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SA 1257. Mr. JOHNSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1258. Mr. MANCHIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1259. Mr. MANCHIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1260. Mr. MANCHIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1261. Mr. REED (for Mr. TESTER) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 238, expressing support for recognizing September 20 as National Service Dog Day.

SA 1262. Mr. ROMNEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1263. Mr. ROMNEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1264. Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. WELCH, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. HASSAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1265. Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Ms. HIRONO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1266. Mr. SCHMITT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1267. Mr. SCHMITT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1268. Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. HASSAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1242. Mr. BUDD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 230, line 13, insert “*Provided further*, That not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall transmit to Congress a report that provides, with respect to the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (Pub. L. 112-95), FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act of 2016 (Pub. L. 114-190), and FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-254), a list of each rulemaking and report requirement in such Acts and the status of each rulemaking or report: *Provided further*, That the amounts made available under this heading shall be reduced by \$100,000 for each day after the date that is 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act that such report has not been submitted to Congress:” after “Congress:”.

SA 1243. Mr. BUDD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division A, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER 14019.

None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this division may be used to implement or enforce Executive Order 14019 (86 Fed. Reg. 13623; relating to promoting access to voting).

At the appropriate place in division B, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER 14019.

None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this division may be used to implement or enforce Executive Order 14019 (86 Fed. Reg. 13623; relating to promoting access to voting).

At the appropriate place in division C, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER 14019.

None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this division may be used to implement or enforce Executive Order 14019 (86 Fed. Reg. 13623; relating to promoting access to voting).

SA 1244. Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Ms. LUMMIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division B, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to finalize, implement, administer, or enforce the proposed rule of the Department of Agriculture entitled “Use of Electronic Identification Eartags as Official Identification in Cattle and Bison” (88 Fed. Reg. 3320 (January 19, 2023)).

SA 1245. Mr. MANCHIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . (a) Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall submit to Congress a report regarding the state of the conservatorship of the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (referred to in this section as the “covered entities”).

(b) The report required under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) policy options that could be taken to end the conservatorship of the covered entities;

(2) potential safeguards that would need to be established to ensure that, after the end of the conservatorship of the covered entities, the covered entities would not need to be placed in conservatorship at a future date;

(3) whether the conservatorship of the covered entities has accomplished the primary goals of the conservatorship; and

(4) if applicable, the projected timeline for ending the conservatorship of the covered entities.

SA 1246. Ms. BALDWIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In the matter under the heading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE” under the heading “AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS” in title I of division B, insert “: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this heading, \$8,100,000 shall be used to carry out cranberry research” before the period at the end.

SA 1247. Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. BUDD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the amendment, insert the following:

DIVISION D—LUMBEE FAIRNESS ACT**SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

This division may be cited as the “Lumbee Fairness Act”.

SEC. 102. FEDERAL RECOGNITION.

The Act of June 7, 1956 (70 Stat. 254, chapter 375), is amended—

- (1) by striking section 2;
- (2) in the first sentence of the first section, by striking “That the Indians” and inserting the following:

“SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF LUMBEE INDIANS.

- “The Indians”;
- (3) in the preamble—
- (A) by inserting before the first undesignated clause the following:

“SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

- “Congress finds that—”;
- (B) by designating the undesignated clauses as paragraphs (1) through (4), respectively, and indenting appropriately;
- (C) by striking “Whereas” each place it appears;
- (D) by striking “and” after the semicolon at the end of each of paragraphs (1) and (2) (as so designated); and
- (E) in paragraph (4) (as so designated), by striking “: Now, therefore,” and inserting a period;

- (4) by moving the enacting clause so as to appear before section 1 (as so designated);

- (5) by striking the last sentence of section 3 (as designated by paragraph (2));

- (6) by inserting before section 3 (as designated by paragraph (2)) the following:

“SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

- “In this Act:
- “(1) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of the Interior.
- “(2) TRIBE.—The term ‘Tribe’ means the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina or the Lumbee Indians of North Carolina.”; and
- (7) by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 4. FEDERAL RECOGNITION.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Federal recognition is extended to the Tribe (as designated as petitioner number 65 by the Office of Federal Acknowledgment).

“(b) APPLICABILITY OF LAWS.—All laws and regulations of the United States of general application to Indians and Indian tribes shall apply to the Tribe and its members.

“(c) PETITION FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—Notwithstanding section 3, any group of Indians in Robeson and adjoining counties, North Carolina, whose members are not enrolled in the Tribe (as determined under section 5(d)) may petition under part 83 of title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations for acknowledgment of tribal existence.

“SEC. 5. ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL SERVICES.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Tribe and its members shall be eligible for all services and benefits provided by the Federal Government to federally recognized Indian tribes.

