

- (F) U.S. Customs and Border Protection.
- (G) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- (H) The Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
- (I) The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.
- (J) The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.
- (K) The Department of State.
- (L) The Environmental Protection Agency.

SEC. 4. JOINT FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 15 days after the date on which the Joint Task Force is established under section 3(a), the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall establish a Joint Federal Advisory Committee to advise the Joint Task Force.

(b) **DUTIES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**—The Advisory Committee shall develop and submit consensus policy recommendations to the Joint Task Force for the Joint Task Force to consider when developing recommendations under section 3(b).

(c) **MEMBERSHIP.**—The members of the Advisory Committee shall include representatives of the following:

- (1) Airport operators designated by the Secretary of Transportation in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security.
- (2) Air carriers designated by the Secretary of Transportation.
- (3) Aircraft and aviation manufacturers designated by the Secretary of Transportation.
- (4) Labor organizations representing—

(A) aviation industry workers (including pilots, flight attendants, engineers, maintenance, mechanics, air traffic controllers, and safety inspectors) designated by the Secretary of Transportation; and

(B) security screening personnel designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

(5) Public health experts designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(6) Organizations representing airline passengers designated by the Secretary of Transportation.

(7) Privacy and civil liberty organizations designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

(8) Manufacturers and integrators of passenger screening and identity verification technologies designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

(9) Trade associations representing air carriers (including major passenger air carriers, low-cost passenger air carriers, regional passenger air carriers, cargo air carriers, and foreign passenger air carriers) designated by the Secretary of Transportation in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security.

(10) Trade associations representing airport operators (including large hub, medium hub, small hub, nonhub primary, and nonprimary commercial service airports) designated by the Secretary of Transportation in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security.

(d) **VACANCIES.**—Any vacancy in the membership of the Advisory Committee shall not affect its responsibilities but shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App).

(e) **PROHIBITION ON COMPENSATION.**—The members of the Advisory Committee shall not receive any compensation from the Federal Government by reason of their service on the Advisory Committee.

(f) **PUBLICATION.**—Not later than 14 days after the date on which the Advisory Com-

mittee submits policy recommendations to the Joint Task Force pursuant to subsection (b), the Secretary of Transportation shall publish such policy recommendations on a publicly accessible website.

SEC. 5. BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS.

(a) **PRELIMINARY BRIEFINGS.**—As soon as practicable, but not later than 6 months after the date on which the Joint Task Force is established under section 3(a), the Joint Task Force shall begin providing preliminary briefings to Congress on the status of the development of the recommended requirements, plan, and guidelines under section 3(b). The preliminary briefings shall include interim versions, if any, of the recommendations of the Joint Task Force.

(b) **FINAL REPORT.**—

(1) **DEADLINE.**—As soon as practicable, but not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Joint Task Force shall submit a final report to Congress.

(2) **CONTENT.**—The final report shall include the following:

(A) All of the recommended requirements, plans, and guidelines developed by the Joint Task Force under section 3(b), and a description of any action taken by the Federal Government as a result of such recommendations.

(B) Consensus policy recommendations submitted by the Advisory Committee under section 4(b), and an explanation (including data and risk analysis) of any action by the Joint Task Force in response to such recommendations.

SEC. 6. TERMINATION.

The Joint Task Force and the Advisory Committee shall terminate 30 days after the date on which the Joint Task Force submits the final report required under section 5(b).

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, I have 3 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions, which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 730 through S. Res. 741.

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

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

Mr. PORTMAN. I know of no further debate on the resolutions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question is on adoption of the resolutions en bloc.

The resolutions were agreed to.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the preambles, where applicable, be agreed to and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF COYA KNUTSON

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 687 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 687) honoring the life and legacy of Coya Knutson.

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

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 687) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of September 10, 2020, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

RECOGNIZING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE BY CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 694.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 694) recognizing 100 years of service by chief petty officers in the United States Coast Guard.

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

Mr. PORTMAN. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 694) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of September 15, 2020, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2019

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 426, S. 910.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 910) to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2019".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO THE NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM ACT.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, wherever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1121 et seq.).

SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF DEAN JOHN A. KNAUSS MARINE POLICY FELLOWSHIP.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 208(b) (33 U.S.C. 1127(b)) is amended by striking "may" and inserting "shall".

(b) PLACEMENTS IN CONGRESS.—Such section is further amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by striking "The Secretary" and inserting the following:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary"; and

(2) in paragraph (1), as designated by paragraph (1), in the second sentence, by striking "A fellowship" and inserting the following:

"(2) PLACEMENT PRIORITIES.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—In each year in which the Secretary awards a legislative fellowship under this subsection, when considering the placement of fellows, the Secretary shall prioritize placement of fellows in the following:

"(i) Positions in offices of, or with Members on, committees of Congress that have jurisdiction over the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"(ii) Positions in offices of Members of Congress that have a demonstrated interest in ocean, coastal, or Great Lakes resources.

"(B) EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.—In placing fellows in offices described in subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall ensure that placements are equitably distributed among the political parties.

"(3) DURATION.—A fellowship".

