initiatives;”; and

(C) in clause (vi) (as so redesignated), by inserting “manufacture,” after “improve-ment,”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the first sentence of paragraph (1), by inserting “support for domestic manufacturing surge capacity,” after “initiatives for innovation,”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at the end;

(ii) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (D); and

(iii) by inserting after subparagraph (B), the following:

“(C) activities to support manufacturing surge capacities and capabilities to increase the availability of existing medical countermeasures and utilize existing novel platforms to manufacture new medical countermeasures to meet manufacturing demands to address threats that pose a significant level of risk to national security; and”;

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and” at the end;

(ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period and inserting “; and”;

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(E) promoting domestic manufacturing surge capacity and capabilities for countermeasure advanced research and development, including facilitating contracts to support flexible or surge manufacturing.”;

(B) in paragraph (4)—

(i) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) in clause (iii), by striking “and” at the end;

(II) in clause (iv), by striking the period and inserting “; and”;

(III) by adding at the end the following:

“(v) support and maintain domestic manufacturing surge capacity and capabilities, including through contracts to support flexible or surge manufacturing, to ensure that additional production of countermeasures is available in the event that the Secretary determines there is such a need for additional production.”;

(i) in subparagraph (D)—

(I) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at the end;

(II) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause (iv); and

(III) by inserting after clause (ii) the following:

“(iii) research to advance manufacturing capacities and capabilities for medical countermeasures and platform technologies that may be utilized for medical countermeasures; and”;

(iii) in subparagraph (E), by striking clause (ix); and

(C) in paragraph (7)(C)(i), by striking “up to 100 highly qualified individuals, or up to 50 percent of the total number of employees, whichever is less,” and inserting “75 percent of the total number of employees”;

(4) in subsection (e)(1)—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (B) through (D) as subparagraphs (C) through (E), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (A), the following:

“(B) TEMPORARY FLEXIBILITY.—During a public health emergency under section 319, the Secretary shall be provided with an additional 60 business days to comply with information requests for the disclosure of information under section 552 of title 5, United States Code, related to the activities under this section (unless such activities are otherwise exempt under subparagraph (A)).”; and

(5) in subsection (f)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this subsection” and inserting “Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the Delivering Immediate Relief to America’s Families, Schools and Small Businesses Act”;

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this subsection” and inserting “Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Delivering Immediate Relief to America’s Families, Schools and Small Businesses Act”.

(b) **MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURE INNOVATION PARTNER.**—The restrictions under section 202 of division A of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94), or any other provision of law imposing a restriction on salaries of individuals related to a previous appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services, shall not apply with respect to salaries paid pursuant to an agreement under the medical countermeasure innovation partner program under section 319L(c)(4)(E) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-7e(c)(4)(E)).

SEC. 7002. IMPROVING AND SUSTAINING STATE MEDICAL STOCKPILES.

Section 319F-2 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6b) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(i) **IMPROVING AND MAINTAINING STATE MEDICAL STOCKPILES.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, shall award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements to eligible entities to maintain a stockpile of appropriate drugs, vaccines and other biological products, medical devices, and other medical supplies (including personal protective equipment, ancillary medical supplies, and other applicable supplies required for the administration of drugs, vaccines and other biological products, medical devices, and diagnostic tests) to be used during a public health emergency declared by the Governor of a State or by the Secretary under section 319, or a major disaster or emergency declared by the President under section 401 or 501, respectively, of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, in order to support the preparedness goals described in paragraphs (2), (3), and (8) of section 2802(b).

“(2) **ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—To be eligible to receive an award under paragraph (1), an entity shall—

“(i) be a State or consortium of States that is a recipient of an award under section 319C-1(b); and

“(ii) prepare, in consultation with appropriate health care providers and health officials within the State or consortium of States, and submit to the Secretary an application that contains such information as the Secretary may require, including a plan for the State stockpile and a description of the activities such entity will carry out under the agreement, consistent with the requirements of paragraph (3).

“(B) **LIMITATION.**—The Secretary may make an award under this subsection to not more than one eligible entity in each State.

“(C) **SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.**—Awards, contracts, or grants awarded under this subsection shall supplement, not supplant, the reserve amounts of medical supplies procured by and for the Strategic National Stockpile under subsection (a).

“(D) **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**—Not more than 5 percent of amounts received by an entity pursuant to an award under this subsection may be used for administrative expenses.

“(E) **CLARIFICATION.**—An eligible entity receiving an award under this subsection may assign a lead entity to manage the State stockpile, which may be a recipient of an award under section 319C-2(b).

“(F) **REQUIREMENT OF MATCHING FUNDS.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to clause (ii), the Secretary may not make an award under

this subsection unless the applicant agrees, with respect to the costs to be incurred by the applicant in carrying out the purpose described in this subsection, to make available non-Federal contributions toward such costs in an amount equal to—

“(I) for each of fiscal years 2023 and 2024, not less than \$1 for each \$10 of Federal funds provided in the award;

“(II) for each of fiscal years 2025 and 2026, not less than \$1 for each \$5 of Federal funds provided in the award; and

“(III) for fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter, not less than \$1 for each \$3 of Federal funds provided in the award.

“(ii) **WAIVER.**—

“(I) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may, upon the request of a State, waive the requirement under clause (i) in whole or in part if the Secretary determines that extraordinary economic conditions in the State in the fiscal year involved or in the previous fiscal year justify the waiver.

“(II) **APPLICABILITY OF WAIVER.**—A waiver provided by the Secretary under this subparagraph shall apply only to the fiscal year involved.

“(3) **STOCKPILING ACTIVITIES AND REQUIREMENTS.**—A recipient of a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement under this subsection shall use such funds to carry out the following:

“(A) **Maintaining a stockpile of appropriate drugs, vaccines and other biological products, medical devices, and other supplies (including personal protective equipment, ancillary medical supplies, and other applicable supplies required for the administration of drugs, vaccines and other biological products, medical devices, and diagnostic tests) to be used during a public health emergency in such numbers, types, and amounts as the State determines necessary, consistent with such State’s stockpile plan. Such a recipient may not use funds to support the stockpiling of countermeasures as defined under subsection (c), unless the eligible entity provides justification for maintaining such products and the Secretary determines such appropriate and applicable.**

“(B) **Deploying the stockpile as required by the State to respond to an actual or potential public health emergency.**

“(C) **Replenishing and making necessary additions or modifications to the contents of such stockpile or stockpiles, including to address potential depletion.**

“(D) **In consultation with Federal, State, and local officials, take into consideration the availability, deployment, dispensing, and administration requirements of medical products within the stockpile.**

“(E) **Ensuring that procedures are followed for inventory management and accounting, and for the physical security of the stockpile, as appropriate.**

“(F) **Reviewing and revising, as appropriate, the contents of the stockpile on a regular basis to ensure that to the extent practicable, advanced technologies and medical products are considered.**

“(G) **Carrying out exercises, drills, and other training for purposes of stockpile deployment, dispensing, and administration of medical products, and for purposes of assessing the capability of such stockpile to address the medical supply needs of public health emergencies of varying types and scales, which may be conducted in accordance with requirements related to exercises, drills, and other training for recipients of awards under section 319C-1 or 319C-2, as applicable.**

“(H) **Carrying out other activities as the State determines appropriate, to support State efforts to prepare for, and respond to, public health threats.**

“(4) **STATE PLAN COORDINATION.**—The eligible entity under this subsection shall ensure appropriate coordination of the State stockpile plan developed pursuant to paragraph (2)(A)(i) and the plans required pursuant to section 319C-1.

“(5) **GUIDANCE FOR STATES.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, shall issue guidance for States related to maintaining and replenishing a stockpile of medical products. The Secretary shall update such guidance as appropriate.

“(6) **ASSISTANCE TO STATES.**—The Secretary shall provide assistance to States, including technical assistance, as appropriate, to maintain and improve State and local public health preparedness capabilities to distribute and dispense medical products from a State stockpile.

“(7) **COORDINATION WITH THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE.**—Each recipient of an award under this subsection shall ensure that the State stockpile plan developed pursuant to paragraph (2)(A)(i) contains such information as the Secretary may require related to current inventory of supplies maintained pursuant to paragraph (3), and any plans to replenish such supplies, or procure new or alternative supplies. The Secretary shall use information obtained from State stockpile plans to inform the maintenance and management of the Strategic National Stockpile pursuant to subsection (a).

“(8) **PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, shall develop and implement a process to review and audit entities in receipt of an award under this subsection, including by establishing metrics to ensure that each entity receiving such an award is carrying out activities in accordance with the applicable State stockpile plan. The Secretary may require entities to—

“(i) measure progress toward achieving the outcome goals; and

“(ii) at least annually, test, exercise, and rigorously evaluate the stockpile capacity and response capabilities of the entity, and report to the Secretary on the results of such test, exercise, and evaluation, and on progress toward achieving outcome goals, based on criteria established by the Secretary.

“(B) **NOTIFICATION OF FAILURE.**—The Secretary shall develop and implement a process to notify entities that are determined by the Secretary to have failed to meet the requirements of the terms of an award under this subsection. Such process shall provide such entities with the opportunity to correct such noncompliance. An entity that fails to correct such noncompliance shall be subject to subparagraph (C).

“(C) **WITHHOLDING OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS FROM ENTITIES THAT FAIL TO ACHIEVE BENCHMARKS OR SUBMIT STATE STOCKPILE PLAN.**—Beginning with fiscal year 2022, and in each succeeding fiscal year, the Secretary shall withhold from each entity that has failed substantially to meet the terms of an award under this subsection for at least 1 of the 2 immediately preceding fiscal years (beginning with fiscal year 2022), the amount allowed for administrative expenses described in described in paragraph (2)(D).

“(9) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—For the purpose of carrying out this subsection, there are authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2030, to remain available until expended.”.

SEC. 7003. STRENGTHENING THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE.

Section 319F-2 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6b) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—
(A) in paragraph (2)(A), by adding “and the contracts issued under paragraph (5)” after “paragraph (1)”

(B) in paragraph (3)(F), by striking “Secretary of Homeland Security” and inserting “Secretary of Health and Human Services, in coordination with or at the request of, the Secretary of Homeland Security.”;

(C) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (6);

(D) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following:

“(5) **SURGE CAPACITY.**—The Secretary, in maintaining the stockpile under paragraph (1) and carrying out procedures under paragraph (3), may—

“(A) enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with vendors for procurement, maintenance, and storage of reserve amounts of drugs, vaccines and other biological products, medical devices, and other medical supplies (including personal protective equipment, ancillary medical supplies, and other applicable supplies required for the administration of drugs, vaccines and other biological products, medical devices, and diagnostic tests in the stockpile), under such terms and conditions (including quantity, production schedule, maintenance costs, and price of product) as the Secretary may specify, including for purposes of—

“(i) maintenance and storage of reserve amounts of products intended to be delivered to the ownership of the Federal Government under the contract, which may consider costs of shipping, or otherwise transporting, handling, storage, and related costs for such product or products; and

“(ii) maintaining domestic manufacturing capacity of such products to ensure additional reserved production capacity of such products is available, and that such products are provided in a timely manner, to be delivered to the ownership of the Federal Government under the contract and deployed in the event that the Secretary determines that there is a need to quickly purchase additional quantities of such product; and

“(B) promulgate such regulations as the Secretary determines necessary to implement this paragraph.”; and

(E) in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (6), as so redesignated—

(i) in clause (viii), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(ii) in clause (ix), by striking the period and inserting “; and”;

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(x) an assessment of the contracts or cooperative agreements entered into pursuant to paragraph (5).”;

(2) in subsection (c)(2)(C), by striking “on an annual basis” and inserting “not later than March 15 of each year”.

