

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended—

(A) in paragraph 3 (b), in the item relating to the Select Committee on Intelligence, by striking “19” and inserting “100”; and

(B) in paragraph 4 (a)(2), by striking “each Senator” and all that follows, and inserting “a Senator may not serve on both the Special Committee on Aging and the Joint Economic Committee.”.

(b) RULEMAKING.—Subsection (a) is enacted—

(1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of the Senate and as such it is deemed a part of the rules of the Senate and it supersedes other rules only to the extent that it is inconsistent with such rules; and

(2) with full recognition of the constitutional right of the Senate to change the rules (so far as relating to the procedure of the Senate) at any time, in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of the Senate.

**SA 197.** Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title XII, add the following:

**SEC. 1240A. POINT OF ORDER AGAINST RESOLUTION ADVISING AND CONSENTING TO THE RATIFICATION OF A TREATY OR OTHER AGREEMENT TO ADMIT UKRAINE TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION.**

It shall not be in order in the Senate to proceed to the consideration of any resolution advising and consenting to the ratification of a treaty or other agreement to admit Ukraine to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization until the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense certify to Congress that Ukraine has settled any international dispute in which they are involved by peaceful means consistent with the 1995 Study on NATO Enlargement conducted by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

**SA 198.** Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the following:

**SEC. 1259. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT AND THE POWER OF CONGRESS TO DECLARE WAR.**

Nothing in the Taiwan Relations Act (22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.) supersedes the power of Congress to declare war under article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

**SA 199.** Mr. WARNOCK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department

of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**DIVISION FAIR DEBT COLLEC-  
TION PRACTICES FOR  
SERVICEMEMBERS**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ 01. SHORT TITLE.**

This division may be cited as the “Fair Debt Collection Practices for Servicemembers Act”.

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ 02. ENHANCED PROTECTION AGAINST DEBT COLLECTOR HARASSMENT OF SERVICEMEMBERS.**

(a) COMMUNICATION IN CONNECTION WITH DEBT COLLECTION.—Section 805 of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. 1692c) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING SERVICE-MEMBER DEBTS.—

“(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term ‘covered member’ means—

“(A) a covered member or a dependent as defined in section 987(i) of title 10, United States Code; and

“(B)(i) an individual who was separated, discharged, or released from duty described in such section 987(i)(1), but only during the 365-day period beginning on the date of separation, discharge, or release; or

“(ii) a person, with respect to an individual described in clause (i), described in subparagraph (A), (D), (E), or (I) of section 1072(2) of title 10, United States Code.

“(2) PROHIBITIONS.—A debt collector may not, in connection with the collection of any debt of a covered member—

“(A) threaten to have the covered member reduced in rank;

“(B) threaten to have the covered member’s security clearance revoked; or

“(C) threaten to have the covered member prosecuted under chapter 47 of title 10, United States Code (the Uniform Code of Military Justice).”.

(b) UNFAIR PRACTICES.—Section 808 of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. 1692f) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(9) The representation to any covered member (as defined under section 805(e)(1)) that failure to cooperate with a debt collector will result in—

“(A) a reduction in rank of the covered member;

“(B) a revocation of the covered member’s security clearance; or

“(C) prosecution under chapter 47 of title 10, United States Code (the Uniform Code of Military Justice).”.

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ 03. GAO STUDY.**

The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study and submit a report to Congress on the impact of this division on—

(1) the timely delivery of information to a covered member (as defined in section 805(e) of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, as added by this division);

(2) military readiness; and

(3) national security, including the extent to which covered members with security clearances would be impacted by uncollected debt.

**SA 200.** Mr. WARNOCK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department

of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title VI, add the following:

**SEC. 612. INCREASE IN BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING INSIDE THE UNITED STATES FOR MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES.**

Paragraph (3) of section 403(b) of title 37, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(3) The monthly amount of the basic allowance for housing for an area of the United States for a member of a uniformed service shall be the amount of the monthly cost of adequate housing in that area, as determined by the Secretary of Defense, for members of the uniformed services serving in the same pay grade and with the same dependency status as the member.”.

**SA 201.** Mr. SCHMITT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title I, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ SENSE OF SENATE ON PROCUREMENT OF OUTSTANDING F/A-18 SUPER HORNET PLATFORMS.**

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that Congress appropriated funds for twelve F/A-18 Super Hornet platforms in fiscal year 2022 and eight F/A-18 Super Hornet platforms in fiscal year 2023, but the Navy has yet to enter into any contracts for the procurement of such platforms.

(b) SENSE OF SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the Secretary of the Navy should expeditiously enter into contractual agreements to procure the twenty F/A-18 Super Hornet platforms for which funds have been appropriated; and

(2) the Senate urges the Secretary of the Navy to comply with congressional intent and applicable law with appropriate expediency to bolster the Navy’s fleet of strike fighter aircraft and avoid further disruption to the defense industrial base.

**SA 202.** Mr. SCHMITT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title X, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS RELATING TO CENSORSHIP OR BLACKLISTING OF NEWS SOURCES BASED ON SUBJECTIVE CRITERIA OR POLITICAL BIASES.**

(a) PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for any fiscal year for the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended to—