“(b) SERVICE AREA.—For the purpose of the delivery of Federal services and benefits described in subsection (a), those members of the Tribe residing in Robeson, Cumberland, Hoke, and Scotland counties in North Carolina shall be deemed to be residing on or near an Indian reservation.

“(c) DETERMINATION OF NEEDS.—On verification by the Secretary of a tribal roll under subsection (d), the Secretary and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall—

- “(1) develop, in consultation with the Tribe, a determination of needs to provide the services for which members of the Tribe are eligible; and

- “(2) after the tribal roll is verified, each submit to Congress a written statement of those needs.

- “(d) TRIBAL ROLL.—

- “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purpose of the delivery of Federal services and benefits described

in subsection (a), the tribal roll in effect on the date of enactment of this section shall, subject to verification by the Secretary, define the service population of the Tribe.

“(2) VERIFICATION LIMITATION AND DEADLINE.—The verification by the Secretary under paragraph (1) shall—

- “(A) be limited to confirming documentary proof of compliance with the membership criteria set out in the constitution of the Tribe adopted on November 16, 2001; and

- “(B) be completed not later than 2 years after the submission of a digitized roll with supporting documentary proof by the Tribe to the Secretary.

“SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION TO TAKE LAND INTO TRUST.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary is hereby authorized to take land into trust for the benefit of the Tribe.

“(b) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN LAND.—An application to take into trust land located within Robeson County, North Carolina, under this section shall be treated by the Secretary as an ‘on reservation’ trust acquisition under part 151 of title 25, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor regulation).

“SEC. 7. JURISDICTION OF STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to land located within the State of North Carolina that is owned by, or held in trust by the United States for the benefit of, the Tribe, or any dependent Indian community of the Tribe, the State of North Carolina shall exercise jurisdiction over—

- “(1) all criminal offenses that are committed; and

- “(2) all civil actions that arise.

“(b) TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary may accept on behalf of the United States, after consulting with the Attorney General of the United States, any transfer by the State of North Carolina to the United States of any portion of the jurisdiction of the State of North Carolina described in subsection (a) over Indian country occupied by the Tribe pursuant to an agreement between the Tribe and the State of North Carolina.

“(2) RESTRICTION.—A transfer of jurisdiction described in paragraph (1) may not take effect until 2 years after the effective date of the agreement described in that paragraph.

“(c) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section affects the application of section 109 of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 1919).

“SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act.”.

SA 1248. Mr. KING submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In the matter under the heading “RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT” under the heading “RURAL HOUSING SERVICE” under the heading “RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS” in title III of division C, strike “\$60,000,000 for section 515” and insert “\$200,000,000 for section 515”.

In the matter under the heading “RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT” under the heading “RURAL HOUSING SERVICE” under the heading “RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS” in title III of division C, strike “\$35,000,000” and insert “75,000,000”.

SA 1249. Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . ADVANCING EFFORTS SEEKING COMPLIANCE BY MEXICO WITH TREATY ON UTILIZATION OF WATERS OF THE COLORADO AND TIJUANA RIVERS AND OF THE RIO GRANDE.

The Secretary of State shall use the voice, vote, diplomatic capital, and resources of the United States to ensure that United States diplomats and officials of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission are able to advance efforts seeking compliance by the United Mexican States with the Treaty on Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande, signed at Washington February 3, 1944, and to establish understandings to provide predictable and reliable future deliveries of water by the United Mexican States.

SA 1250. Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. BOOZMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division A, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO CHANGE RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION VIA SPECIAL MODE OF TRANSPORTATION.

During the period beginning on October 1, 2023, and ending on September 30, 2024, no funds appropriated by this division may be obligated or expended to change rates for reimbursement for transportation of a veteran or other individual via a special mode of transportation under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from the rates in place as of January 1, 2023.

SEC. ____ . REDUCTION OF AMOUNTS FOR DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

The amounts otherwise made available by this division for the Departmental Administration—General Administration account of the Department of Veterans Affairs are hereby reduced by \$43,500,000.

SA 1251. Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. CARPER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In the matter under the heading “RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT” under the heading “RURAL HOUSING SERVICE”

under the heading “RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS” in title III of division C, strike “\$850,000,000” and insert “\$793,520,000”.

In the matter under the heading “RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT” under the heading “RURAL HOUSING SERVICE” under the heading “RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS” in title III of division C, strike “\$62,637,000” and insert “\$82,637,000”.

In title VII of division B, strike sections 771 and 774.

SA 1252. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of division A, insert the following:

TITLE V—IMPROVING REVIEW OF CLAIMS FOR VETERANS BENEFITS

SEC. 501. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Preserving Lawful Utilization of Services for Veterans Act of 2023” or the “PLUS for Veterans Act of 2023”.