TITLE VIII—CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND EXTENSION**SEC. 8001. EXTENSION OF PERIOD TO USE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND PAYMENTS.**

Section 601(d)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 801(d)(3)) is amended by striking “December 30, 2020” and inserting “September 30, 2021”.

TITLE IX—CHARITABLE GIVING**SEC. 9001. INCREASE IN LIMITATION ON PARTIAL ABOVE THE LINE DEDUCTION FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.**

(a) **INCREASE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (22) of section 62(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

“(22) **CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.**—In the case of a taxable year beginning in 2020 of an

individual to whom section 63(b) applies for such taxable year, the deduction under section 170(a) (determined without regard to section 170(b)) for qualified charitable contributions (not in excess of the applicable amount).”.

(2) **APPLICABLE AMOUNT.**—Paragraph (1) of section 62(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

“(1) **APPLICABLE AMOUNT.**—The term ‘applicable amount’ means \$600 (twice such amount in the case of a joint return).”.

(3) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 62(f)(2)(B) of such Code is amended by striking “(determined without regard to subsection (b) thereof)”.

(b) **PENALTY FOR UNDERPAYMENTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO OVERSTATED DEDUCTION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 6662(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after paragraph (8) the following:

“(9) Any overstatement of qualified charitable contributions (as defined in section 62(f)).”.

(2) **INCREASED PENALTY.**—Section 6662 of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(1) **INCREASE IN PENALTY IN CASE OF OVERSTATEMENT OF QUALIFIED CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.**—In the case of any portion of an underpayment which is attributable to one or more overstatements of a qualified charitable contribution (as defined in section 62(f)), subsection (a) shall be applied with respect to such portion by substituting ‘50 percent’ for ‘20 percent’.”.

(3) **EXCEPTION TO APPROVAL OF ASSESSMENT.**—Section 6751(b)(2)(A) is amended by striking “or 6655” and inserting “6655, or 6662 (but only with respect to an addition to tax by reason of subsection (b)(9) thereof)”.

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.

TITLE X—CRITICAL MINERALS**SEC. 10001. MINERAL SECURITY.**

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **BYPRODUCT.**—The term “byproduct” means a critical mineral—

(A) the recovery of which depends on the production of a host mineral that is not designated as a critical mineral; and

(B) that exists in sufficient quantities to be recovered during processing or refining.

(2) **CRITICAL MINERAL.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term “critical mineral” means any mineral, element, substance, or material designated as critical by the Secretary under subsection (c).

(B) **EXCLUSIONS.**—The term “critical mineral” does not include—

(i) fuel minerals, including oil, natural gas, or any other fossil fuels; or

(ii) water, ice, or snow.

(3) **INDIAN TRIBE.**—The term “Indian tribe” has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

(4) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(5) **STATE.**—The term “State” means—

(A) a State;

(B) the District of Columbia;

(C) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

(D) Guam;

(E) American Samoa;

(F) the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

(G) the United States Virgin Islands.

(b) **POLICY.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 3 of the National Materials and Minerals Policy, Research and Development Act of 1980 (30 U.S.C. 1602) is amended in the second sentence—

(A) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

“(3) establish an analytical and forecasting capability for identifying critical mineral

demand, supply, and other factors to allow informed actions to be taken to avoid supply shortages, mitigate price volatility, and prepare for demand growth and other market shifts;”;

(B) in paragraph (6), by striking “and” after the semicolon at the end; and

(C) by striking paragraph (7) and inserting the following:

“(7) facilitate the availability, development, and environmentally responsible production of domestic resources to meet national material or critical mineral needs;

“(8) avoid duplication of effort, prevent unnecessary paperwork, and minimize delays in the administration of applicable laws (including regulations) and the issuance of permits and authorizations necessary to explore for, develop, and produce critical minerals and to construct critical mineral manufacturing facilities in accordance with applicable environmental and land management laws;

“(9) strengthen—

“(A) educational and research capabilities at not lower than the secondary school level; and

“(B) workforce training for exploration and development of critical minerals and critical mineral manufacturing;

“(10) bolster international cooperation through technology transfer, information sharing, and other means;

“(11) promote the efficient production, use, and recycling of critical minerals;

“(12) develop alternatives to critical minerals; and

“(13) establish contingencies for the production of, or access to, critical minerals for which viable sources do not exist within the United States.”.

(2) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 2(b) of the National Materials and Minerals Policy, Research and Development Act of 1980 (30 U.S.C. 1601(b)) is amended by striking “(b) As used in this Act, the term” and inserting the following:

“(b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this Act:

“(1) **CRITICAL MINERAL.**—The term ‘critical mineral’ means any mineral, element, substance, or material designated as critical by the Secretary under section 3168(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021.

“(2) **MATERIALS.**—The term”.

(c) **CRITICAL MINERAL DESIGNATIONS.**—

(1) **DRAFT METHODOLOGY AND LIST.**—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the United States Geological Survey (referred to in this subsection as the “Secretary”), shall publish in the Federal Register for public comment—

(A) a description of the draft methodology used to identify a draft list of critical minerals;

(B) a draft list of minerals, elements, substances, and materials that qualify as critical minerals; and

(C) a draft list of critical minerals recovered as byproducts.

(2) **AVAILABILITY OF DATA.**—If available data is insufficient to provide a quantitative basis for the methodology developed under this subsection, qualitative evidence may be used to the extent necessary.

(3) **FINAL METHODOLOGY AND LIST.**—After reviewing public comments on the draft methodology and the draft lists published under paragraph (1) and updating the methodology and lists as appropriate, not later than 45 days after the date on which the public comment period with respect to the draft methodology and draft lists closes, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register—

(A) a description of the final methodology for determining which minerals, elements,

substances, and materials qualify as critical minerals;

(B) the final list of critical minerals; and

(C) the final list of critical minerals recovered as byproducts.

(4) DESIGNATIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall maintain a list of minerals, elements, substances, and materials designated as critical, pursuant to the final methodology published under paragraph (3), that the Secretary determines—

(i) are essential to the economic or national security of the United States;

(ii) the supply chain of which is vulnerable to disruption (including restrictions associated with foreign political risk, abrupt demand growth, military conflict, violent unrest, anti-competitive or protectionist behaviors, and other risks throughout the supply chain); and

(iii) serve an essential function in the manufacturing of a product (including energy technology-, defense-, currency-, agriculture-, consumer electronics-, and health care-related applications), the absence of which would have significant consequences for the economic or national security of the United States.

(B) INCLUSIONS.—Notwithstanding the criteria under paragraph (3), the Secretary may designate and include on the list any mineral, element, substance, or material determined by another Federal agency to be strategic and critical to the defense or national security of the United States.

(C) REQUIRED CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall consult with the Secretaries of Defense, Commerce, Agriculture, and Energy and the United States Trade Representative in designating minerals, elements, substances, and materials as critical under this paragraph.

(5) SUBSEQUENT REVIEW.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretaries of Defense, Commerce, Agriculture, and Energy and the United States Trade Representative, shall review the methodology and list under paragraph (3) and the designations under paragraph (4) at least every 3 years, or more frequently as the Secretary considers to be appropriate.

(B) REVISIONS.—Subject to paragraph (4)(A), the Secretary may—

(i) revise the methodology described in this subsection;

(ii) determine that minerals, elements, substances, and materials previously determined to be critical minerals are no longer critical minerals; and

(iii) designate additional minerals, elements, substances, or materials as critical minerals.

(6) NOTICE.—On finalization of the methodology and the list under paragraph (3), or any revision to the methodology or list under paragraph (5), the Secretary shall submit to Congress written notice of the action.

(d) RESOURCE ASSESSMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment of this Act, in consultation with applicable State (including geological surveys), local, academic, industry, and other entities, the Secretary (acting through the Director of the United States Geological Survey) or a designee of the Secretary, shall complete a comprehensive national assessment of each critical mineral that—

(A) identifies and quantifies known critical mineral resources, using all available public and private information and datasets, including exploration histories; and

(B) provides a quantitative and qualitative assessment of undiscovered critical mineral resources throughout the United States, in-

cluding probability estimates of tonnage and grade, using all available public and private information and datasets, including exploration histories.

(2) SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.—In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary may carry out surveys and field work (including drilling, remote sensing, geophysical surveys, topographical and geological mapping, and geochemical sampling and analysis) to supplement existing information and datasets available for determining the existence of critical minerals in the United States.

(3) PUBLIC ACCESS.—Subject to applicable law, to the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary shall make all data and metadata collected from the comprehensive national assessment carried out under paragraph (1) publicly and electronically accessible.

(4) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—At the request of the Governor of a State or the head of an Indian tribe, the Secretary may provide technical assistance to State governments and Indian tribes conducting critical mineral resource assessments on non-Federal land.

(5) PRIORITIZATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may sequence the completion of resource assessments for each critical mineral such that critical minerals considered to be most critical under the methodology established under subsection (c) are completed first.

(B) REPORTING.—During the period beginning not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date of completion of all of the assessments required under this subsection, the Secretary shall submit to Congress on an annual basis an interim report that—

(i) identifies the sequence and schedule for completion of the assessments if the Secretary sequences the assessments; or

(ii) describes the progress of the assessments if the Secretary does not sequence the assessments.

(6) UPDATES.—The Secretary may periodically update the assessments conducted under this subsection based on—

(A) the generation of new information or datasets by the Federal Government; or

(B) the receipt of new information or datasets from critical mineral producers, State geological surveys, academic institutions, trade associations, or other persons.

(7) ADDITIONAL SURVEYS.—The Secretary shall complete a resource assessment for each additional mineral or element subsequently designated as a critical mineral under subsection (c)(5)(B) not later than 2 years after the designation of the mineral or element.

(8) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report describing the status of geological surveying of Federal land for any mineral commodity—

(A) for which the United States was dependent on a foreign country for more than 25 percent of the United States supply, as depicted in the report issued by the United States Geological Survey entitled “Mineral Commodity Summaries 2020”; but

(B) that is not designated as a critical mineral under subsection (c).

