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## *House of Representatives*

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

## *Senate*

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026

The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we thank You for a new year with all its hurdles, hardships, and hopes. We pause to express our gratitude, for You have been better to us than we deserve. Lord, You have been bread for our hunger, water for our thirst, and hope for our times of despair. Guide our lawmakers during these turbulent times until Your will is done on Earth, even as it is done in Heaven. Give them wisdom to discern sanity from derangement, truth from falsehood, and light from darkness.

We pray in Your marvelous Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### SECOND SESSION OF THE 119TH CONGRESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today being the formal convening of the 2nd session of the 119th Congress, in my capacity as President pro tempore of the Senate, I wish to remind all Senators

and staff of the rules and precedents regarding proper decorum in debate in the Senate Chamber.

Rule XIX, paragraph 2 reads:

No Senator in debate shall, directly or indirectly, by any form of words impute to another Senator or to other Senators any conduct or motive unworthy or unbecoming a Senator.

In addition, the precedents of the Senate require Senators, when addressing each other, to do so in the third person and through the Chair.

Senators shall address and refer to one another using proper titles such as "the Senator from Iowa," "the chairman," or "the majority leader," and refrain from using first names and other monikers.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BUDD). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

### HEALTHCARE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, Happy New Year. Congress has a full plate of issues to work on this year. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves

and continuing my work for the people of Iowa this year, as I always do.

One issue that is on my mind is lowering healthcare costs, expanding access to high-quality care, and supporting research and innovation. The U.S. healthcare needs more reform and accountability, but we don't need to turn it into a socialized, government-run healthcare system.

I would like to point out another example, as I have before, of how socialized medicine fails patients. Recently, a Canadian woman named Jolene Van Alstine made headlines because of Canada's socialized single-payer healthcare system.

Jolene can't access a healthcare specialist to get the lifesaving surgery that she needs. Jolene has a rare disease, and she needs surgery. Yet there is not a surgeon available in her province to perform that surgery. You would think she would look elsewhere in Canada to get the surgery, but she can't do that. Jolene must get permission from a local specialist first due to government rules running the socialized healthcare system in Canada.

Yet getting an appointment with a specialist isn't possible because no one is accepting new patients. Now she is considering "medical assistance in dying" because Canada's healthcare system doesn't have a surgeon or a specialist that she needs to get that life-saving care.

American conservative radio commentator Glenn Beck has offered to cover the patient's travel expenses to America if an American surgeon is able to perform the surgery. I sure hope

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## VENEZUELA

someone will step up to help Jolene in this way.

So Canada does, however, have an alternative healthcare system. It is called the United States of America, if the patient can afford to come here and pay for the services. I have highlighted before how Canadians' cancer patients are coming to America for treatment. Socialized medicine leads to longer wait times and scarce resources. Let this be another reminder of socialized medicine's failures.

I yield the floor.

## RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

## SENATE AGENDA

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, 2025 was a historically busy year here in the U.S. Senate: the longest session period in more than 15 years; the greatest number of votes in half a century; many, many, many hours in session, substantially exceeding the average of the past 78 years.

What do we have to show for all of that? More than 400 Presidential nominees confirmed, far exceeding the totals of the first year of President Trump's first term and of President Biden's; repeal of a number of burdensome Biden rules and regulations, including multiple rules that would have driven up prices for American families and businesses; legislation to combat the fentanyl epidemic; to keep criminal illegal immigrants off our streets; to create the first U.S. Federal framework for stablecoins and ensure U.S. leadership in financial innovation; and first and foremost, of course, we passed the Working Families Tax Cut and the rest of our landmark legislation.

January 1 was this past Thursday. If Democrats had their way, Americans would have been facing a big tax hike at the start of this year. Instead, thanks to the Working Families Tax Cut, Americans will continue to pay the lower tax rates Republicans passed in 2017. And that is not all.

In addition to making permanent the tax relief we passed in 2017, Republicans have added a number of new tax relief measures to ensure that Americans can keep more of their hard-earned money. We further increased the standard deduction. We further increased the child tax credit and indexed it to inflation so that its value will never go down. We added a new bonus deduction for seniors, no tax on tips and overtime, and the list goes on.

Thanks to our legislation, Americans will be able to keep more of their hard-earned money permanently, and that is not all our legislation did. Our once-in-a-generation legislation also invested in our national security, in a more secure border, and safer streets.