SEC. 502. CLARIFICATION OF PREPARATION, PRESENTATION, OR PROSECUTION OF A CLAIM UNDER A LAW ADMINISTERED BY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

Section 5901 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “Except” and inserting the following:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Except”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(b) EXCLUSION.—The administration of a medical examination, or the writing of a report based on such examination, described in section 5125 of this title, does not constitute the preparation, presentation, or prosecution of a claim described in subsection (a).”.

SEC. 503. AGENTS AND ATTORNEYS IN CLAIMS UNDER LAWS ADMINISTERED BY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: RECOGNITION; SUSPENSION.

Section 5904 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)—

(A) by inserting “(A)” before “Except”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

“(B)(i) The Secretary shall determine whether to recognize under subparagraph (A) an agent or attorney who applies for such recognition not later than 90 days after the Secretary receives such application.

“(ii) If the Secretary cannot verify whether the agent or attorney meets the qualifications and standards prescribed under paragraph (2) before the end of such 90 days, the Secretary shall recognize the agent or attorney under such subparagraph.

“(C) The Secretary may not refuse to recognize under subparagraph (A) an agent or attorney solely on the basis that such agent or attorney charges a claimant a fee for services rendered in the preparation, presentation, or prosecution of a claim.

“(D) The Secretary may suspend under subsection (b) an agent or attorney described in subparagraph (E) without regard to the notice and opportunity for a hearing under such subsection.

“(E) An agent or attorney described in this subparagraph is an agent or attorney—

“(i) recognized pursuant to subparagraph (B)(ii); and

“(ii) whom the Secretary determines, after the 90-day period described in such subparagraph, does not meet the qualifications and standards prescribed under paragraph (2).”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (9) as subparagraphs (A) through (I), respectively;

(B) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), as redesignated, by inserting “(1)” before “The Secretary”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of the Preserving Lawful Utilization of Services for Veterans Act of 2023 and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives a report regarding the number of individuals suspended under this subsection or denied recognition under subsection (a), disaggregated by the reasons for such suspension or denial and whether the individual is—

“(A) a representative of an organization recognized under section 5902 of this title;

“(B) an agent; or

“(C) an attorney.”.

SEC. 504. FEES ALLOWABLE FOR REPRESENTATION OF VETERANS FOR CLAIMS UNDER LAWS ADMINISTERED BY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) FEES.—Section 5904 of title 38, United States Code, as amended by section 503, is further amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(5), by striking “preparation, presentation, and prosecution of a claim before the Department” and inserting “course of representation described in subsection (c)(2).”; and

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by inserting “FLAT FEE AGREEMENTS.—” after “(c).”; and

(B) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1)(A) In a case other than a case described in paragraph (2), a fee agreement between a claimant and an agent or attorney, with respect to the preparation, presentation, or prosecution of a claim under a law administered by the Secretary, shall be a fee agreement under—

“(i) this paragraph, using a standard agreement form prescribed by the Secretary;

“(ii) subsection (d); or

“(iii) subsection (e).

“(B) A fee agreement under this paragraph is one under which the total amount payable by the claimant to the agent or attorney with respect to the claim—

“(i) may not exceed \$12,500 (as adjusted from time to time under subparagraph (C)); and

“(ii) is contingent on whether the claim is resolved in a manner favorable to the claimant.

“(C) Effective on October 1 of each year (beginning in the first fiscal year after the date of the enactment of the Preserving Lawful Utilization of Services for Veterans Act of 2023), the Secretary shall increase the dollar amount in effect under clause (i) of subparagraph (B) by a percentage equal to the percentage by which the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (U.S. city average) increased during the 12-month period ending with the last month for which Consumer Price Index data is available. In the event that such Consumer Price Index does not increase during such period, the Secretary shall maintain the dollar amount in effect under such clause during the previous fiscal year.

“(D) The limitation under subparagraph (B)(i) does not apply to any fee charged, al-

lowed, or paid for services provided with respect to proceedings before a court.

“(E) For purposes of subparagraph (B)(ii), a claim shall be considered to have been resolved in a manner favorable to the claimant if all or any part of the relief sought is granted.

“(F) The form prescribed by the Secretary under subparagraph (A)(i) shall include the following notifications to the claimant:

“(i) That organizations recognized under section 5902 of this title furnish services concerning claims under laws administered by the Secretary, at no cost to claimants.

“(ii) That the claimant may select a private physician for a medical examination described in section 5125 of this title regarding the claim.