(e) PERMITTING.—

(1) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(A) critical minerals are fundamental to the economy, competitiveness, and security of the United States;

(B) to the maximum extent practicable, the critical mineral needs of the United States should be satisfied by minerals responsibly produced and recycled in the United States; and

(C) the Federal permitting process has been identified as an impediment to mineral

production and the mineral security of the United States.

(2) PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENTS.—To improve the quality and timeliness of decisions, the Secretary (acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management) and the Secretary of Agriculture (acting through the Chief of the Forest Service) (referred to in this subsection as the “Secretaries”) shall, to the maximum extent practicable, with respect to critical mineral production on Federal land, complete Federal permitting and review processes with maximum efficiency and effectiveness, while supporting vital economic growth, by—

(A) establishing and adhering to timelines and schedules for the consideration of, and final decisions regarding, applications, operating plans, leases, licenses, permits, and other use authorizations for mineral-related activities on Federal land;

(B) establishing clear, quantifiable, and temporal permitting performance goals and tracking progress against those goals;

(C) engaging in early collaboration among agencies, project sponsors, and affected stakeholders—

(i) to incorporate and address the interests of those parties; and

(ii) to minimize delays;

(D) ensuring transparency and accountability by using cost-effective information technology to collect and disseminate information regarding individual projects and agency performance;

(E) engaging in early and active consultation with State, local, and Indian tribal governments to avoid conflicts or duplication of effort, resolve concerns, and allow for concurrent, rather than sequential, reviews;

(F) providing demonstrable improvements in the performance of Federal permitting and review processes, including lower costs and more timely decisions;

(G) expanding and institutionalizing permitting and review process improvements that have proven effective;

(H) developing mechanisms to better communicate priorities and resolve disputes among agencies at the national, regional, State, and local levels; and

(I) developing other practices, such as preapplication procedures.

(3) REVIEW AND REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretaries shall submit to Congress a report that—

(A) identifies additional measures (including regulatory and legislative proposals, as appropriate) that would increase the timeliness of permitting activities for the exploration and development of domestic critical minerals;

(B) identifies options (including cost recovery paid by permit applicants) for ensuring adequate staffing and training of Federal entities and personnel responsible for the consideration of applications, operating plans, leases, licenses, permits, and other use authorizations for critical mineral-related activities on Federal land;

(C) quantifies the amount of time typically required (including range derived from minimum and maximum durations, mean, median, variance, and other statistical measures or representations) to complete each step (including those aspects outside the control of the executive branch, such as judicial review, applicant decisions, or State and local government involvement) associated with the development and processing of applications, operating plans, leases, licenses, permits, and other use authorizations for critical mineral-related activities on Federal land, which shall serve as a baseline for the performance metric under paragraph (4); and

(D) describes actions carried out pursuant to paragraph (2).

(4) PERFORMANCE METRIC.—Not later than 90 days after the date of submission of the report under paragraph (3), the Secretaries, after providing public notice and an opportunity to comment, shall develop and publish a performance metric for evaluating the progress made by the executive branch to expedite the permitting of activities that will increase exploration for, and development of, domestic critical minerals, while maintaining environmental standards.

(5) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Beginning with the first budget submission by the President under section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, after publication of the performance metric required under paragraph (4), and annually thereafter, the Secretaries shall submit to Congress a report that—

(A) summarizes the implementation of recommendations, measures, and options identified in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (3);

(B) using the performance metric under paragraph (4), describes progress made by the executive branch, as compared to the baseline established pursuant to paragraph (3)(C), on expediting the permitting of activities that will increase exploration for, and development of, domestic critical minerals; and

(C) compares the United States to other countries in terms of permitting efficiency and any other criteria relevant to the globally competitive critical minerals industry.

(6) INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS.—Using data from the Secretaries generated under paragraph (5), the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall prioritize inclusion of individual critical mineral projects on the website operated by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with section 1122 of title 31, United States Code.

(7) REPORT OF SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.—Not later than 1 year and 300 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Small Business Administration shall submit to the applicable committees of Congress a report that assesses the performance of Federal agencies with respect to—

(A) complying with chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the “Regulatory Flexibility Act”), in promulgating regulations applicable to the critical minerals industry; and

(B) performing an analysis of regulations applicable to the critical minerals industry that may be outmoded, inefficient, duplicative, or excessively burdensome.

(f) FEDERAL REGISTER PROCESS.—

(1) DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW.—Absent any extraordinary circumstance, and except as otherwise required by law, the Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture shall ensure that each Federal Register notice described in paragraph (2) shall be—

(A) subject to any required reviews within the Department of the Interior or the Department of Agriculture; and

(B) published in final form in the Federal Register not later than 45 days after the date of initial preparation of the notice.

(2) PREPARATION.—The preparation of Federal Register notices required by law associated with the issuance of a critical mineral exploration or mine permit shall be delegated to the organizational level within the agency responsible for issuing the critical mineral exploration or mine permit.

(3) TRANSMISSION.—All Federal Register notices regarding official document availability, announcements of meetings, or notices of intent to undertake an action shall be originated in, and transmitted to the Federal Register from, the office in which, as applicable—

(A) the documents or meetings are held; or
(B) the activity is initiated.

(g) RECYCLING, EFFICIENCY, AND ALTERNATIVES.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Energy (referred to in this subsection as the “Secretary”) shall conduct a program of research and development—

(A) to promote the efficient production, use, and recycling of critical minerals throughout the supply chain; and

(B) to develop alternatives to critical minerals that do not occur in significant abundance in the United States.

(2) COOPERATION.—In carrying out the program, the Secretary shall cooperate with appropriate—

(A) Federal agencies and National Laboratories;

(B) critical mineral producers;

(C) critical mineral processors;

(D) critical mineral manufacturers;

(E) trade associations;

(F) academic institutions;

(G) small businesses; and

(H) other relevant entities or individuals.

(3) ACTIVITIES.—Under the program, the Secretary shall carry out activities that include the identification and development of—

(A) advanced critical mineral extraction, production, separation, alloying, or processing technologies that decrease the energy consumption, environmental impact, and costs of those activities, including—

(i) efficient water and wastewater management strategies;

(ii) technologies and management strategies to control the environmental impacts of radionuclides in ore tailings;

(iii) technologies for separation and processing; and

(iv) technologies for increasing the recovery rates of byproducts from host metal ores;

(B) technologies or process improvements that minimize the use, or lead to more efficient use, of critical minerals across the full supply chain;

(C) technologies, process improvements, or design optimizations that facilitate the recycling of critical minerals, and options for improving the rates of collection of products and scrap containing critical minerals from post-consumer, industrial, or other waste streams;

(D) commercial markets, advanced storage methods, energy applications, and other beneficial uses of critical minerals processing byproducts;

(E) alternative minerals, metals, and materials, particularly those available in abundance within the United States and not subject to potential supply restrictions, that lessen the need for critical minerals; and

(F) alternative energy technologies or alternative designs of existing energy technologies, particularly those that use minerals that—

(i) occur in abundance in the United States; and

(ii) are not subject to potential supply restrictions.

(4) REPORTS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report summarizing the activities, findings, and progress of the program.

(h) ANALYSIS AND FORECASTING.—

(1) CAPABILITIES.—In order to evaluate existing critical mineral policies and inform future actions that may be taken to avoid supply shortages, mitigate price volatility, and prepare for demand growth and other market shifts, the Secretary (acting through the Director of the United States Geological Survey) or a designee of the Secretary, in consultation with the Energy Information Administration, academic institutions, and others in order to maximize the application of existing competencies related to devel-

oping and maintaining computer-models and similar analytical tools, shall conduct and publish the results of an annual report that includes—

(A) as part of the annually published Mineral Commodity Summaries from the United States Geological Survey, a comprehensive review of critical mineral production, consumption, and recycling patterns, including—

(i) the quantity of each critical mineral domestically produced during the preceding year;

(ii) the quantity of each critical mineral domestically consumed during the preceding year;

(iii) market price data or other price data for each critical mineral;

(iv) an assessment of—

(I) critical mineral requirements to meet the national security, energy, economic, industrial, technological, and other needs of the United States during the preceding year;

(II) the reliance of the United States on foreign sources to meet those needs during the preceding year; and

(III) the implications of any supply shortages, restrictions, or disruptions during the preceding year;

(v) the quantity of each critical mineral domestically recycled during the preceding year;

(vi) the market penetration during the preceding year of alternatives to each critical mineral;

(vii) a discussion of international trends associated with the discovery, production, consumption, use, costs of production, prices, and recycling of each critical mineral as well as the development of alternatives to critical minerals; and

(viii) such other data, analyses, and evaluations as the Secretary finds are necessary to achieve the purposes of this subsection; and

(B) a comprehensive forecast, entitled the “Annual Critical Minerals Outlook”, of projected critical mineral production, consumption, and recycling patterns, including—

(i) the quantity of each critical mineral projected to be domestically produced over the subsequent 1-year, 5-year, and 10-year periods;

(ii) the quantity of each critical mineral projected to be domestically consumed over the subsequent 1-year, 5-year, and 10-year periods;

(iii) an assessment of—

(I) critical mineral requirements to meet projected national security, energy, economic, industrial, technological, and other needs of the United States;

(II) the projected reliance of the United States on foreign sources to meet those needs; and

(III) the projected implications of potential supply shortages, restrictions, or disruptions;

(iv) the quantity of each critical mineral projected to be domestically recycled over the subsequent 1-year, 5-year, and 10-year periods;

(v) the market penetration of alternatives to each critical mineral projected to take place over the subsequent 1-year, 5-year, and 10-year periods;

(vi) a discussion of reasonably foreseeable international trends associated with the discovery, production, consumption, use, costs of production, and recycling of each critical mineral as well as the development of alternatives to critical minerals; and

(vii) such other projections relating to each critical mineral as the Secretary determines to be necessary to achieve the purposes of this subsection.

(2) PROPRIETARY INFORMATION.—In preparing a report described in paragraph (1),

the Secretary shall ensure, consistent with section 5(f) of the National Materials and Minerals Policy, Research and Development Act of 1980 (30 U.S.C. 1604(f)), that—

(A) no person uses the information and data collected for the report for a purpose other than the development of or reporting of aggregate data in a manner such that the identity of the person or firm who supplied the information is not discernible and is not material to the intended uses of the information;

(B) no person discloses any information or data collected for the report unless the information or data has been transformed into a statistical or aggregate form that does not allow the identification of the person or firm who supplied particular information; and

(C) procedures are established to require the withholding of any information or data collected for the report if the Secretary determines that withholding is necessary to protect proprietary information, including any trade secrets or other confidential information.