We repealed Democrats' natural gas tax and took steps to unleash Amer-

ican energy production to ensure Americans have a stable and affordable energy supply and more.

Our goal for 2025 was more money in Americans' pockets, new opportunities, and safer streets. We are accomplishing that with the Working Families Tax Cuts and the rest of our landmark legislation, and we will continue to expand on that work in 2026.

There are a number of bills that I would like the Senate to take up, including ROAD to Housing—legislation that addresses housing affordability and availability—and market structure legislation that builds on the success of the GENIUS Act and provides long-overdue clarity on digital asset regulation.

Our first item of business, though, is appropriations. We still have work to do to get as many full-year appropriations bills as possible across the finish line for fiscal year 2026. I made it very clear when I became majority leader that I wanted to get the Senate back to regular-order appropriations, and we made a strong start last year, passing three appropriations bills with robust bipartisan margins before the August work period—the first time that we have passed an appropriations bill that early since 2018.

Unfortunately, Democrats then chose to shut down the government, which seriously delayed our appropriations work. But we got right back to it after Democrats finally agreed to reopen the government, and we were able to get those three appropriations bills signed into law by the President this fall.

Now we have another bipartisan, bicameral package of three bills that was released today and is ready to move through the House and the Senate. That will be the priority as soon as this package comes over from the House, and Senators can expect continued work on appropriations for the remainder of January.

We have a January 30 deadline to fund the government, and nobody should want a repeat of the recent Democrat shutdown at the end of this month. So let's get the rest of this year's appropriations bills done so we can turn our attention to our other responsibilities and to getting the next fiscal year's appropriations bills done in a timely fashion.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

## RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader is recognized.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, early Saturday morning, as we all know, U.S. forces apprehended Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and his wife. Both of them are now in U.S. custody.

First, I will say this: Maduro is a tyrant. Nobody mourns what has happened to him. Under his watch, the people of Venezuela have suffered immensely. But now the crucial question is, What comes next for Venezuela and, more importantly, for the United States?

Nobody really seems to know. The administration's story keeps changing by the hour. Even after Secretary Rubio spent all day Sunday trying to clean up Trump's mess, the President went right back to repeat that the United States will now apparently run Venezuela for a while.

On and on and on. No plan. No clarity. Only chaos.

Ironically and dangerously, the chaos Donald Trump has engendered in Venezuela leads him on, in his mind, to think he should try the same thing in Colombia, in Iran, and even in Greenland.

But the danger in Venezuela is only beginning. Donald Trump has opened a Pandora's box, and things can get out of hand very quickly. And if Donald Trump tries to do to Colombia and Greenland what he did to Venezuela, the disasters and consequences could compound exponentially, as bad as Venezuela alone is going to be. Whenever our country has gotten involved in this kind of regime change and nation building, American families pay the price in blood and in treasure. That is what happened in Iraq, for instance.

The American people did not sign up for this kind of military adventurism when they voted for Donald Trump. They wanted a President focused on America first, focused on lowering the cost of living, lowering healthcare costs, lowering grocery prices. Just like Donald Trump broke his promise to release the Epstein files, he is now breaking his promise to end American involvement in the endless wars.

I warn my Republican colleagues: The backlash from the MAGA base on the war in Venezuela will be swift, fierce, and thunderous, just like it was with the Epstein files. And if the Republicans go along with Donald Trump on Venezuela, Americans will pay the price in blood and in treasure, while Republicans could very well pay the price politically.

In the meantime, the next step for Congress is clear: We must stop Trump's folly by invoking the War Powers Act. Later this week, I will join Senator Kaine, Senator Schiff, and Senator Paul in forcing a vote on our War Powers Resolution, a bipartisan measure that will affirm Congress's authority on matters of war and peace when it comes to Venezuela. If there was ever a time for Republicans to step up to the plate and stand up not just for the authority of Congress but for

our national security, our safety, that time is now.

Separately, this afternoon, leaders of the House and Senate will meet with senior administration officials to ask questions about what is going on in Venezuela—try to get to the bottom of it—and what the plan is moving forward. An all-Senators briefing is also being organized for later this week. I demanded these briefings immediately after the strike on Saturday.