“(iii) That such agent or attorney may not refer the claimant to a private physician described in clause (ii) with whom the agent or attorney has a business relationship regarding the claim.”;

(C) in paragraph (2), by striking “referred to in paragraph (1) of this subsection” and inserting “regarding a claim under a law administered by the Secretary”; and

(D) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “to paragraph (2)” and inserting “to paragraph (1) or (2).”; and

(E) by striking paragraph (4); and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) PAYMENT OF FEES OUT OF AN AWARD OR INCREASED AWARD.—(1) When a claimant and an agent or attorney have entered into a fee agreement described in paragraph (2), the total fee payable to the agent or attorney (including all ancillary fees) may not exceed the amount that is equal to the product of five and the amount of the monthly increase of benefits awarded on the basis of the claim.

“(2) A fee agreement referred to in paragraph (1) is one under which the total amount of the fee payable to the agent or attorney—

“(A) is to be paid to the agent or attorney by the claimant, after commencement of the monthly period of payment of monetary benefits based on an award or increased award (as defined in section 5111(d) of this title); and

“(B) is contingent on whether the matter is resolved in a manner favorable to the claimant.

“(3) For the purposes of this subsection, a claim shall be considered to have been resolved in a manner favorable to the claimant if all or any part of the relief sought is granted.”.

(b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall prescribe regulations to carry out the amendments made by this section.

SEC. 505. REINSTATEMENT OF PENALTIES FOR CHARGING VETERANS UNAUTHORIZED FEES RELATING TO CLAIMS UNDER LAWS ADMINISTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5905 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “Penalty” and inserting “Penalties”; and

(2) by striking “Whoever” and inserting the following:

“(a) WITHHOLDING OF BENEFITS.—Whoever”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(b) CHARGING OF UNAUTHORIZED FEES.—Except as provided in sections 5904 or 1984 of this title, whoever directly or indirectly solicits, contracts for, charges, or receives, or attempts to solicit, contract for, charge, or receive, any fee or compensation with respect to the preparation, presentation, or

prosecution of any claim for benefits under a law administered by the Secretary shall be fined as provided in title 18, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 59 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to section 5905 and inserting the following new item:

“5905. Penalties for certain acts.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 1253. Mr. MORAN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Ms. BALDWIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division B, insert the following:

SEC. _____. (a) In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated, out of amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$1,000,000 to carry out section 4208 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. 2026a).

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the total amount appropriated under the heading “OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY” under the heading “PROCESSING, RESEARCH, AND MARKETING” under the heading “AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS” in title I is reduced by \$1,000,000.

SA 1254. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title VII of division B, insert the following:

SEC. _____. (a) In addition to the annual amount of user fees authorized to be assessed and collected under section 919(c) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 387s(c)) and made available for purposes of carrying out the Food and Drug Administration’s tobacco regulation activities under chapter IX of such Act (21 U.S.C. 387 et seq.), notwithstanding section 919(c)(2)(B) of such Act (21 U.S.C. 387s(c)(2)(B)), of the amounts made available to the Food and Drug Administration under this Act, not less than \$8,000,000 shall be used by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs for such tobacco regulation activities, including to enhance regulatory reviews of, and enforcement actions with respect to, electronic nicotine delivery systems.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the amount rescinded pursuant to section 745 shall be \$315,526,000.

SA 1255. Mr. OSSOFF (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. TILLIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making ap-

propriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 75, line 23, strike the period at the end and insert the following: “, of which \$10,000,000 shall be made available for the Office of Women’s Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs established under section 7310 of title 38, United States Code, to be used by the Secretary to expand access of women veterans to—

- (1) mobile mammography initiatives;
- (2) advanced mammography equipment; and
- (3) outreach activities to publicize such initiatives and equipment.

SA 1256. Mr. LANKFORD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title VII of division B, insert the following:

SEC. 7____. (a) The modifications approved by the Food and Drug Administration on January 3, 2023, to the risk evaluation and mitigation strategy under section 505-1 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355-1) for mifepristone shall have no force or effect.

(b) None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to—

(1) establish, implement, or enforce any provision of a risk evaluation and mitigation strategy under section 505-1 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355-1) for mifepristone that is substantially similar to any of the modifications nullified by subsection (a); or

(2) exercise discretion to not enforce any provision of a risk evaluation and mitigation strategy under such section 505-1 for mifepristone.

SA 1257. Mr. JOHNSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

DIVISION D—PREVENT GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS ACT OF 2023

SECTION 4001. SHORT TITLE.

This division may be cited as the “Prevent Government Shutdowns Act of 2023”.

SEC. 4002. AUTOMATIC CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle I of chapter 13 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 1311. Automatic continuing appropriations

“(a)(1)(A) On and after the first day of each fiscal year, if an appropriation Act for such fiscal year with respect to the account for a program, project, or activity has not been enacted and continuing appropriations are

not in effect with respect to the program, project, or activity, there are appropriated such sums as may be necessary to continue, at the rate for operations specified in subparagraph (C), the program, project, or activity if funds were provided for the program, project, or activity during the preceding fiscal year.