(i) EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE.—

(1) WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 1 year and 300 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor (in consultation with the Secretary, the Director of the National Science Foundation, institutions of higher education with substantial expertise in mining, institutions of higher education with significant expertise in minerals research, including fundamental research into alternatives, and employers in the critical minerals sector) shall submit to Congress an assessment of the domestic availability of technically trained personnel necessary for critical mineral exploration, development, assessment, production, manufacturing, recycling, analysis, forecasting, education, and research, including an analysis of—

(A) skills that are in the shortest supply as of the date of the assessment;

(B) skills that are projected to be in short supply in the future;

(C) the demographics of the critical minerals industry and how the demographics will evolve under the influence of factors such as an aging workforce;

(D) the effectiveness of training and education programs in addressing skills shortages;

(E) opportunities to hire locally for new and existing critical mineral activities;

(F) the sufficiency of personnel within relevant areas of the Federal Government for achieving the policies described in section 3 of the National Materials and Minerals Policy, Research and Development Act of 1980 (30 U.S.C. 1602); and

(G) the potential need for new training programs to have a measurable effect on the supply of trained workers in the critical minerals industry.

(2) CURRICULUM STUDY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary and the Secretary of Labor shall jointly enter into an arrangement with the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering under which the Academies shall coordinate with the National Science Foundation on conducting a study—

(i) to design an interdisciplinary program on critical minerals that will support the critical mineral supply chain and improve the ability of the United States to increase domestic, critical mineral exploration, development, production, manufacturing, research, including fundamental research into alternatives, and recycling;

(ii) to address undergraduate and graduate education, especially to assist in the development of graduate level programs of research and instruction that lead to advanced degrees with an emphasis on the critical

mineral supply chain or other positions that will increase domestic, critical mineral exploration, development, production, manufacturing, research, including fundamental research into alternatives, and recycling;

(iii) to develop guidelines for proposals from institutions of higher education with substantial capabilities in the required disciplines for activities to improve the critical mineral supply chain and advance the capacity of the United States to increase domestic, critical mineral exploration, research, development, production, manufacturing, and recycling; and

(iv) to outline criteria for evaluating performance and recommendations for the amount of funding that will be necessary to establish and carry out the program described in paragraph (3).

(B) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a description of the results of the study required under subparagraph (A).

(3) PROGRAM.—

(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary and the Secretary of Labor shall jointly conduct a competitive grant program under which institutions of higher education may apply for and receive 4-year grants for—

(i) startup costs for newly designated faculty positions in integrated critical mineral education, research, innovation, training, and workforce development programs consistent with paragraph (2);

(ii) internships, scholarships, and fellowships for students enrolled in programs related to critical minerals;

(iii) equipment necessary for integrated critical mineral innovation, training, and workforce development programs; and

(iv) research of critical minerals and their applications, particularly concerning the manufacture of critical components vital to national security.

(B) RENEWAL.—A grant under this paragraph shall be renewable for up to 2 additional 3-year terms based on performance criteria outlined under paragraph (2)(A)(iv).

(j) NATIONAL GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL DATA PRESERVATION PROGRAM.—Section 351(k) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15908(k)) is amended by striking “\$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2010” and inserting “\$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2030, to remain available until expended”.

(k) ADMINISTRATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The National Critical Materials Act of 1984 (30 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) is repealed.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3(d) of the National Superconductivity and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (15 U.S.C. 5202(d)) is amended in the first sentence by striking “, with the assistance of the National Critical Materials Council as specified in the National Critical Materials Act of 1984 (30 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.)”.

(3) SAVINGS CLAUSES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section or an amendment made by this section modifies any requirement or authority provided by—

(i) the matter under the heading “GEOLOGICAL SURVEY” of the first section of the Act of March 3, 1879 (43 U.S.C. 31(a)); or

(ii) the first section of Public Law 87–626 (43 U.S.C. 31(b)).

(B) EFFECT ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—Nothing in this section or an amendment made by this section affects the authority of the Secretary of Defense with respect to the work of the Department of Defense on critical material supplies in furtherance of the national defense mission of the Department of Defense.

(C) SECRETARIAL ORDER NOT AFFECTED.—This section shall not apply to any mineral

described in Secretarial Order No. 3324, issued by the Secretary on December 3, 2012, in any area to which the order applies.

(4) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subsections (e) and (f) shall apply to—

(i) an exploration project in which the presence of a byproduct is reasonably expected, based on known mineral companionality, geologic formation, mineralogy, or other factors; and

(ii) a project that demonstrates that the byproduct is of sufficient grade that, when combined with the production of a host mineral, the byproduct is economic to recover, as determined by the applicable Secretary in accordance with subparagraph (B).

(B) REQUIREMENT.—In making the determination under subparagraph (A)(ii), the applicable Secretary shall consider the cost effectiveness of the byproducts recovery.

(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2030.

SEC. 10002. RARE EARTH ELEMENT ADVANCED COAL TECHNOLOGIES.

(a) PROGRAM FOR EXTRACTION AND RECOVERY OF RARE EARTH ELEMENTS AND MINERALS FROM COAL AND COAL BYPRODUCTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”), shall carry out a program under which the Secretary shall develop advanced separation technologies for the extraction and recovery of rare earth elements and minerals from coal and coal byproducts.

(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out the program described in paragraph (1) \$23,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2028.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report evaluating the development of advanced separation technologies for the extraction and recovery of rare earth elements and minerals from coal and coal byproducts, including acid mine drainage from coal mines.

TITLE XI—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. 11001. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The amounts provided by this division and the amendments made by this division are designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 4(g) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933(g)).

(b) DESIGNATION IN SENATE.—In the Senate, this division and the amendments made by this division are designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 4112(a) of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018.

DIVISION B—CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

The following sums are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

For an additional amount for “Payments to States for the Child Care and Development Block Grant”, \$5,000,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to

coronavirus, domestically or internationally, including for Federal administrative expenses, which shall be used to supplement, not supplant State, Territory, and Tribal general revenue funds for child care assistance for low-income families within the United States (including territories) without regard to requirements in sections 658E(c)(3)(D)–(E) or 658G of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act: *Provided*, That funds provided under this heading in this Act may be used to provide continued payments and assistance to child care providers in the case of decreased enrollment or closures related to coronavirus, and to assure they are able to remain open or reopen as appropriate and applicable: *Provided further*, That States, Territories, and Tribes are encouraged to place conditions on payments to child care providers that ensure that child care providers use a portion of funds received to continue to pay the salaries and wages of staff: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall remind States that CCDBG State plans do not need to be amended prior to utilizing existing authorities in the CCDBG Act for the purposes provided herein: *Provided further*, That States, Territories, and Tribes are authorized to use funds appropriated under this heading in this Act to provide child care assistance to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, and other workers deemed essential during the response to coronavirus by public officials, without regard to the income eligibility requirements of section 658P(4) of such Act: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated under this heading in this Act shall be available to eligible child care providers under section 658P(6) of the CCDBG Act, even if such providers were not receiving CCDBG assistance prior to the public health emergency as a result of the coronavirus and any renewal of such declaration pursuant to such section 319, for the purposes of cleaning and sanitation, and other activities necessary to maintain or resume the operation of programs: *Provided further*, That payments made under this heading in this Act may be obligated in this fiscal year or the succeeding two fiscal years: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated under this heading in this Act may be made available to restore amounts, either directly or through reimbursement, for obligations incurred to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, prior to the date of enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

BACK TO WORK CHILD CARE GRANTS

For an additional amount for “Back to Work Child Care Grants”, \$10,000,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, which shall be for activities to carry out Back to Work Child Care Grants as authorized by section 6101 of division A of this Act: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for “Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund”, \$31,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2024, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically

or internationally, including the development of necessary countermeasures and vaccines, prioritizing platform-based technologies with U.S.-based manufacturing capabilities, the purchase of vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, necessary medical supplies, as well as medical surge capacity, addressing blood supply chain, workforce modernization, telehealth access and infrastructure, initial advanced manufacturing, novel dispensing, enhancements to the U.S. Commissioned Corps, and other preparedness and response activities: *Provided*, That funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act may be used to develop and demonstrate innovations and enhancements to manufacturing platforms to support such capabilities: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall purchase vaccines developed using funds made available under this paragraph in this Act to respond to an outbreak or pandemic related to coronavirus in quantities determined by the Secretary to be adequate to address the public health need: *Provided further*, That products purchased by the Federal government with funds made available under this paragraph in this Act, including vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics, shall be purchased in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation guidance on fair and reasonable pricing: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may take such measures authorized under current law to ensure that vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics developed from funds provided in this Act will be affordable in the commercial market: *Provided further*, That in carrying out the previous proviso, the Secretary shall not take actions that delay the development of such products: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall ensure that protections remain for individuals enrolled in group or individual health care coverage with pre-existing conditions, including those linked to coronavirus: *Provided further*, That products purchased with funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act may, at the discretion of the Secretary of Health and Human Services, be deposited in the Strategic National Stockpile under section 319F-2 of the Public Health Service Act: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated under this paragraph in this Act, not more than \$2,000,000,000 shall be for the Strategic National Stockpile under section 319F-2(a) of such Act: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act may be transferred to, and merged with, the fund authorized by section 319F-4, the Covered Countermeasure Process Fund, of the Public Health Service Act: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated under this paragraph in this Act, not more than \$2,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, shall be for activities to improve and sustain State medical stockpiles, as described in the amendments made by section 7002 of division A of this Act: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated under this paragraph in this Act, \$20,000,000,000 shall be available to the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority for necessary expenses of manufacturing, production, and purchase, at the discretion of the Secretary, of vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, and small molecule active pharmaceutical ingredients, including the development, translation, and demonstration at scale of innovations in manufacturing platforms: *Provided further*, That funds in the previous proviso may be used for the construction or renovation of U.S.-based next generation manufacturing facilities, other than facilities owned by the United States Government: *Provided further*, That amounts provided in the eleventh proviso may be for necessary expenses related to the sustained on-shore manufacturing capac-

ity for public health emergencies, as described in the amendments made by section 7001 of division A of this Act: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated under this paragraph in this Act, \$6,000,000,000 shall be for activities to plan, prepare for, promote, distribute, administer, monitor, and track coronavirus vaccines to ensure broad-based distribution, access, and vaccine coverage: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall coordinate funding and activities outlined in the previous proviso through the Director of CDC: *Provided further*, That the Secretary, through the Director of CDC, shall report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate within 60 days of enactment of this Act on a comprehensive coronavirus vaccine distribution strategy and spend plan that includes how existing infrastructure will be leveraged, enhancements or new infrastructure that may be built, considerations for moving and storing vaccines, guidance for how States and health care providers should prepare for, store, and administer vaccines, nationwide vaccination targets, funding that will be distributed to States, how an informational campaign to both the public and health care providers will be executed, and how the vaccine distribution plan will focus efforts on high risk, underserved, and minority populations: *Provided further*, That such plan shall be updated and provided to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate 90 days after submission of the first plan: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate 2 days in advance of any obligation in excess of \$50,000,000, including but not limited to contracts and interagency agreements, from funds provided in this paragraph in this Act: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act may be used for the construction, alteration, or renovation of non-federally owned facilities for the production of vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, and medical supplies where the Secretary determines that such a contract is necessary to secure sufficient amounts of such supplies: *Provided further*, That the not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act, and every 30 days thereafter until funds are expended, the Secretary shall report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate on uses of funding for Operation Warp Speed, detailing current obligations by Department or Agency, or component thereof broken out by the coronavirus supplemental appropriations Act that provided the source of funds: *Provided further*, That the plan outlined in the previous proviso shall include funding by contract, grant, or other transaction in excess of \$20,000,000 with a notation of which Department or Agency, and component thereof is managing the contract: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