The administration owes Congress and the American people some pretty basic answers to many important questions—most importantly: What the hell does Donald Trump mean when he says the United States now intends to “run” Venezuela? Does this mean we are now in the business of nation building Venezuela? Are we going to put troops on the ground? How many? Where? And how much will it cost? How long will this go on? These questions should be answered to the Congress and, more importantly, to the American people before the administration attempts anything akin to so-called running Venezuela.

Frankly, we also know why Senator Rubio misled Congress so blatantly over the past 4 months. On three occasions, I asked Rubio whether or not the administration was seeking regime change in Venezuela. Three times the answer was no. We never really believed him in the first place, to be candid. But if Secretary Rubio wasn’t straight with us about Venezuela, what else is he not being straight with us about now? What else is he not being straight with the American people about now? For example, is an attack on Colombia now on the table? What about Iran or Greenland?

How is any of this putting America first? The simple answer is that it is not.

If you are a family of four in New York and your healthcare premiums just doubled on January 1, what are you supposed to think when you read in the paper that Donald Trump is spending billions attacking Venezuela? If you are struggling to keep a roof over your head, if you are falling behind on your mortgage payment, what are you supposed to think when Donald Trump says we are going to “run” Venezuela for a while?

The American people did not sign up for another round of endless wars. They want Donald Trump to focus on the problems here at home: on healthcare, on housing, on energy, on groceries. But Donald Trump’s promise to keep us out of foreign entanglements is now as worthless as his promise to release the Epstein files.

He promises his base one thing on the campaign trail and does the exact opposite once he is in office, and it is the American people who will pay the price.

#### COST OF LIVING

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, now, on cost of living, if Donald Trump re-

fuses to focus on the one thing Americans want most, which is to lower the cost of living, Democrats are happy to do it for them. As we begin 2026, Democrats enter the new year on our front foot. The cost of living will remain the No. 1 focus for this week, this month, this year, and beyond.

The tip of the spear for so many people when it comes to costs, of course, is healthcare. It is now January 5, 2026. For tens of millions of people, the reality of sky-high premiums has now been locked in, thanks to Republicans who let the ACA premium tax credits expire last year. Millions more no longer have healthcare at all. Many others have switched to lower quality plans and can no longer see the doctors they have gone to for years and years and years or afford the medicines that their children have been taking to cure deadly diseases. Parents without insurance now don’t know what to do if their kids get sick.

Every Democrat in the Senate voted to extend the premium tax credits at the end of last year. And a number of Republicans—a small number, unfortunately, of Republicans—in both Chambers say they want to do it. But instead of listening to the vast majority of Americans who want these tax credits rendered, Leader THUNE and Speaker JOHNSON have sided with rightwing extremists who are happy to see these credits die. The result: higher premiums, more uninsured Americans, greater uncertainty for the people back home—especially people, actually, in the red States.

Democrats will not relent on the issue of the cost of living, of how difficult it is for Americans to pay the bills for things they need. The topic is not going to go away anytime soon. In fact, it will only grow in intensity over the year.

But, as everyone knows, healthcare is not the only part of the story when it comes to lowering the cost of living. In the coming weeks and months, Democrats will lay out cleanly and comprehensively how we can lower costs for the American people on a number of different topics—from health to housing, to groceries, to childcare, to energy costs, and beyond.

In the coming weeks, for example, I will work with a number of my colleagues, including Senator WARREN, on the many options we have to help Americans pay for housing. We also need to look at lowering grocery costs. We need to end Donald Trump’s destructive tariffs. We need to help families afford daycare. These are the things that Americans care about, not invading Venezuela, not attacking Colombia, or dreaming of invading Greenland.

The Democrats are focused on the things that matter to the American people, and we will focus on these like a laser—the high cost of living; affordability. Just like Democrats are dialed in on healthcare and brought the Nation’s attention to this important

issue, we are also focusing on costs as they relate to housing and groceries and energy and childcare and so much more.

We show the contrast that, while Donald Trump and Republicans are spending all of their time on foreign wars, on ballrooms, on private jets, Democrats are the ones focused on helping people pay the bills for the things they need every day to live their lives decently.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. BRITT). Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Kansas.

#### NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS REDUCTION PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2025

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to immediate consideration of Calendar No. 183, S. 320.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 320) to reauthorize the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which was reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic, as follows:

##### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the “National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2025”.*

##### SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF FINDINGS.

*Section 2 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7701) is amended—*

*(1) in paragraph (1)—*

*(A) by striking “50 States, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,” and inserting “States and Tribal jurisdictions”;*

*(B) by striking “of them” and inserting “States”;*

*(C) by striking “Tennessee,” and inserting “, Tennessee,”; and*

*(D) by striking “A large portion of the population of the United States lives in areas vulnerable to earthquake hazards” and inserting “Almost half of the United States population resides in areas that are at risk or experiencing a damaging earthquake during the 50-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2025”;*

*(2) in paragraph (2)—*

*(A) by inserting after the first sentence the following: “A 2023 report by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the United States Geological Survey (FEMA P-366) estimates the annualized earthquake losses to the national building stock is \$14,700,000,000 per year and the total economic exposure to earthquake losses (buildings and contents) across the nation is \$107,800,000,000.”; and*

(B) in the third sentence—

(i) by striking “and construction” and inserting “, construction, evaluation, and retrofitting”; and

(ii) by striking “and (E)” and inserting the following: “(E) inventories of buildings and infrastructure with high seismic risk, especially those that are critical to community resilience, (F) programs that require or incentivize replacement or retrofit of existing buildings and infrastructure with high seismic risk, especially those that are critical to community resilience, and (G)”;

(3) in paragraph (3), by inserting “Tribal,” after “local”;

(4) in paragraph (4), by striking “could provide” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “is necessary to provide the scientific understanding needed to improve and expand the earthquake early warning system.”;

(5) in paragraph (8), by striking “cave-ins” and inserting “collapse”;

(6) in paragraph (9)—

(A) in the first sentence, by striking “and local” and inserting “local, and Tribal government”;

(B) in the second sentence, by striking “transfer knowledge and information to” and inserting “exchange knowledge and information between”; and

(C) in the third sentence, by striking “specifications, criteria” and inserting “guidelines, codes, standards”;

(7) in paragraph (12)—

(A) in the second sentence—

(i) by striking “When earthquakes occur, the built environment is generally” and inserting “Relatively newer buildings and infrastructure have generally been”; and

(ii) by striking “and is” and inserting “when earthquakes occur, but most are”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following: “In addition, buildings and infrastructure built to older codes and standards may pose significant risk of injury, loss of life, or irreparable damage. A 2021 report submitted to Congress pursuant to section 8(b), as amended by section 5 of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-307), by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (FEMA P2090/NST SP-1254) provides recommendations for improving post-earthquake functional recovery time of the built environment to support community resilience goals and many of these recommendations still need to be implemented.”; and

(8) in paragraph (13)—

(A) in the first sentence, by inserting “in 2011” after “a study”;

(B) in the second sentence, by inserting “(in 2011 dollars)” after “\$300,000,000”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following: “The cost of actual seismic retrofits to reduce known risks is not included in such valuation.”.

### SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF PURPOSE.

Section 3 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7702) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “and local” and inserting “, local, and Tribal government”; and

(B) by striking “locations and structures” and inserting “buildings and infrastructure”;

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “and construction” and inserting “, construction, evaluation, and retrofitting”; and

(B) by inserting “housing and care facilities for vulnerable populations,” after “occupancy buildings.”; and

(3) in paragraph (4)—

(A) by striking “and local” and inserting “, local, and Tribal government”; and

(B) by striking “encourage consideration of” and inserting “incorporate”.

### SEC. 4. MODIFICATION OF DEFINITIONS.

Section 4 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7703) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by inserting “, including secondary effects such as earthquake-caused tsunamis” after “earthquakes”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(11) The term ‘Tribal government’ has the meaning given the term ‘tribal government’ in section 421 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 658).

“(12) The term ‘functional recovery’ means a post-earthquake performance state in which a building or lifeline infrastructure system is maintained, or restored, to safely and adequately support the basic intended functions associated with the pre-earthquake use or occupancy of a building, or the pre-earthquake service level of a lifeline infrastructure system.

“(13) The term ‘earthquake forecast’ means a statement of probabilities that 1 or more earthquakes within a clearly specified magnitude range may occur within a specified time interval and geographic region.”.