“(B)(i) Appropriations and funds made available and authority granted under subparagraph (A) shall be available for a period of 14 days.

“(ii) If, at the end of the first 14-day period during which appropriations and funds are made available and authority is granted under subparagraph (A), and the end of every 14-day period thereafter, an appropriation Act for such fiscal year with respect to the account for a program, project, or activity has not been enacted and continuing appropriations are not in effect with respect to the program, project, or activity under a provision of law other than subparagraph (A), the appropriations and funds made available and authority granted under subparagraph (A) during the 14-day period shall be extended for an additional 14-day period.

“(C)(i) Except as provided in clause (ii), the rate for operations specified in this subparagraph with respect to a program, project, or activity is the rate for operations for the preceding fiscal year for the program, project, or activity—

“(I) provided in the corresponding appropriation Act for such preceding fiscal year;

“(II) if the corresponding appropriation bill for such preceding fiscal year was not enacted, provided in the law providing continuing appropriations for such preceding fiscal year; or

“(III) if the corresponding appropriation bill and a law providing continuing appropriations for such preceding fiscal year were not enacted, provided under this section for such preceding fiscal year.

“(ii) For entitlements and other mandatory payments whose budget authority was provided for the previous fiscal year in appropriations Acts, under a law other than this section providing continuing appropriations for such previous year, or under this section, and for activities under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, appropriations and funds made available during a fiscal year under this section shall be at the rate necessary to maintain program levels under current law, under the authority and conditions provided in the applicable appropriations Act.

“(2) Appropriations and funds made available, and authority granted, for any fiscal year pursuant to this section for a program, project, or activity shall be available, in accordance with paragraph (1)(B), for the period—

“(A) beginning on the first day of any lapse in appropriations during such fiscal year; and

“(B) ending on the date of enactment of an appropriation Act for such fiscal year with respect to the account for such program, project, or activity (whether or not such Act provides appropriations for such program, project, or activity) or a law making continuing appropriations for the program, project, or activity, as applicable.

“(3) Notwithstanding section 251(a)(1) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(a)(1)) and the timetable in section 254(a) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 904(a)), for any fiscal year for which appropriations and funds are made available under this section, the final sequestration report for such fiscal year pursuant to section 254(f)(1) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 904(f)(1)) and any order for such fiscal year pursuant to section 254(f)(5) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 901(f)(5)) shall be issued—

“(A) for the Congressional Budget Office, 10 days after the date on which appropriation Acts providing funding for the entire Federal Government through the end of such fiscal year have been enacted; and

“(B) for the Office of Management and Budget, 15 days after the date on which appropriation Acts providing funding for the entire Federal Government through the end of such fiscal year have been enacted.

“(b) An appropriation or funds made available, or authority granted, for a program, project, or activity for any fiscal year pursuant to this section shall be subject to the terms and conditions imposed with respect to the appropriation made or funds made available for the preceding fiscal year, or authority granted for such program, project, or activity under current law.

“(c) Expenditures made for a program, project, or activity for any fiscal year pursuant to this section shall be charged to the applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization whenever an appropriation Act for such fiscal year with respect to the account for a program, project, or activity or a law making continuing appropriations until the end of such fiscal year for such program, project, or activity is enacted.

“(d) This section shall not apply to a program, project, or activity during a fiscal year if any other provision of law (other than an authorization of appropriations)—

“(1) makes an appropriation, makes funds available, or grants authority for such program, project, or activity to continue for such period; or

“(2) specifically provides that no appropriation shall be made, no funds shall be made available, or no authority shall be granted for such program, project, or activity to continue for such period.”

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for subtitle I of chapter 13 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“1311. Automatic continuing appropriations.”

SEC. 4003. TIMELY ENACTMENT OF APPROPRIATION ACTS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term “covered officer or employee” means—

(A) an officer or employee of the Office of Management and Budget;

(B) a Member of Congress; or

(C) an employee of the personal office of a Member of Congress, a committee of either House of Congress, or a joint committee of Congress;

(2) the term “covered period”—

(A) means any period of automatic continuing appropriations; and

(B) with respect to the legislative branch—

(i) does not include any period of automatic continuing appropriations that occurs during the period—

(I) beginning at the time at which general appropriations Acts providing funding for the entire Federal Government (including an appropriation Act providing continuing funding) have been enacted or passed in identical form by both Houses and transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House for enrollment and presentment to the President for his signature; and

