

of the Senate on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 2:30 p.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, April 30, 2024, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Ms. ERNST. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Sarah Luetz, a fellow from my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the Congress.

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

PROHIBITING RUSSIAN URANIUM IMPORTS ACT

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 1042, which was received from the House and is at the desk.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1042) to prohibit the importation into the United States of unirradiated low-enriched uranium that is produced in the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I further ask that the bill be considered read a third time and passed 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 bill (H.R. 1042) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 7791

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that if the Senate receives a message from the House that it has passed H.R. 7791 and if the text is identical to S. 4057, that H.R. 7791 be considered as having been read three times and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

STRENGTHENING SUPPORT FOR AMERICAN MANUFACTURING ACT

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 290, S. 2116.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2116) to require the Secretary of Commerce to produce a report that provides recommendations to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of Department of Commerce programs related to supply chain resilience and manufacturing and industrial innovation, 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 “Strengthening Support for American Manufacturing Act”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.**—The term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate; and
(B) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

(2) **COVERED OFFICES AND BUREAUS.**—The term “covered offices and bureaus” means offices and bureaus of the Department of Commerce identified under section 3(a)(1).

(3) **CRITICAL SUPPLY CHAIN.**—The term “critical supply chain” means an end-to-end system that converts raw materials into finished products in critical sectors, including in—

(A) the defense industrial base;
(B) the public health and biological preparedness industrial base;
(C) the information and communications technology industrial base;
(D) the energy sector industrial base;
(E) the transportation industrial base; and
(F) agricultural supply chains.

(4) **CRITICAL SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCE.**—The term “critical supply chain resilience” means mitigating gaps and vulnerabilities in critical supply chains, including by—

(A) reducing risk of malicious sabotage or external or internal manipulation; and
(B) improving the ability to withstand supply chain interruptions such as logistical challenges and workforce, materials, equipment, or product shortages.

(5) **MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION.**—The term “manufacturing and industrial innovation” means—

(A) providing assistance, resources, or services to manufacturers or manufacturing workers in the United States;
(B) offering expertise, improvements, research, and development or other assistance in technological innovations or advanced manufacturing in partnership with or for use by manufacturers in the United States; or
(C) developing policy that substantially impacts the manufacturing sector in the United States.

(6) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

SEC. 3. STUDY RELATING TO MANUFACTURING PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

(a) **ASSESSMENT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall produce a report that—

(1) identifies offices and bureaus of the Department of Commerce with responsibilities related to—
(A) critical supply chain resilience; and
(B) manufacturing and industrial innovation;
(2) identifies the duties, responsibilities, programs, and expertise relevant to critical supply

chain resilience and manufacturing and industrial innovation of each covered office and bureau;

(3) identifies and assesses the purpose, statutory authority, effectiveness, efficiency, and limitations of each covered office and bureau;

(4) identifies gaps between offices with duplicative duties responsibilities, programs, and expertise within the Department of Commerce that are implementing activities related to critical supply chain resilience and manufacturing and industrial innovation; and

(5) provides recommendations to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of each covered office and bureau, including recommendations to—

(A) optimize operations within or across covered offices and bureaus;

(B) improve coordination across covered offices and bureaus; and

(C) improve coordination with Federal agencies implementing similar activities related to critical supply chain resilience and manufacturing and industrial innovation.

(b) **NATIONAL ACADEMY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.**—The Secretary shall contract with the National Academy of Public Administration in producing the report under subsection (a).

(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date on which the Secretary produces the report under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress—

(1) the report produced under subsection (a);
(2) recommendations for potential legislative action addressing recommendations in the report produced under subsection (a); and
(3) a response from the Secretary to the recommendations included in the report produced under subsection (a).

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported substitute amendment be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The committee-reported amendment, in the nature of a substitute, was agreed to.

The bill (S. 2116), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

RECOGNIZING THE DESIGNATION OF APRIL AS COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 664, submitted earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 664) recognizing the designation of April as “Community College Month” to celebrate more than 1,000 institutions throughout the United States supporting access to higher education and workforce training, and more broadly sustaining and advancing the economic prosperity of the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. 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 with no intervening action or debate.