### SEC. 5. IMPROVEMENTS TO NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS REDUCTION PROGRAM.

(a) PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—Subsection (a)(2) of section 5 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7704) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B)—

(A) in the matter before clause (i)—

(i) by striking “and local” and inserting “local, and Tribal”; and

(ii) by striking “and constructing” and inserting “, designing, constructing, evaluating, and retrofitting”;

(B) by amending clause (ii) to read as follows:

“(ii) development of standards, guidelines, and voluntary standards, guidelines, and consensus codes for earthquake hazards reduction for buildings, structures, and lifeline infrastructure, including post-earthquake recovery-based performance objectives that address reoccupancy and downtime of community-prioritized buildings, structures, and services provided by lifeline infrastructure.”;

(C) in clause (iii), by striking “and hazards reduction; and” and inserting “functional recovery, and other hazards reduction topics.”;

(D) in clause (iv)—

(i) by inserting “and maintaining” after “publishing”;

(ii) by inserting “in coordination with the National Tsunami Hazards Mitigation Program, tsunami susceptibility,” after “liquefaction susceptibility.”; and

(iii) by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon; and

(E) by adding at the end the following:

“(v) subject to the availability of funds, development of best practices and guidelines to create an inventory of and conduct seismic performance evaluations of buildings, structures, and lifeline infrastructure with high seismic risk, especially those that are critical to community resilience; and

“(vi) subject to the availability of funds, the provision of technical assistance upon request by a State, local, or Tribal government regarding—

“(I) the creation of an inventory of buildings, structures, and lifeline infrastructure; and

“(II) the performance of seismic performance evaluations; and

“(III) cost-effective best practices for retrofitting existing buildings, structures, and lifeline infrastructure.”;

(2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(3) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (E); and

(4) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

“(D) improve the understanding of—

“(i) the multiple hazards associated with earthquakes, including liquefaction, tsunamis, landslides, and structural fires; and

“(ii) potential mitigation measures for such hazards; and”.

(b) DUTIES OF INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS REDUC-

TION.—Subsection (a)(3)(D)(ii) of such section is amended—

(1) in subclause (V), by inserting “and associated secondary hazards” before the period at the end; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(VIII) Coordinating with the Chair of the Federal Communications Commission on the timely broadcasting of emergency alerts generated by the earthquake early warning system.”.

(c) BIENNIAL REPORT.—Subsection (a)(4)(A) of such section is amended by striking “under paragraph (3)(D)(i)(I)” each place it appears and inserting “under paragraph (3)(D)(ii)(I)”.

(d) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—Subsection (a)(5)(A) of such section is amended—

(1) by inserting “the Chair of the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee and” after “including”; and

(2) by striking “and local government” and inserting “, local, and Tribal governments”.

(e) LEAD AGENCY FOR RESPONSIBILITIES OF PROGRAM AGENCIES.—Subsection (b)(1) of such section is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and local” and all that follows through the semicolon at the end and inserting the following: “local, and Tribal governments, national standards and model building code organizations, architects and engineers, and others with a role in planning, designing, constructing, evaluating, and retrofitting buildings and lifeline infrastructure.”;

(2) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and (D) as subparagraphs (F) and (G), respectively; and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following:

“(C) improve the understanding of earthquake-caused fires and support the development of engineering tools and construction methods that mitigate the risk of fire following earthquakes;

“(D) develop, in coordination with the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, best practices and guidelines for a State, local, or Tribal government to create an inventory of buildings, structures, or lifeline infrastructure that are critical to community resilience or otherwise have high seismic risk;

“(E) provide, in coordination with the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, technical assistance to a State, local, or Tribal government requesting such assistance with respect to the creation of an inventory of buildings, structures, or lifeline infrastructure.”;

(f) RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.—Subsection (b)(2) of such section is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)—

(A) in clause (i)—

(i) by inserting “and Tribal governments” after “States”;

(ii) by inserting “and performance evaluations” after “safety inspections”; and

(iii) by inserting “and improve post-earthquake functional recovery” after “seismic safety”;

(B) in clause (ii), by inserting “, including Tribal entities,” after “appropriate audiences”;

(C) in clause (iii)—

(i) by striking “of seismic resistant” and inserting “to all appropriate audiences, including Tribal governments, of”; and

(ii) by inserting “that enhance seismic safety, improve post-earthquake functional recovery, and reduce losses from earthquakes” after “and lifeline infrastructure”;

(D) in clause (iv)—

(i) in striking “and local” and inserting “, local, and Tribal”; and

(ii) by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(E) by redesignating clause (v) as clause (vi); and

(F) by inserting after clause (iv) the following:

“(v) shall provide technical assistance to State, local, or Tribal governmental entities in the creation of evacuation plans in the event of an earthquake, landslide, tsunami, or other earthquake-related hazard; and”; and  
 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

(A) in the subparagraph heading, by inserting “AND TRIBAL” after “STATE”;  
 (B) in the matter before clause (i), by inserting “or Tribal government” after “State”; and

(C) in clause (i), by striking “safety” and inserting “performance, community resilience, or public awareness”.