(II) ending at the time at which 1 or more general appropriations Acts—

(aa) are vetoed by the President; or

(bb) do not become law without the President's signature under article I, section 7 of the Constitution of the United States based on an adjournment of the Congress; and

(ii) includes any period of automatic continuing appropriations that is not a period described in clause (i) and that follows a veto or a failure to become law (as described in

item (bb) of clause (i)(II)) of 1 or more general appropriations Acts;

(3) the term “Member of Congress” has the meaning given that term in section 2106 of title 5, United States Code;

(4) the term “National Capital Region” has the meaning given that term in section 8702 of title 40, United States Code; and

(5) the term “period of automatic continuing appropriations” means a period during which automatic continuing appropriations under section 1311 of title 31, United States Code, as added by section 2 of this Act, are in effect with respect to 1 or more programs, projects, or activities.

(b) LIMITS ON TRAVEL EXPENDITURES.—

(1) LIMITS ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL.—

(A) LIMITATION.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), no amounts may be obligated or expended for official travel by a covered officer or employee during a covered period.

(B) EXCEPTIONS.—

(i) RETURN TO DC.—If a covered officer or employee is away from the seat of Government on the date on which a covered period begins, funds may be obligated and expended for official travel for a single return trip to the seat of Government by the covered officer or employee.

(ii) TRAVEL IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION.—During a covered period, amounts may be obligated and expended for official travel by a covered officer or employee from one location in the National Capital Region to another location in the National Capital Region.

(iii) NATIONAL SECURITY EVENTS.—During a covered period, if a national security event that triggers a continuity of operations or continuity of Government protocol occurs, amounts may be obligated and expended for official travel by a covered officer or employee for any official travel relating to responding to the national security event or implementing the continuity of operations or continuity of Government protocol.

(2) RESTRICTION ON USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS.—Section 313 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30114) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “for ordinary” and inserting “except as provided in subsection (d), for ordinary”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(d) RESTRICTION ON USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL DURING AUTOMATIC CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), during a covered period (as defined in section 3 of the Prevent Government Shutdowns Act of 2023), a contribution or donation described in subsection (a) may not be obligated or expended for travel in connection with duties of the individual as a holder of Federal office.

“(2) RETURN TO DC.—If the individual is away from the seat of Government on the date on which a covered period (as so defined) begins, a contribution or donation described in subsection (a) may be obligated and expended for travel by the individual to return to the seat of Government.”

(c) PROCEDURES IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—During a covered period, in the Senate and the House of Representatives—

(A) it shall not be in order to move to proceed to any matter except for—

(i) a measure making appropriations for the fiscal year during which the covered period begins;

(ii) any motion required to determine the presence of or produce a quorum; or

(iii) on and after the 30th calendar day after the first day of a covered period—

(I) the nomination of an individual—

(aa) to a position at level I of the Executive Schedule under section 5312 of title 5, United States Code; or

(bb) to serve as Chief Justice of the United States or an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; or

(II) a measure extending the period during which a program, project, or activity is authorized to be carried out (without substantive change to the program, project, or activity or any other program, project, or activity) if—

(aa) an appropriation Act with respect to the program, project, or activity for the fiscal year during which the covered period occurs has not been enacted; and

(bb) the program, project, or activity has expired since the beginning of such fiscal year or will expire during the 30-day period beginning on the date of the motion;

(B) it shall not be in order to move to recess or adjourn for a period of more than 23 hours; and

(C) at noon each day, or immediately following any constructive convening of the Senate under rule IV, paragraph 2 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Presiding Officer shall direct the clerk to determine whether a quorum is present.

(2) WAIVER.—

(A) LIMITATION ON PERIOD.—It shall not be in order in the Senate or the House of Representatives to move to waive any provision of paragraph (1) for a period that is longer than 7 days.

(B) SUPERMAJORITY VOTE.—A provision of paragraph (1) may only be waived or suspended upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members of the applicable House of Congress, duly chosen and sworn.

(d) MOTION TO PROCEED TO APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—On and after the 30th calendar day after the first day of each fiscal year, if an appropriation Act for such fiscal year with respect to a program, project, or activity has not been enacted, it shall be in order in the Senate, notwithstanding rule XXII or any pending executive measure or matter, to move to proceed to any appropriations bill or joint resolution for the program, project, or activity that has been sponsored and cosponsored by not less than 3 Senators who are members of or caucus with the party in the majority in the Senate and not less than 3 Senators who are members of or caucus with the party in the minority in the Senate.

(2) CONSIDERATION.—For a bill or joint resolution described in paragraph (1)—

(A) the bill or joint resolution may be considered the same day as it is introduced and shall not have to lie over 1 day; and

(B) the motion to proceed to the bill or joint resolution shall be debatable for not to exceed 6 hours, equally divided between the proponents and opponents of the motion, and upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate shall vote on the motion to proceed.