(c) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Section 208(c) (33 U.S.C. 1127(c)) is amended to read as follows:

"(c) RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts available for fellowships under this section, including amounts accepted under section 204(c)(4)(F) or appropriated under section 212 to implement this section, shall be used only for award of such fellowships and administrative costs of implementing this section.

"(2) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more than 3 percent of amounts made available for fellowships under subsection (b) may be used by a sea grant college or sea grant institute for fringe or other necessary costs of administering the fellowships.

"(3) ALLOWABLE USES.—Amounts provided to a fellow under subsection (b) may be used by the fellow for the costs of academic travel, including travel costs relating to returning to the home institution of higher education of the fellow to complete degree requirements."

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to the first calendar year beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(e) SENSE OF CONGRESS CONCERNING FEDERAL HIRING OF FORMER FELLOWS.—It is the sense of Congress that in recognition of the competitive nature of the fellowship under section 208(b) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1127(b)), and of the exceptional qualifications of fellowship awardees, the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, should encourage participating Federal agencies to consider opportunities for fellowship awardees at the conclusion of their fellowships for workforce positions appropriate for their education and experience.

SEC. 4. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TO ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 204(c)(4)(E) (33 U.S.C. 1123(c)(4)(E)) is amended to read as follows:

"(E) accept donations of money and, notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, United States Code, of voluntary and uncompensated services;"

(b) PRIORITIES.—The Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, shall establish priorities for the use of donations accepted under section 204(c)(4)(E) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1123(c)(4)(E)), and shall consider among those priorities the possibility of expanding the Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship's placement of additional fellows in relevant legislative offices under section 208(b) of that Act (33 U.S.C. 1127(b)), in accordance with the recommendations under subsection (c) of this section.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the National Sea Grant College Program, in consultation with the National Sea Grant Advisory Board and the Sea Grant Association, shall—

(1) develop recommendations for the optimal use of any donations accepted under section 204(c)(4)(E) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1123(c)(4)(E)); and

(2) submit to Congress a report on the recommendations developed under paragraph (1).

(d) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or otherwise affect

any other amounts available for marine policy fellowships under section 208(b) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1127(b)), including amounts—

(1) accepted under section 204(c)(4)(F) of that Act (33 U.S.C. 1123(c)(4)(F)); or

(2) appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations under section 212 of that Act (33 U.S.C. 1131).

SEC. 5. REDUCTION IN FREQUENCY REQUIRED FOR NATIONAL SEA GRANT ADVISORY BOARD REPORT.

Section 209(b)(2) (33 U.S.C. 1128(b)(2)) is amended—

(1) in the paragraph heading, by striking "BIENNIAL" and inserting "PERIODIC";

(2) by striking the first sentence and inserting the following: "The Board shall report to Congress at least once every four years on the state of the national sea grant college program and shall notify Congress of any significant changes to the state of the program not later than two years after the submission of such a report."; and

(3) in the second sentence, by adding before the end period the following: "and provide a summary of research conducted under the program".

SEC. 6. MODIFICATION OF ELEMENTS OF NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM.

Section 204(b) (33 U.S.C. 1123(b)) is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting "for research, education, extension, training, technology transfer, and public service" after "financial assistance".

SEC. 7. DESIGNATION OF NEW NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGES AND SEA GRANT INSTITUTES.

Section 207(b) (33 U.S.C. 1126(b)) is amended—

(1) in the subsection heading, by striking "EXISTING DESIGNEES" and inserting "ADDITIONAL DESIGNATIONS"; and

(2) by striking "Any institution" and inserting the following:

"(1) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS OF DESIGNATIONS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Not less than 30 days before designating an institution, or an association or alliance of two or more such institutions, as a sea grant college or sea grant institute under subsection (a), the Secretary shall notify Congress in writing of the proposed designation. The notification shall include an evaluation and justification for the designation.

"(B) EFFECT OF JOINT RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL.—The Secretary may not designate an institution, or an association or alliance of two or more such institutions, as a sea grant college or sea grant institute under subsection (a) if, before the end of the 30-day period described in subparagraph (A), a joint resolution disapproving the designation is enacted.

"(2) EXISTING DESIGNEES.—Any institution".

SEC. 8. DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY; DEAN JOHN A. KNAUSS MARINE POLICY FELLOWSHIP.

(a) IN GENERAL.—During fiscal year 2019 and any fiscal year thereafter, the head of any Federal agency may appoint, without regard to the provisions of subchapter I of chapter 33 of title 5, United States Code, other than sections 3303 and 3328 of that title, a qualified candidate described in subsection (b) directly to a position with the Federal agency for which the candidate meets Office of Personnel Management qualification standards.

(b) DEAN JOHN A. KNAUSS MARINE POLICY FELLOWSHIP.—Subsection (a) applies with respect to a former recipient of a Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship under section 208(b) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1127(b)) who—

(1) earned a graduate or post-graduate degree in a field related to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources or policy from an accredited institution of higher education; and

(2) successfully fulfilled the requirements of the fellowship within the executive or legislative branch of the United States Government.