For an additional amount for “Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund”, \$16,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, which shall be for necessary expenses for testing, contact tracing, surveillance, containment, and mitigation to monitor and suppress COVID-19, including

tests for both active infection and prior exposure, including molecular, antigen, and serological tests, the manufacturing, procurement and distribution of tests, testing equipment and testing supplies, including personal protective equipment needed for administering tests, the development and validation of rapid, molecular point-of-care tests, and other tests, support for workforce, epidemiology, to scale up academic, commercial, public health, and hospital laboratories, to conduct surveillance and contact tracing, support development of COVID-19 testing plans, and other related activities related to COVID-19 testing: *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated under this paragraph in this Act, not less than \$15,000,000,000 shall be for States, localities, territories, tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian health organizations, or health service providers to tribes for necessary expenses for testing, contact tracing, surveillance, containment, and mitigation, including support for workforce, epidemiology, use by employers, elementary and secondary schools, child care facilities, institutions of higher education, long-term care facilities, or in other settings, scale up of testing by public health, academic, commercial, and hospital laboratories, and community-based testing sites, health care facilities, and other entities engaged in COVID-19 testing, and other related activities related to COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, surveillance, containment, and mitigation: *Provided further*, That the amount provided in the preceding proviso under this paragraph in this Act shall be made available within 30 days of the date of enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That the amount identified in the first proviso under this paragraph in this Act shall be allocated to States, localities, and territories according to the formula that applied to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness cooperative agreement in fiscal year 2019: *Provided further*, That not less than \$500,000,000 shall be allocated in coordination with the Director of the Indian Health Service, to tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian health organizations, or health service providers to tribes: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred to in this paragraph as the “Secretary”) may satisfy the funding thresholds outlined in the first and fourth provisos under this paragraph in this Act by making awards through other grant or cooperative agreement mechanisms: *Provided further*, That the Governor or designee of each State, locality, territory, tribe, or tribal organization receiving funds pursuant to this Act shall update their plans, as applicable, for COVID-19 testing and contact tracing submitted to the Secretary pursuant to the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (Public Law 116-139) and submit such updates to the Secretary not later than 60 days after funds appropriated in this paragraph in this Act have been awarded to such recipient: *Provided further*, That not later than 60 days after enactment, and every quarter thereafter until funds are expended, the Governor or designee of each State, locality, territory, tribe, or tribal organization receiving funds shall report to the Secretary on uses of funding, detailing current commitments and obligations broken out by the coronavirus supplemental appropriations Act that provided the source of funds: *Provided further*, That not later than 15 days after receipt of such reports, the Secretary shall summarize and report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate on States’ commitments and obligations of funding: *Provided further*, That funds an entity receives from amounts described in the first proviso in this paragraph may also be used for the rent, lease, purchase, acquisi-

tion, construction, alteration, renovation, or equipping of non-federally owned facilities to improve coronavirus preparedness and response capability at the State and local level: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND

For an additional amount for “Education Stabilization Fund”, \$105,000,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

GENERAL PROVISIONS
EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND

SEC. 101. (a) ALLOCATIONS.—From the amount made available under this heading in this Act to carry out the Education Stabilization Fund, the Secretary shall first allocate—

(1) not more than one half of 1 percent to the outlying areas on the basis of the terms and conditions for funding provided under this heading in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Public Law 116-136); and

(2) one-half of 1 percent for the Secretary of the Interior for programs operated or funded by the Bureau of Indian Education, under the terms and conditions established for funding provided under this heading in the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136).

(b) RESERVATIONS.—After carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary shall reserve the remaining funds made available as follows:

(1) 5 percent to carry out section 102 of this title.

(2) 67 percent to carry out section 103 of this title.

(3) 28 percent to carry out section 104 of this title.

GOVERNOR’S EMERGENCY EDUCATION RELIEF
FUND

SEC. 102. (a) GRANTS.—From funds reserved under section 101(b)(1) of this title, the Secretary shall make supplemental Emergency Education Relief grants to the Governor of each State with an approved application under section 18002 of division B of the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136). The Secretary shall award funds under this section to the Governor of each State with an approved application within 30 calendar days of enactment of this Act.

(b) ALLOCATIONS.—The amount of each grant under subsection (a) shall be allocated by the Secretary to each State as follows:

(1) 60 percent on the basis of their relative population of individuals aged 5 through 24.

(2) 40 percent on the basis of their relative number of children counted under section 1124(c) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (referred to under this heading as “ESEA”).

(c) USES OF FUNDS.—Grant funds awarded under subsection (b) may be used to—

(1) provide emergency support through grants to local educational agencies that the State educational agency deems have been most significantly impacted by coronavirus to support the ability of such local educational agencies to continue to provide educational services to their students and to support the on-going functionality of the local educational agency;

(2) provide emergency support through grants to institutions of higher education serving students within the State that the

Governor determines have been most significantly impacted by coronavirus to support the ability of such institutions to continue to provide educational services and support the on-going functionality of the institution; and

(3) provide support to any other institution of higher education, local educational agency, or education related entity within the State that the Governor deems essential for carrying out emergency educational services to students for authorized activities described in section 103(e) of this title, the ESEA of 1965, the Higher Education Act of 1965, the provision of child care and early childhood education, social and emotional support, career and technical education, adult education, and the protection of education-related jobs.

(d) REALLOCATION.—Each Governor shall return to the Secretary any funds received under this section that the Governor does not award within 6 months of receiving such funds and the Secretary shall reallocate such funds to the remaining States in accordance with subsection (b).

(e) REPORT.—A Governor receiving funds under this section shall submit a report to the Secretary, not later than 6 months after receiving funding provided in this Act, in such manner and with such subsequent frequency as the Secretary may require, that provides a detailed accounting of the use of funds provided under this section.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL
EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

SEC. 103. (a) GRANTS.—From funds reserved under section 101(b)(2) of this title, the Secretary shall make supplemental elementary and secondary school emergency relief grants to each State educational agency with an approved application under section 18003 of division B of the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136). The Secretary shall award funds under this section to each State educational agency with an approved application within 15 calendar days of enactment of this Act.

(b) ALLOCATIONS TO STATES.—The amount of each grant under subsection (a) shall be allocated by the Secretary to each State in the same proportion as each State received under part A of title I of the ESEA of 1965 in the most recent fiscal year.

(c) SUBGRANTS.—From the payment provided by the Secretary under subsection (b), the State educational agency may provide services and assistance to local educational agencies and non-public schools, consistent with the provisions of this title. After carrying out the reservation of funds in section 105 of this title, each State shall allocate not less than 90 percent of the remaining grant funds awarded to the State under this section as subgrants to local educational agencies (including charter schools that are local educational agencies) in the State in proportion to the amount of funds such local educational agencies and charter schools that are local educational agencies received under part A of title I of the ESEA of 1965 in the most recent fiscal year. The State educational agency shall make such subgrants to local educational agencies as follows—

(1) one-third of funds shall be awarded not less than 15 calendar days after receiving an award from the Secretary under this section; and

(2) the remaining two-thirds of funds shall be awarded only after the local educational agency submits to the Governor and the Governor approves a comprehensive school reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school-year, based on criteria determined by the Governor in consultation with the State educational agency (including criteria for the Governor to carry out subparagraph (A)

through (C)), that describes how the local educational agency will safely reopen schools with the physical presence of students, consistent with maintaining safe and continuous operations aligned with challenging state academic standards. The Governor shall approve such plans within 30 days after the plan is submitted, subject to the requirements in subparagraphs (A) through (C).

(A) A local educational agency that provides in-person instruction for at least 50 percent of its students where the students physically attend school no less than 50 percent of each school-week, as it was defined by the local educational agency prior to the coronavirus emergency, shall have its plan automatically approved.

(B) A local educational agency that does not provide in-person instruction to any students where the students physically attend school in-person shall not be eligible to receive a subgrant under paragraph (2).

(C) A local educational agency that provides in-person instruction to at least some students where the students physically attend school in-person but does not satisfy the requirements in subparagraph (A) shall have its allocation reduced on a pro rata basis as determined by the Governor.

(d) PLAN CONTENTS.—A school reopening plan submitted to a Governor under subsection (c)(2) shall include, in addition to any other information necessary to meet the criteria determined by the Governor—

(1) A detailed timeline for when the local educational agency will provide in-person instruction, including the goals and criteria used for providing full-time in-person instruction to all students;

(2) A description of how many days of in-person instruction per calendar week the local educational agency plans to offer to students during the 2020–2021 school year; and

(3) An assurance that the local educational agency will offer students as much in-person instruction as is safe and practicable, consistent with maintaining safe and continuous operations aligned with challenging state academic standards.

(e) USES OF FUNDS.—

(1) A local educational agency or non-public school that receives funds under subsection (c)(1) or section 105 may use funds for any of the following:

(A) Activities to support returning to in-person instruction, including purchasing personal protective equipment, implementing flexible schedules to keep children in isolated groups, purchasing box lunches so that children can eat in their classroom, purchasing physical barriers, providing additional transportation services, repurposing existing school rooms and space, and improving ventilation systems.

(B) Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of local educational agencies or non-public schools including coordination with State, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments, and other relevant agencies, to improve coordinated responses among such entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

(C) Providing principals and other school leaders with the resources necessary to address the needs of their individual schools directly related to coronavirus.

(D) Providing additional services to address the unique needs of low-income children or students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth, including how outreach and service delivery will meet the needs of each population.

(E) Training and professional development for staff of the local educational agency or non-public school on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases.

(F) Purchasing supplies to sanitize, clean, and disinfect the facilities of a local educational agency or non-public school, including buildings operated by such agency.

(G) Planning for and coordinating during long-term closures, including for how to provide meals to eligible students, how to provide technology for online learning to all students, how to provide guidance for carrying out requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.) and how to ensure other educational services can continue to be provided consistent with all Federal, State, and local requirements.

(H) Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students who are served by the local educational agency or non-public school that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors, including low-income students and students with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment.