SEC. 4004. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

(a) CLASSIFICATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.—The budgetary effects of this division and the amendments made by this division shall be estimated as if this division and the amendments made by this division are discretionary appropriations Acts for purposes of section 251 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.).

(b) BASELINE.—For purposes of calculating the baseline under section 257 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 907), the provision of budgetary resources under section 1311 of title 31, United States Code, as added by this division, for an account shall be considered to be a continuing appropriation in effect for

such account for less than the entire current year.

(c) **ENFORCEMENT OF DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMITS.**—For purposes of enforcing the discretionary spending limits under section 251(a) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(a)), the budgetary resources made available under section 1311 of title 31, United States Code, as added by this division, shall be considered part-year appropriations for purposes of section 251(a)(4) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(a)(4)).

SA 1258. Mr. MANCHIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division A, insert the following:

SEC. ____. **SENSE OF CONGRESS AND REPORT ON NATIONAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INSTITUTE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

(a) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that Congress supports the National Artificial Intelligence Institute of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the endeavors of the Institute to research, develop, incorporate, and implement artificial intelligence where needed in the Department.

(b) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress a report on the mission of the Institute, the current programs of the Institute, the implementation by the Institute of artificial intelligence within the Department, and the strategy of the Institute to incorporate artificial intelligence across the Department going forward.

SA 1259. Mr. MANCHIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division B, insert the following:

SEC. ____. In determining awardees of grants under the distance learning and telemedicine program under chapter 1 of subtitle D of title XXIII of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 950aaa et seq.), the Secretary of Agriculture shall provide attention to the need for distance learning and telemedicine access in moderately rugged and highly rugged areas, as defined by the Road Ruggedness Scale of the Economic Research Service.

SA 1260. Mr. MANCHIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other

purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division A, insert the following:

SEC. ____. **REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CONSULTATION WITH PHYSICIANS ON NATIONAL STANDARDS OF PRACTICE.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress a report on how the Department of Veterans Affairs consults with physicians to ensure that safe, high-quality national standards of practice are developed and implemented across medical centers of the Department.

SA 1261. Mr. REED (for Mr. TESTER) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 238, expressing support for recognizing September 20 as National Service Dog Day; as follows:

In the first whereas clause of the preamble, strike “including—” and all that follows through “disabilities”.

In the second whereas clause of the preamble, strike “, hear” and all that follows through “seizure”.

Strike the fourth whereas clause of the preamble.

In the fifth whereas clause of the preamble, strike “, including” and all that follows through “ideation”.

In the sixth whereas clause of the preamble, strike “, located in all 50 States, Puerto Rico, and Guam”.

SA 1262. Mr. ROMNEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title I of division C, insert the following:

SEC. ____. Not later than September 30, 2024, the Secretary of Transportation shall submit to Congress a report that compares the labor costs of transportation projects funded by the Department of Transportation (including through any grant, loan, loan guarantee, insurance, or other method) that are subject to the final rule of the Department of Labor entitled “Updating the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts Regulations” (88 Fed. Reg. 57526 (August 23, 2023)) with the labor costs of transportation projects funded by the Department of Transportation (including through any grant, loan, loan guarantee, insurance, or other method) in the 1-year period ending on the effective date of that rule.

SA 1263. Mr. ROMNEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____. **PROTECTING DOMESTIC SOURCES OF URANIUM.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no Federal funds shall be used to des-

ignate a new, or expand an existing, national monument on land that includes a uranium mill or mine that may provide a domestic source of uranium.

SA 1264. Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. WELCH, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. HASSAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division A, insert the following:

SEC. ____. **REVIEW OF VETERANS WHO ENGAGED IN TOXIC EXPOSURE RISK ACTIVITIES WHILE SERVING IN KOSOVO AND THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF SUCH TOXIC EXPOSURE RISK ACTIVITIES.**

(a) **REVIEW REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall conduct a review of the following:

(1) Data regarding the mortality of covered veterans.

(2) Any data on toxic exposure experienced by covered veterans that is both relevant and available, including toxicology studies.

(3) The type of toxic exposure risk activities covered veterans engaged in while serving in the active military, naval, air, or space service in Kosovo.

(b) **COVERED VETERANS.**—For purposes of subsection (a), a covered veteran is a veteran who—

(1) served in the active military, naval, air, or space service in Kosovo; and

(2) as part of such service, engaged in a toxic exposure risk activity.

(c) **MANNER AND SUITABILITY OF REVIEW.**—The Secretary shall carry out the review required by subsection (a) in a manner such that the findings of the Secretary with respect to the review are suitable and applicable under subchapter VII of chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code.