(g) RESPONSIBILITIES OF UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.—Subsection (b)(3) of such section is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and local” and inserting “, local, and Tribal”;

(2) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “, the Chair of the Federal Communications Commission,” after “Agency”;

(3) by redesignating subparagraphs (D) through (K) as subparagraphs (I) through (P), respectively;

(4) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

“(D) coordinate with the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency on data sharing and resource allocation to support a timely response to oceanic earthquakes and tsunamis;

“(E) in consultation with the Chair of the Federal Communications Commission, ensure that earthquake alerts and early warnings are broadcast as rapidly and reliably as possible, in the predominant languages in the affected region, to ensure maximum warning time for nearby persons;

“(F) expand the earthquake early warning system within and to additional high risk hazard areas, including making improvements as practicable to improve detection and increase the time between warning messages and perceptible ground motion;

“(G) coordinating with affected State and Tribal governments on earthquake early warning system improvements;

“(H) issue earthquake forecasts, when appropriate, for aftershocks associated with significant earthquakes in the United States;”;

(5) in subparagraph (I), as redesignated by paragraph (3), by inserting “the Chair of the Federal Communications Commission,” after “Agency”; and

(6) in subparagraph (L), as redesigned by paragraph (3), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(7) in subparagraph (M), as redesigned by paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(8) in subparagraph (O), as redesigned by paragraph (3), by inserting “maps of natural hazards associated with earthquakes and” after “including”.

(h) RESPONSIBILITIES OF NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.—Subsection (b)(4)(A) of such section is amended—

(1) in clause (iii), by inserting “including updated tsunami and liquefaction risk maps,” after “maps.”; and

(2) in clause (vii), by striking “Historically Black Colleges and Universities and those serving large proportions of Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, and other underrepresented populations” and inserting “institutions described in section 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a))”.

**SEC. 6. SEISMIC PERFORMANCE PROPERTY STANDARDS.**

Section 947 of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 7704a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “safety” both places it appears and inserting “performance”; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “shake-related property damage” and inserting “seismic-

related property damage to improve the post-earthquake functional recovery time”.

**SEC. 7. SEISMIC STANDARDS.**

Section 8 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7705b) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking “under paragraph (I)” and inserting “under subsection (a)”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.—Each Program agency, as part of their Program responsibilities, shall implement, within the Program activities authorized by this Act, the applicable recommendations in the report submitted pursuant to subsection (b) to improve the performance of the built environment in terms of post-earthquake reoccupancy and functional recovery time.

**“(d) BIENNIAL REPORTS.**

“(1) BIENNIAL REPORTS TO INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE.—No later than September 30, 2025, and not less frequently than once every 2 years thereafter, each Program agency shall submit to the Interagency Coordinating Committee a report on activities and progress made to support, promote, or advance the implementation of the recommendations included in the report submitted pursuant to subsection (b).

“(2) INCLUSION IN BIENNIAL REPORTS OF INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE.—The Interagency Coordinating Committee shall include the information received under paragraph (1) in each biennial report submitted under section 5(a)(4), including consideration of a prioritized work plan to coordinate activities among the Program agencies and the necessary Program budget to fully implement the recommendations described in paragraph (1).”.

**SEC. 8. IMPROVEMENTS TO POST-EARTHQUAKE INVESTIGATIONS PROGRAM.**

Section 11 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7705e) is amended, in the matter before paragraph (1)—

(1) in the first sentence, by inserting “domestic and international” after “investigate major”; and

(2) in the fifth sentence, by inserting “Federal Emergency Management” before “Agency”.

**SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR PROGRAM.—Subsection (a)(8) of section 12 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7706) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (I), by striking “, and” and inserting a comma; and

(2) by inserting after subparagraph (J) the following:

“(K) \$8,500,000 for fiscal year 2024,

“(L) \$8,500,000 for fiscal year 2025,

“(M) \$8,500,000 for fiscal year 2026,

“(N) \$8,500,000 for fiscal year 2027, and

“(O) \$8,500,000 for fiscal year 2028.”.

(b) UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.—

Subsection (b)(2) of such section is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (I), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(2) in subparagraph (J), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(K) \$92,427,000 for fiscal year 2024, of which not less than \$36,000,000 shall be made available for completion of the Advanced National Seismic System established under section 13;

“(L) \$92,427,000 for fiscal year 2025, of which not less than \$36,000,000 shall be made available for completion of the Advanced National Seismic System established under section 13;

“(M) \$92,427,000 for fiscal year 2026, of which not less than \$36,000,000 shall be made available for completion of the Advanced National Seismic System established under section 13;

“(N) \$92,427,000 for fiscal year 2027, of which not less than \$36,000,000 shall be made available for completion of the Advanced National Seismic System established under section 13; and

“(O) \$92,427,000 for fiscal year 2028, of which not less than \$36,000,000 shall be made available

for completion of the Advanced National Seismic System established under section 13.”.

(c) NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.—Subsection (c)(2) of such section is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (I), by striking “, and” and inserting a comma;

(2) in subparagraph (J), by striking the period at the end and inserting a comma; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(K) \$54,000,000 for fiscal year 2024,

“(L) \$54,000,000 for fiscal year 2025,

“(M) \$54,000,000 for fiscal year 2026,

“(N) \$54,000,000 for fiscal year 2027, and

“(O) \$54,000,000 for fiscal year 2028.”.

(d) NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY.—Subsection (d)(2) of such section is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (I), by striking “, and” and inserting a comma;

(2) in subparagraph (J), by striking the period at the end and inserting a comma; and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (J) the following:

“(K) \$5,900,000 for fiscal year 2024,

“(L) \$5,900,000 for fiscal year 2025,

“(M) \$5,900,000 for fiscal year 2026,

“(N) \$5,900,000 for fiscal year 2027, and

“(O) \$5,900,000 for fiscal year 2028.”.

Mr. MARSHALL. I ask unanimous consent that the Scott of Florida amendment at the desk to the committee-reported substitute amendment be considered and agreed to, the committee-reported substitute amendment, as amended, be considered and agreed to, 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 PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 4148) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To control funding for the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program)

At the end, add the following:

**SEC. 10. FUNDING CONTROLS.**

Section 12 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7706), as amended by section 9, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) FUNDING.—Funds used by an agency to carry out this Act may, as provided in advance in appropriations Acts, only come from amounts authorized to be appropriated to that agency.

“(f) DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Any amount appropriated to an account of a Federal agency for the Federal agency to carry out a responsibility under this Act that is cancelled pursuant to section 1552(a) of title 31, United States Code, shall be transferred to the general fund of the Treasury and be applied to deficit reduction.”.

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

The bill (S. 320), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 320

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2025”.

**SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF FINDINGS.**

Section 2 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7701) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “50 States, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,” and inserting “States and Tribal jurisdictions”;

(B) by striking “of them” and inserting “States”;

(C) by striking “Tennessee,” and inserting “Tennessee,”; and

(D) by striking “A large portion of the population of the United States lives in areas vulnerable to earthquake hazards” and inserting “Almost half of the United States population resides in areas that are at risk or experiencing a damaging earthquake during the 50-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2025”;

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by inserting after the first sentence the following: “A 2023 report by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the United States Geological Survey (FEMA P-366) estimates the annualized earthquake losses to the national building stock is \$14,700,000,000 per year and the total economic exposure to earthquake losses (buildings and contents) across the nation is \$107,800,000,000,000.”; and

(B) in the third sentence—

(i) by striking “and construction” and inserting “, construction, evaluation, and retrofitting”; and

(ii) by striking “and (E)” and inserting the following: “(E) inventories of buildings and infrastructure with high seismic risk, especially those that are critical to community resilience, (F) programs that require or incentivize replacement or retrofit of existing buildings and infrastructure with high seismic risk, especially those that are critical to community resilience, and (G)”;

(3) in paragraph (3), by inserting “Tribal,” after “local.”;