(I) Expanding healthcare and other health services (including mental health services and supports), including for children at risk of abuse or neglect.

(J) Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental afterschool programs, including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care.

(2) A local educational agency that receives funds under subsection (c)(2) may use the funds for activities to carry out a comprehensive school reopening plan as described in this section, including:

(A) Purchasing personal protective equipment, implementing flexible schedules to keep children in isolated groups, purchasing box lunches so that children can eat in their classroom, purchasing physical barriers, providing additional transportation services, repurposing existing school rooms and space, and improving ventilation systems.

(B) Developing and implementation of procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of local educational agencies or non-public schools, including coordination with State, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments, and other relevant agencies, to improve coordinated responses among such entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

(C) Providing principals and others school leaders with the resources necessary to address the needs of their individual schools.

(D) Providing additional services to address the unique needs of low-income children or students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth, including how outreach and service delivery will meet the needs of each population.

(E) Training and professional development for staff of the local educational agency or non-public school on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases.

(F) Purchasing supplies to sanitize, clean, and disinfect the facilities of a local educational agency or non-public school, including buildings operated by such agency.

(G) Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students who are served by the local educational agency or non-public

school that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors, including low-income students and students with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment.

(H) Expanding healthcare and other health services (including mental health services and supports), including for children at risk of abuse or neglect.

(I) Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental afterschool programs, including providing classroom instruction during the summer months and addressing the needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care.

(f) STATE FUNDING.—With funds not otherwise allocated or reserved under this section, a State may reserve not more than 1/2 of 1 percent of its grant under this section for administrative costs and the remainder for emergency needs as determined by the State educational agency to address issues responding to coronavirus, which may be addressed through the use of grants or contracts.

(g) ASSURANCES.—A State, State educational agency, or local educational agency receiving funding under this section shall provide assurances, as applicable, that:

(1) A State, State educational agency, or local educational agency will maintain and expand access to high-quality schools, including high-quality public charter schools, and will not—

(A) enact policies to close or prevent the expansion of such schools to address revenue shortfalls that result in the disproportionate closure or denial of expansion of public charter schools that are otherwise meeting the terms of their charter for academic achievement; or

(B) disproportionately reduce funding to charter schools or otherwise increase funding gaps between charter schools and other public schools in the local educational agency.

(2) Allocations of funding and services provided from funds provided in this section to public charter schools are made on the same basis as is used for all public schools, consistent with state law and in consultation with charter school leaders.

(h) REPORT.—A State receiving funds under this section shall submit a report to the Secretary, not later than 6 months after receiving funding provided in this Act, in such manner and with such subsequent frequency as the Secretary may require, that provides a detailed accounting of the use of funds provided under this section.

(i) REALLOCATION.—A State shall return to the Secretary any funds received under this section that the State does not award within 4 months of receiving such funds and the Secretary shall deposit such funds into the general fund of the Treasury.

(j) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—

(1) The receipt of any funds authorized or appropriated under this section, including pursuant to section 105 of this Act, by a non-profit entity, or by any individual who has been admitted or applied for admission to such entity (or any parent or guardian of such individual), shall not be construed to render such entity or person a recipient of Federal financial assistance for any purpose, nor shall any such person or entity be required to make any alteration to its existing programs, facilities, or employment practices except as required under this section.

(2) No State participating in any program under this section, including pursuant to section 105 of this Act, shall impose any penalty or additional requirement upon, or otherwise disadvantage, such entity or person as

a consequence or condition of its receipt of such funds.

(3) No State participating in any program under this section shall authorize any person or entity to use any funds authorized or appropriated under this section, including pursuant to section 105 of this Act, except as provided by subsection (e), nor shall any such State impose any limits upon the use of any such funds except as provided by subsection (e).

HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

SEC. 104. (a) IN GENERAL.—From funds reserved under section 101(b)(3) of this title the Secretary shall allocate amounts as follows:

(1) 85 percent to each institution of higher education described in section 101 or section 102(c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, by apportioning it—

(A) 90 percent according to the relative share of full-time equivalent enrollment of Federal Pell Grant recipients who were not exclusively enrolled in distance education courses prior to the coronavirus emergency; and

(B) 10 percent according to the relative share of full-time equivalent enrollment of students who were not Federal Pell Grant recipients who were not exclusively enrolled in distance education courses prior to the coronavirus emergency.

(2) 10 percent for additional awards under parts A and B of title III, parts A and B of title V, and subpart 4 of part A of title VII of the Higher Education Act to address needs directly related to coronavirus, that shall be in addition to awards made in section 104(a)(1) of this title, and allocated by the Secretary proportionally to such programs based on the relative share of funding appropriated to such programs in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94) and distributed to eligible institutions of higher education, except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (A)–(D), on the basis of the formula described in section 104(a)(1) of this title:

(A) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (B), for eligible institutions under part B of title III and subpart 4 of part A of title VII of the Higher Education Act, the Secretary shall allot to each eligible institution an amount using the following formula:

(i) 70 percent according to a ratio equivalent to the number of Pell Grant recipients in attendance at such institution at the end of the school year preceding the beginning of the most recent fiscal year and the total number of Pell Grant recipients at all such institutions;

(ii) 20 percent according to a ratio equivalent to the total number of students enrolled at such institution at the end of the school year preceding the beginning of that fiscal year and the number of students enrolled at all such institutions; and

(iii) 10 percent according to a ratio equivalent to the total endowment size at all eligible institutions at the end of the school year preceding the beginning of that fiscal year and the total endowment size at such institutions;

(B) For eligible institutions under section 326 of the Higher Education Act, the Secretary shall allot to each eligible institution an amount in proportion to the award received from funding for such institutions in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94);

(C) For eligible institutions under section 316 of the Higher Education Act, the Secretary shall allot funding according to the formula in section 316(d)(3) of the Higher Education Act; and

(D) Notwithstanding section 318(f) of the Higher Education Act, for eligible institu-

tions under section 318 of the Higher Education Act, the Secretary shall allot funding according to the formula in section 318(e) of the Higher Education Act.

(3) 5 percent for grants to institutions of higher education that the Secretary determines, through an application process and after allocating funds under paragraphs 104(a)(1) and (2) of this Act, have the greatest unmet needs related to coronavirus. In awarding funds to institutions of higher education under this paragraph the Secretary shall prioritize institutions of higher education—

(A) described under title I of the Higher Education Act of 1965 that were not eligible to receive an award under section 104(a)(1) of this title, including institutions described in section 102(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965; and

(B) that otherwise demonstrate significant needs related to coronavirus that were not addressed by funding allocated under subsections (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this section.

(b) DISTRIBUTION.—The funds made available to each institution under subsection (a)(1) shall be distributed by the Secretary using the same systems as the Secretary otherwise distributes funding to each institution under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

(c) USES OF FUNDS.—An institution of higher education receiving funds under this section may use the funds received to:

(1) defray expenses associated with coronavirus (including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, faculty and staff trainings, and payroll); and

(2) provide financial aid grants to students (including students exclusively enrolled in distance education), which may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus.

(d) SPECIAL PROVISIONS.—

(1) A Historically Black College and University or a Minority Serving Institution may use prior awards provided under titles III, V, and VII of the Higher Education Act to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

(2) An institution of higher education receiving funds under section 18004 of division B of the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136) may use those funds under the terms and conditions of section 104(c) of this Act. Amounts repurposed pursuant to this paragraph that were previously designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 are designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

(3) No funds received by an institution of higher education under this section shall be used to fund contractors for the provision of pre-enrollment recruitment activities; endowments; or capital outlays associated with facilities related to athletics, sectarian instruction, or religious worship.

(4) An institution of higher education that was required to remit payment to the Internal Revenue Service for the excise tax based on investment income of private colleges and universities under section 4968 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for tax year 2019 shall have their allocation under this section reduced by 50 percent and may only use funds for activities described in paragraph (c)(2). This paragraph shall not apply to an institution of higher education designated by the Secretary as an eligible institution under section 448 of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

(e) REPORT.—An institution receiving funds under this section shall submit a report to the Secretary, not later than 6 months after receiving funding provided in this Act, in such manner and with such subsequent frequency as the Secretary may require, that provides a detailed accounting of the use of funds provided under this section.

(f) REALLOCATION.—Any funds allocated to an institution of higher education under this section on the basis of a formula described in subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) but for which an institution does not apply for funding within 60 days of the publication of the notice inviting applications, shall be reallocated to eligible institutions that had submitted an application by such date.

ASSISTANCE TO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SEC. 105. (a) FUNDS AVAILABILITY.—From the payment provided by the Secretary under section 103 of this title to a State educational agency, the State educational agency shall reserve an amount of funds equal to the percentage of students enrolled in non-public elementary and secondary schools in the State prior to the coronavirus emergency. Upon reserving funds under this section, the Governor of the State may award subgrants—

(1) to eligible scholarship-granting organizations for carrying out section 6001 of division A of this Act; and

(2) to non-public schools accredited or otherwise located in and licensed to operate in the State based on the number of students enrolled in the non-public school prior to the coronavirus emergency, subject to the requirements in subsection (b).

(b)(1) A non-public school that provides in-person instruction for at least 50 percent of its students where the students physically attend school no less than 50 percent of each school-week, as determined by the non-public school prior to the coronavirus emergency, shall be eligible for the full amount of assistance per student as prescribed under this section.

(2) A non-public school that does not provide in-person instruction to any students where the students physically attend school in-person shall only be eligible for one-third of the amount of assistance per student as prescribed under this section.

(3) A non-public school that provides in-person instruction to at least some students where the students physically attend school in-person but does not satisfy the requirements in paragraph (1) shall have its amount of assistance as prescribed under this section reduced on a pro rata basis, which shall be calculated using the same methodology as is used under section 103(c)(2)(C) of this title.

(c) A Governor shall allocate not less than 50 percent of the funds reserved in this section to non-public schools or eligible scholarship-granting organizations within 30 days of receiving an award from the Secretary and the remaining 50 percent not less than 4 months after receiving an award from the Secretary.

CONTINUED PAYMENT TO EMPLOYEES

SEC. 106. A local educational agency, State, institution of higher education, or other entity that receives funds under "Education Stabilization Fund", shall to the greatest extent practicable, continue to pay its employees and contractors during the period of any disruptions or closures related to coronavirus.

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 107. Except as otherwise provided in sections 101–106 of this title, as used in such sections—

(1) the terms "elementary education" and "secondary education" have the meaning given such terms under State law;

(2) the term “institution of higher education” has the meaning given such term in title I of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.);

(3) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Education;

(4) the term “State” means each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

(5) the term “cost of attendance” has the meaning given such term in section 472 of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

(6) the term “Non-public school” means a non-public elementary and secondary school that (A) is accredited, licensed, or otherwise operates in accordance with State law; and (B) was in existence prior to the date of the qualifying emergency for which grants are awarded under this section;

(7) the term “public school” means a public elementary or secondary school; and

(8) any other term used that is defined in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801) shall have the meaning given the term in such section.