(d) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **ACTIVE MILITARY, NAVAL, AIR, OR SPACE SERVICE.**—The term “active military, naval, air, or space service” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

(2) **TOXIC EXPOSURE RISK ACTIVITY.**—The term “toxic exposure risk activity” has the meaning given such term in section 1710(e)(4) of such title.

(3) **VETERAN.**—The term “veteran” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of such title.

SA 1265. Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Ms. HIRONO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title IV of division C, insert the following:

SEC. ____.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency may adjust the limit established under section 408(h)(1) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and

Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5174(h)(1)) with respect to a major disaster declared under section 401 of that Act (42 U.S.C. 5170) outside the continental United States after August 1, 2023, based on appropriate economic indicators demonstrating high local repair and construction costs. *Provided*, that such amounts are designated by 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 (2 U.S.C. 951(b)(2)(A)(i)).

SA 1266. Mr. SCHMITT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division A, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . AMOUNTS FOR ROSECRANS AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, MISSOURI.

The is appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$2,000,000 to carry out a project at Rosecrans Air National Guard Base, Missouri, relating to 139th airlift wing entry control point planning and design.

SA 1267. Mr. SCHMITT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division A, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . AMOUNTS FOR ROSECRANS AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, MISSOURI.

The is appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$2,000,000 to carry out a project at Rosecrans Air National Guard Base, Missouri, relating to entry control point planning and design.

SA 1268. Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. HASSAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division A, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . REVIEW OF VETERANS WHO ENGAGED IN TOXIC EXPOSURE RISK ACTIVITIES WHILE SERVING IN KOSOVO AND THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF SUCH TOXIC EXPOSURE RISK ACTIVITIES.

(a) **REVIEW REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall conduct a review of the following:

- (1) Data regarding the mortality of covered veterans.
- (2) Any data on toxic exposure experienced by covered veterans that is both relevant and available, including toxicology studies.

(3) The type of toxic exposure risk activities covered veterans engaged in while serving in the active military, naval, air, or space service in Kosovo.

(b) **COVERED VETERANS.**—For purposes of subsection (a), a covered veteran is a veteran who—

(1) served in the active military, naval, air, or space service in Kosovo; and

(2) as part of such service, engaged in a toxic exposure risk activity.

(c) **MANNER AND SUITABILITY OF REVIEW.**—The Secretary shall carry out the review required by subsection (a) in a manner such that the findings of the Secretary with respect to the review are suitable and applicable under subchapter VII of chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code.

(d) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **ACTIVE MILITARY, NAVAL, AIR, OR SPACE SERVICE.**—The term “active military, naval, air, or space service” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

(2) **TOXIC EXPOSURE RISK ACTIVITY.**—The term “toxic exposure risk activity” has the meaning given such term in section 1710(e)(4) of such title.

(3) **VETERAN.**—The term “veteran” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of such title.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. LEE. Madam President, I submit the following notice in writing: In accordance with Rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby give notice in writing that it is my intention to move to suspend Rule XVI and Rule XXII, including germaneness requirements and dilatory provisions, to offer the following amendments, either as floor amendments, or as motions to recommit with instructions: Vance No. 1210, Lee No. 1121, Cruz No. 1176, Rubio No. 1159, Rubio No. 1237, Hawley No. 1200, Marshall No. 1161, Braun No. 1182, Paul No. 1226, Paul No. 1217. Scott of Florida S. 2721, as amended with a Scott of Florida-Rubio substitute amendment.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Madam President, I have four 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 THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct an open hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND SPENDING OVERSIGHT

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

The Subcommittee on Health Care of the Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 20 AS NATIONAL SERVICE DOG DAY

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 238.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 238) expressing support for recognizing September 20 as National Service Dog Day.

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

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to; that the Tester amendment at the desk to the preamble be considered and agreed to; that the preamble, as amended, be agreed to; and that 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. 238) was agreed to.

The amendment (No. 1261) to the preamble was considered and agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the preamble)

In the first whereas clause of the preamble, strike “including—” and all that follows through “disabilities”.

In the second whereas clause of the preamble, strike “, hear” and all that follows through “seizure”.

Strike the fourth whereas clause of the preamble.

In the fifth whereas clause of the preamble, strike “, including” and all that follows through “ideation”.

In the sixth whereas clause of the preamble, strike “, located in all 50 States, Puerto Rico, and Guam”.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The resolution with its preamble, as amended, reads as follows:

S. RES. 238

Whereas service dogs assist individuals with a wide range of challenges,

Whereas service dogs are able to support veterans struggling after war;

Whereas service dogs have assisted individuals in the United States since 1929;

Whereas evidence-based research has shown that service dogs provide numerous health and fitness benefits;