

S. RES. 873

Whereas, the Secretary of the Senate and the Senate Sergeant at Arms have received subpoenas for Senate personnel records from the Department of Homeland Security for use as evidence in a pending administrative investigation and adjudication;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate can, by administrative or judicial process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate is needed for the promotion of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate and the Senate Sergeant at Arms are authorized to provide to the Department of Homeland Security records sought, respectively, by the subpoenas issued to them.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 6520. Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 7776, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 6521. Mr. SULLIVAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 7776, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 6522. Mr. SULLIVAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 7776, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 6523. Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. SULLIVAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3429, to establish an Alaska Salmon Research Task Force.

SA 6524. Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. HASSAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2135, to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Chief Operating Officer of each agency to compile a list of unnecessary programs, and for other purposes.

SA 6525. Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. PETERS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1917, to modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 6520. Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 7776, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 5946(b)(3), strike “A person” and insert “A person may possess, acquire, receive, transport, offer for sale, sell, or purchase a shark fin or a product containing a shark fin of a shark species that, on the date of the possession, acquisition, receipt, transport, offer for sale, sale, or purchase, was permitted to be harvested under a fishery management plan or plan amendment ap-

proved by the Secretary of Commerce under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.). In addition, a person”.

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At the end of subtitle J of title V, insert the following:

SEC. 599C. PROHIBITION ON CONSIDERING STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS WHEN DETERMINING INDIVIDUAL DUTY ASSIGNMENTS.

The Secretary of Defense may not use the agreement or disagreement of a member of the Armed Forces with the State laws and regulations applicable to any duty station when determining the duty assignment of the member.

SA 6522. Mr. SULLIVAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 7776, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in subtitle G of title X of division A, insert the following:

SEC. 10. PROTECT CAMP LEJEUNE VETS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Protect Camp Lejeune Victims Ensnared by Trial-lawyer’s Scams Act” or the “Protect Camp Lejeune VETS Act”.

(b) **ATTORNEYS FEES IN FEDERAL CAUSE OF ACTION RELATING TO WATER AT CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA.**—The Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022 (28 U.S.C. 2671 note prec.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (h), (i), and (j) as subsections (i), (j), and (k), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (g) the following:

“(h) **ATTORNEYS FEES.**—

“(1) **LIMITATIONS.**—

“(A) **GENERAL RULE.**—Notwithstanding any contract, the attorney of an individual, or of the legal representative of an individual, may not receive, for services rendered in connection with an action filed under subsection (b) or any administrative action relating to such an action (as described in section 2675 of title 28, United States Code) (in this subsection referred to as an ‘administrative claim’), more than the percentage specified in paragraph (2) of a payment made in the action.

“(B) **AMOUNT OF PAYMENT DETERMINED AFTER OFFSET.**—For purposes of this subsection, the amount of the payment made in an action shall be the amount of the payment after any offsetting reduction under subsection (e)(2) is made.

“(C) **PROHIBITION ON ANCILLARY FEES.**—Attorneys fees paid in accordance with this subsection may not include any ancillary fees.

“(2) **APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE LIMITATIONS.**—The percentage specified in this paragraph is—

“(A) 2 percent for an administrative claim with respect to which a party entered a contract for services on or after August 10, 2022; or

“(B) 10 percent for—

“(i) an administrative claim with respect to which a party entered a contract for services before August 10, 2022;

“(ii) a resubmission of an administrative claim after the denial of an initial administrative claim, without regard to the date on which the party entered the applicable contract for services; or

“(iii) a judgment rendered or settlement entered in an action filed under subsection (b).

“(3) **PENALTY.**—Any attorney who violates paragraph (1) shall be fined not more than \$5,000.

“(4) **TERMS FOR PAYMENT OF FEES.**—Any judgment rendered, settlement entered, or other award made with respect to an action filed under subsection (b) or an administrative claim shall provide that—

“(A) the Government may not pay attorneys fees to an attorney directly; and

“(B) attorneys fees shall be payable to the attorney by an individual, or legal representative of an individual, after the individual or legal representative receives the amounts payable under the judgment, settlement, or award.

“(5) **DISCLOSURE.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Any judgment rendered, settlement entered, or other award made with respect to an action filed under subsection (b) or an administrative claim shall require disclosure to the Attorney General or to the court of the attorneys fees charged to an individual, or the legal representative of an individual.

“(B) **REPORTING.**—The Attorney General shall collect the disclosures under subparagraph (A) of attorneys fees charged and submit to Congress an annual report detailing—

“(i) the total amount paid under such judgments, settlements, and awards;

“(ii) the total amount of attorney fees paid in connection with such judgments, settlements, and awards; and

“(iii) for each such judgment, settlement, or award—

“(I) the name of the attorney for the individual or legal representative of the individual;

“(II) if applicable, the law firm of the attorney; and

“(III) the amount of fees paid to the attorney.”.

(c) **UPDATE OF REGULATIONS.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall amend section 14.636 of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, and any other relevant regulations, to comply with the amendments made by subsection (b).

SA 6523. Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. SULLIVAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3429, to establish an Alaska Salmon Research Task Force; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Alaska Salmon Research Task Force Act”.

SEC. 2. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this Act are—

(1) to ensure that Pacific salmon trends in Alaska regarding productivity and abundance are characterized and that research needs are identified;

(2) to prioritize scientific research needs for Pacific salmon in Alaska;

(3) to address the increased variability or decline in Pacific salmon returns in Alaska by creating a coordinated salmon research strategy; and

(4) to support collaboration and coordination for Pacific salmon conservation efforts in Alaska.