GENERAL PROVISION—THIS TITLE

SEC. 108. Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretaries of Health and Human Services and Education shall provide a detailed spend plan of anticipated uses of funds made available in this title, including estimated personnel and administrative costs, to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate: *Provided*, That such plans shall be updated and submitted to such Committees every 60 days until September 30, 2024: *Provided further*, That the spend plans shall be accompanied by a listing of each contract obligation incurred that exceeds \$5,000,000 which has not previously been reported, including the amount of each such obligation.

TITLE II

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

For an additional amount for the “Office of the Secretary”, \$20,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus by providing support for agricultural producers, growers, and processors impacted by coronavirus, including producers, growers, and processors of specialty crops, non-specialty crops, dairy, livestock and poultry, including livestock and poultry depopulated due to insufficient processing access and growers who produce livestock or poultry under a contract for another entity: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

TITLE III

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FISHERIES DISASTER ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount for “Fisheries Disaster Assistance”, \$500,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2021, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, which shall be for activities authorized under section 12005 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136): *Provided*, That the formula prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce to allocate the amount provided under this heading in this Act shall be divided proportionally to States, Tribes, and territories and shall be the same as the formula used for funds appropriated under section 12005 of Public Law 116-136, but shall be calculated to also evenly weight the 5-year total annual

average domestic landings for each State, Tribe, and territory: *Provided further*, That the amount provided under this heading in this Act shall only be allocated to States of the United States in, or bordering on, the Atlantic, Pacific, or Arctic Ocean, or the Gulf of Mexico, as well as to Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Federally Recognized Tribes on the West Coast, and Federally Recognized Tribes in Alaska: *Provided further*, That no State, Tribe, or territory shall receive a total amount in a fiscal year that is from amounts provided under either section 12005 of Public Law 116-136 or amounts provided under this heading in this Act that exceeds that State, Tribe, or territory’s total annual average revenue from commercial fishing operations, aquaculture firms, the seafood supply chain, and charter fishing businesses: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

TITLE IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS ACT

SEC. 401. Each amount appropriated or made available by this Act is in addition to amounts otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year involved.

SEC. 402. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

SEC. 403. Unless otherwise provided for by this Act, the additional amounts appropriated by this Act to appropriations accounts shall be available under the authorities and conditions applicable to such appropriations accounts for fiscal year 2020.

SEC. 404. In this Act, the term “coronavirus” means SARS-CoV-2 or another coronavirus with pandemic potential.

SEC. 405. Each amount designated in this Act by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 shall be available (or rescinded or transferred, if applicable) only if the President subsequently so designates all such amounts and transmits such designations to the Congress.

SEC. 406. Any amount appropriated by this Act, designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and subsequently so designated by the President, and transferred pursuant to transfer authorities provided by this Act shall retain such designation.

BUDGETARY EFFECTS

SEC. 407. (a) STATUTORY PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary effects of this division shall not be entered on either PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of the Statutory Pay As-You-Go Act of 2010.

(b) SENATE PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary effects of this division shall not be entered on any PAYGO scorecard maintained for purposes of section 4106 of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress).

(c) CLASSIFICATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.—Notwithstanding Rule 3 of the Budget Scorekeeping Guidelines set forth in the joint explanatory statement of the committee of conference accompanying Conference Report 105-217 and section 250(c)(7) and (c)(8) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the budgetary effects of this division shall be estimated for purposes of section 251 of such Act.

(d) ENSURING NO WITHIN-SESSION SEQUESTRATION.—Solely for the purpose of calcu-

lating a breach within a category for fiscal year 2020 pursuant to section 251(a)(6) or section 254(g) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, and notwithstanding any other provision of this division, the budgetary effects from this division shall be counted as amounts designated as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of such Act.

This division may be cited as the “Coronavirus Response Additional Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020”.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

Mr. LEE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Wednesday, September 9; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use in the day; further, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Ludwig nomination under the previous order; finally, following the cloture vote on the Jarbou nomination, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m. for the weekly conference meetings.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. LEE. 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 6:28 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JON CHRISTOPHER KREITZ, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, VICE SHON J. MANASCO.

MATTHEW B. SHIPLEY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE VERONICA DAIGLE, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ANDREW JOHN LAWLER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS, VICE KERRI-ANN JONES, RESIGNED.

RYAN MICHAEL TULLY, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (VERIFICATION AND COMPLIANCE), VICE YLEEM D. S. POBLETE, RESIGNED.

HARRY S TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

ZACHARY T. HAINES, OF OHIO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HARRY S TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 10, 2023, VICE INGRID A. GREGG, TERM EXPIRED.

THE JUDICIARY

BENJAMIN JOEL BEATON, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY, VICE JUSTIN REED WALKER, ELEVATED. HECTOR GONZALEZ, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, VICE BRIAN M. COGAN, RETIRED.

RYAN THOMAS MCALLISTER, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, VICE GARY L. SHARPE, RETIRED.

KATHRYN KIMBALL MIZELLE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, VICE VIRGINIA MARIA HERNANDEZ COVINGTON, RETIRED.

ZACHARY N. SOMERS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE THOMAS CRAIG WHEELER, TERM EXPIRING.

DAVID CAREY WOLL, JR., OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, VICE DORA L. IRIZARRY, RETIRED.

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601, AND FOR APPOINTMENT AS A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 711:

To be vice admiral

LISA M. FRANCHETTI

WITHDRAWALS

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on September 8, 2020 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nominations:

JENNIFER YUE BARBER, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 6, 2020.

JENNIFER YUE BARBER, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 6, 2020.

WILLIAM PERRY PENDLEY, OF WYOMING, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, VICE NEIL GREGORY KORNZE, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JUNE 30, 2020.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

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 Wednesday, September 9, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 10

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary
Business meeting to consider the nominations of J. Philip Calabrese, and James Ray Knepp II, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Aileen Mercedes Cannon, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Toby Crouse, to be United

States District Judge for the District of Kansas, and Michael Jay Newman, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

SR-325

SEPTEMBER 15

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine compensating college athletes, focusing on the potential impact on athletes and institutions.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights
To hold hearings to examine whether Google harmed competition in online advertising.

SD-562

SEPTEMBER 16

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Intellectual Property
To hold hearings to examine whether the reforms to Section 1201 are needed and warranted.

SD-226

SEPTEMBER 17

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine matters relating to the budget of the National Nuclear Security Administration.

SD-G50

1 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine Albania's chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

WEBCAST

SEPTEMBER 23

9:15 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support
To hold hearings to examine Navy and Marine Corps readiness.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine COVID-19, focusing on an update on the federal response.

SD-G50

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Intellectual Property
To hold hearings to examine threats to American intellectual property, focusing on cyber attacks and counterfeits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SD-226

OCTOBER 1

9:15 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support
To hold hearings to examine supply chain integrity.

SD-G50

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 4531–4541, and S. Res. 684. **Pages S5441–42**

Measures Reported:

S. 481, to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–261)

S. 2800, to authorize programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–262)

S. 2898, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a full annuity supplement for certain air traffic controllers. (S. Rept. No. 116–263) **Page S5441**

House Messages:

Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act: Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 178, to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China, taking action on the following motion and amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5433**

Pending:

McConnell Motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 2652, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5433**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill with McConnell Amendment No. 2652 (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, September 10, 2020. **Page S5433**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 2499, in the nature of a substitute, was withdrawn. **Page S5433**

Prior to the consideration of this motion, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5433**

Ludwig Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Brett H. Ludwig, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. **Pages S5430–33, S5433–36**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 83 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. EX. 158), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5436**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Brett H. Ludwig occur at 11:15 a.m., on Wednesday, September 9, 2020; provided further that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Christy Criswell Wiegand, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Senate then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Hala Y. Jarbou, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Hala Y. Jarbou, the post-cloture time with respect to the nomination expire at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, on Thursday, September 10, 2020; provided further that at 2:15 p.m., on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Christy Criswell Wiegand, and that following disposition of the Wiegand nomination, Senate vote on

the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Thomas T. Cullen, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, and Diane Gujarati, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, in the order listed. **Page S5436**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Brett H. Ludwig, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. **Page S5476**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jon Christopher Kreitz, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Matthew B. Shipley, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Andrew John Lawler, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

Ryan Michael Tully, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance).

Zachary T. Haines, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2023.

Benjamin Joel Beaton, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.

Hector Gonzalez, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Ryan Thomas McAllister, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

Kathryn Kimball Mizelle, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Zachary N. Somers, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

David Carey Woll, Jr., of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Jennifer Yue Barber, of Kentucky, to be the Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 2020.

Jennifer Yue Barber, of Kentucky, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 2020.

William Perry Pendley, of Wyoming, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, which was sent to the Senate on June 30, 2020. **Page S5477**

Messages from the House: **Page S5441**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S5430**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S5442–45**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S5445–48**

Additional Statements: **Pages S5440–41**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5448–76**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—158) **Page S5436**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5476.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 8181–8195, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4331**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1702, to waive the application fee for any special use permit for veterans demonstrations and special events at war memorials on Federal land, and

for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–490);

H.R. 2640, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–491);

H.R. 3160, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land located in Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–492);

H.R. 4957, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–493);

H.R. 2694, to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–494, Part 1);

H.R. 2574, to amend title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to restore the right to individual civil actions in cases involving disparate impact, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–495, Part 1);

H.R. 2639, to establish the Strength in Diversity Program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–496); and

H.R. 3609, to provide for a program of wind energy research, development, and demonstration, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–497).

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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 9:33 a.m.

Committee Meetings

HOLDING FINANCIAL REGULATORS ACCOUNTABLE FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE OFFICES OF MINORITY AND WOMEN INCLUSION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion held a hearing entitled “Holding Financial Regulators Accountable for Diversity and Inclusion: Perspectives from the Offices of Minority and Women Inclusion”. Testimony was heard from Joyce Cofield, Executive Director, Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, Office of the Comptroller of Currency; Sheila Clark, Director, Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Lacey Dingman, Di-

rector, Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, Federal Reserve Bank of New York; Nikita Pearson, Acting Director, Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Monica Davy, Director, Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, National Credit Union Administration; Lorraine Cole, Director, Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, Department of the Treasury; Pamela Gibbs, Director, Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, Securities and Exchange Commission; Sharron Levine, Director, Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, Federal Housing Finance Agency; and Lora McCray, Director, Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D732)

S. 2163, to establish the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, to study and make recommendations to address social problems affecting Black men and boys. Signed on August 14, 2020. (Public Law 116–156)

S. 3607, to extend public safety officer death benefits to public safety officers whose death is caused by COVID–19. Signed on August 14, 2020. (Public Law 116–157)

S. 3637, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend lease protections for servicemembers under stop movement orders in response to a local, national, or global emergency. Signed on August 14, 2020. (Public Law 116–158)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the status of the Federal Reserve emergency lending facilities, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine S. 614, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue a final rule relating to removing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem population of grizzly bears from the Federal list of endangered and threatened wildlife, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on Eastern Europe, 11 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine vaccines, focusing on saving

lives, ensuring confidence, and protecting public health, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Gibbs, of Michigan, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and John M. Barger, of California, Christopher Bancroft Burnham, of Connecticut, and Frank Dunlevy, of California, each to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, 3:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Benjamin J. Beaton, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, Kristi Haskins Johnson, and Taylor B. McNeel, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, Kathryn Kimball Mizelle, to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Thompson M. Dietz, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 785, to improve mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, 3:30 p.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine declassification policy and prospects for reform, 3 p.m., SD-G50.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1289, the "Preserving Home and Office Numbers in Emergencies Act of 2019"; H.R. 3957, the "Expanding Broadcast Ownership Opportunities Act of 2019"; H.R. 5564, the "Enhancing Broadcaster DIVERSITY Data Act"; H.R. 1379, the "Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act"; H.R. 945, the "Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2019"; H.R. 2564, the "Medicare Enrollment Protection Act"; H.R. 8158, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive budget neutrality for oxygen under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; H.R. 2075, the "School-Based Health Centers Reauthorization Act of 2019"; H.R. 4078, the "EARLY Act Reauthorization of 2019"; H.R. 4764, the "TRANSPLANT Act of 2019"; H.R. 5855, the "Bipartisan Solution to Cyclical Violence Act of 2020"; H.R. 3131, the "South Asian Heart Health Awareness and Research Act of 2020"; H.R. 7948, the "Tribal Health Data Improvement Act of 2020"; H.R. 5373, the "United States Anti-Doping Agency Reauthorization Act of 2019"; H.R. 2281, the "Easy MAT for Opioid Addiction Act"; H.R. 2466, the "State Opioid Response Grant Authorization Act"; H.R. 3878, the "Block, Report, And Suspend Shipments Act of 2019"; H.R. 4812, the "Ensuring Compliance Against Drug Diversion Act of 2019"; H.R. 4806, the "DEBAR Act of 2019"; H.R. 3797, the "Medical Marijuana Research Act of 2019"; H.R. 2519, the "Improving Mental Health Access from the Emergency Department Act of 2019"; H.R. 4861, the "Effective Suicide Screening and Assessment in the Emergency Department Act of 2019"; H.R. 1109, the "Mental Health Services for Students Act"; H.R. 3539, the "Behavioral Intervention Guidelines Act of 2019"; H.R. 7293, the "STANDUP Act of 2020"; H.R. 5469, the

"Pursuing Equity in Mental Health Act of 2019"; H.R. 5572, the "Family Support Services for Addiction Act of 2020"; H.R. 4499, the "NIMHD Research Endowment Revitalization Act of 2019"; H.R. 4439, the "Creating Hope Reauthorization Act"; H.R. 8134, the "Consumer Product Safety Inspection Enhancement Act"; H.R. 8128, the "AI for Consumer Product Safety Act"; H.R. 8132, the "American COMPETE Act"; H.R. 2610, the "Stop Senior Scams Act"; H.R. 6435, the "Combating Pandemic Scams Act of 2020"; H.R. 8121, the "COVID-19 Home Safety Act"; H.R. 1754, the "Horseracing Integrity Act of 2019"; H.R. 4447, the "Expanding Access to Sustainable Energy Act of 2019"; and H.R. 8159, the "Department of Energy Organization and Management Improvement Act", 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism, hearing entitled "Egypt: Trends in Politics, Economics, and Human Rights", 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 683, the "PRRADA"; H.R. 6196, the "TM Act of 2020"; H.R. 631, for the relief of Arpita Kurdekar, Girish Kurdekar, and Vandana Kurdekar; H.R. 4225, for the relief of Maria Isabel Bueso Barrera, Alberto Bueso Mendoza, Karla Maria Barrera De Bueso, and Ana Lucia Bueso Barrera; H.R. 7146, for the relief of Victoria Galindo Lopez; H.R. 7572, for the relief of Median El-Moustrah; H.R. 8161, the "One-Stop Community Reentry Center Grant Program Act of 2020"; H.R. 5053, the "Justice for Juveniles Act"; and H.R. 8124, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for transportation and subsistence for criminal justice defendants, and for other purposes, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, hearing entitled "Ensuring a Free, Fair, and Safe Election During the Coronavirus Pandemic", 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled "The Impact of the COVID-19 Crisis on University Research", 11:30 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Transparency in Small Business Lending", 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Amtrak's Response to COVID-19", 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Webex.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 9 through September 11,
2020

Senate Chamber

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On *Thursday*, Senate expects to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 178, Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act, with McConnell Amendment No. 2652, in the nature of a substitute.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

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a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 10, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of J. Philip Calabrese, and James Ray Knepp II, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Aileen Mercedes Cannon, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Toby Crouse, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, and Michael Jay Newman, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, 10 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: September 9, to hold hearings to examine S. 785, to improve mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, 3:30 p.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 9, to hold hearings to examine declassification policy and prospects for reform, 3 p.m., SD-G50.

House Committees

Committee on the Budget, September 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Machines, Artificial Intelligence, and the Workforce: Recovering and Readyng Our Economy for the Future", 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Education and Labor, September 10, Full Committee, business meeting to approve new subcommittee assignments and a subcommittee Ranking Member, 11:30 a.m., Webex.

September 10, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services, hearing entitled "On the Basis of Sex: Examining the Administration's Attacks on Gender-Based Protections", 12:30 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, September 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Need for Financial Aid to America's States and Territories During the Pandemic: Supporting First Responders, Assisting Schools in Their Efforts to Safely Educate, and Preventing Mass Layoffs", 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, September 10, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment, hearing entitled "Protecting Democracy During COVID-19 in Europe and Eurasia and the Democratic Awakening in Belarus", 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Natural Resources, September 10, Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing entitled "Examining the Bureau of Indian Education's School Reopening Guidance During the COVID-19 Pandemic", 3 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, September 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Providing the Census Bureau with the Time to Produce a Complete and Accurate Census", 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, September 11, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "Biological Research at the Department of Energy: Leveraging DOE's Unique Capabilities to Respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic", 1:30 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Small Business, September 10, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship, hearing entitled "Kick Starting

Entrepreneurship and Main Street Economic Recovery”, 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, September 10, Full Committee, business meeting to Reauthorize the Women Veterans' Task Force, 10 a.m., HVC-210 and Webex.

September 10, Full Committee, hearing on hearing on H.R. 7541, the “VA Zero Suicide Demonstration Project”; H.R. 7504, the “VA Clinical TEAM Culture Act of 2020”; H.R. 7784, the “VA Police Improvement and Accountability Act”; H.R. 7879, the “VA Telehealth Expansion Act”; H.R. 7747, the “VA Solid Start Reporting Act”; H.R. 7888, the “REACH VET Reporting Act”; H.R. 7964, the “Peer Support for Veteran Families Act”; H.R. 3450, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from transmitting certain information to the Department of Justice for use by the national instant criminal background check system; H.R. 3788, the “VA Child Care Protection Act of 2019”; H.R. 3826, the “Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act”; H.R. 6092, the “Veteran's Prostate Cancer Treatment and Research Act”; H.R. 7469, the “Modernizing Veterans' Healthcare Eligibility Act”; H.R. 8005, the “Veterans Access to Online Treatment Act”; H.R. 8033, the “Access to Suicide Prevention Coordinators Act”; H.R. 8084, the “Lethal Means Safety Training Act”; H.R. 8068, the “American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans Mental Health Act”; H.R. 8149, the “VA Precision Medicine Act”; H.R. 8148, the

“VA Data Analytics and Technology Assistance Act”; H.R. 8108, the “VA Serious Mental Illness Act”; H.R. 8144, the “VA Mental Health Staffing Improvement Act”; H.R. 8145, the “VA Mental Health Counseling Act”; H.R. 8130, the “VA Peer Specialists Act”; H.R. 8107, the “VA Emergency Department Safety Planning Act”; H.R. 8147, the “TREAT Act”; legislation on the Veterans' ACCESS Act; legislation on the Veterans Comprehensive Prevention, Access to Care, and Treatment Act of 2020; legislation on the Ensuring Veterans' Smooth Transition Act; legislation on the VA Research Technology Act; legislation on the VA High Altitude and Suicide Research Act; legislation on the VA Expanded Care Hours Act; and legislation on the Veterans Burn Pits Exposure Recognition Act of 2020, 10:05 a.m., HVC-210 and Webex.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 10, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “The Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act: Considerations for Renewal”, 2 p.m., Webex.

September 11, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing entitled “Consequences of Inaction on COVID Tax Legislation”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 11, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Assessing the U.S.-Saudi Security and Intelligence Relationship”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through August 31, 2020

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	124	107	..
Time in session	625 hrs., 48'	341 hrs., 49'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	5,423	4,313	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	802	..
Public bills enacted into law	25	28	53
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	1	..
Measures passed, total	227	202	429
Senate bills	75	22	..
House bills	27	107	..
Senate joint resolutions	5	4	..
House joint resolutions	2	6	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	2	1	..
House concurrent resolutions	5	8	..
Simple resolutions	111	54	..
Measures reported, total	*103	107	210
Senate bills	74	2	..
House bills	18	84	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions	11	20	..
Special reports	3	8	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	336	65	..
Measures introduced, total	1,628	2,965	4,593
Bills	1,382	2,601	..
Joint resolutions	13	12	..
Concurrent resolutions	12	32	..
Simple resolutions	221	320	..
Quorum calls	1	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	157	147	..
Recorded votes .....	..	34	..
Bills vetoed	1	1	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through August 31, 2020

Civilian nominees, totaling 326 (including 87 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		100
Unconfirmed		215
Withdrawn		11
Other Civilian nominees, totaling 1,196 (including 1 nominee carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,148
Unconfirmed		48
Air Force nominees, totaling 4,183, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		4,136
Unconfirmed		47
Army nominees, totaling 5,773 (including 3 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		5,704
Unconfirmed		67
Withdrawn		2
Navy nominees, totaling 1,873 (including 2 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,863
Unconfirmed		10
Marine Corps nominees, totaling 1,447, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,438
Unconfirmed		9
Space Force nominees, totaling 650, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		9
Unconfirmed		641
<i>Summary</i>		
Total nominees carried over from the First Session		93
Total nominees received this Session		15,355
Total confirmed		14,398
Total unconfirmed		1,037
Total withdrawn		13
Total returned to the White House		0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 71 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 115 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 9

Senate Chamber

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(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Hala Y. Jarbou until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 p.m., Friday, September 11

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1 p.m.



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