(4) in paragraph (4), by striking “could provide” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “is necessary to provide the scientific understanding needed to improve and expand the earthquake early warning system.”;

(5) in paragraph (8), by striking “cave-ins” and inserting “collapse”;

(6) in paragraph (9)—

(A) in the first sentence, by striking “and local” and inserting “local, and Tribal government”;

(B) in the second sentence, by striking “transfer knowledge and information to” and inserting “exchange knowledge and information between”; and

(C) in the third sentence, by striking “specifications, criteria” and inserting “guidelines, codes, standards”;

(7) in paragraph (12)—

(A) in the second sentence—

(i) by striking “When earthquakes occur, the built environment is generally” and inserting “Relatively newer buildings and infrastructure have generally been”; and

(ii) by striking “and is” and inserting “when earthquakes occur, but most are”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following: “In addition, buildings and infrastructure built to older codes and standards may pose significant risk of injury, loss of life, or irreparable damage. A 2021 report submitted to Congress pursuant to section 8(b), as amended by section 5 of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-307), by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (FEMA P2090/NST SP-1254) provides recommendations for improving post-earthquake functional recovery time of the built environment to support community resil-

ience goals and many of these recommendations still need to be implemented.”; and

(8) in paragraph (13)—

(A) in the first sentence, by inserting “in 2011” after “a study”;

(B) in the second sentence, by inserting “(in 2011 dollars)” after “\$300,000,000”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following: “The cost of actual seismic retrofits to reduce known risks is not included in such valuation.”

#### SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF PURPOSE.

Section 3 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7702) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “and local” and inserting “, local, and Tribal government”; and

(B) by striking “locations and structures” and inserting “buildings and infrastructure”;

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “and construction” and inserting “, construction, evaluation, and retrofitting”; and

(B) by inserting “housing and care facilities for vulnerable populations,” after “occupancy buildings.”; and

(3) in paragraph (4)—

(A) by striking “and local” and inserting “, local, and Tribal government”; and

(B) by striking “encourage consideration of” and inserting “incorporate”.

#### SEC. 4. MODIFICATION OF DEFINITIONS.

Section 4 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7703) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by inserting “, including secondary effects such as earthquake-caused tsunamis” after “earthquakes”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(11) The term ‘Tribal government’ has the meaning given the term ‘tribal government’ in section 421 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 658).

“(12) The term ‘functional recovery’ means a post-earthquake performance state in which a building or lifeline infrastructure system is maintained, or restored, to safely and adequately support the basic intended functions associated with the pre-earthquake use or occupancy of a building, or the pre-earthquake service level of a lifeline infrastructure system.

“(13) The term ‘earthquake forecast’ means a statement of probabilities that 1 or more earthquakes within a clearly specified magnitude range may occur within a specified time interval and geographic region.”.

#### SEC. 5. IMPROVEMENTS TO NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS REDUCTION PROGRAM.

(a) PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—Subsection (a)(2) of section 5 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7704) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B)—

(A) in the matter before clause (i)—

(i) by striking “and local” and inserting “local, and Tribal”; and

(ii) by striking “and constructing” and inserting “, designing, constructing, evaluating, and retrofitting”;

(B) by amending clause (ii) to read as follows:

“(ii) development of standards, guidelines, and voluntary standards, guidelines, and consensus codes for earthquake hazards reduction for buildings, structures, and lifeline infrastructure, including post-earthquake recovery-based performance objectives that address reoccupancy and downtime of community-prioritized buildings, structures, and services provided by lifeline infrastructure.”;

(C) in clause (iii), by striking “and hazards reduction; and” and inserting “functional recovery, and other hazards reduction topics.”;

(D) in clause (iv)—

(i) by inserting “and maintaining” after “publishing”;

(ii) by inserting “in coordination with the National Tsunami Hazards Mitigation Program, tsunami susceptibility,” after “liquefaction susceptibility.”; and

(iii) by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon; and

(E) by adding at the end the following:

“(v) subject to the availability of funds, development of best practices and guidelines to create an inventory of and conduct seismic performance evaluations of buildings, structures, and lifeline infrastructure with high seismic risk, especially those that are critical to community resilience; and

“(vi) subject to the availability of funds, the provision of technical assistance upon request by a State, local, or Tribal government regarding—

“(I) the creation of an inventory of buildings, structures, and lifeline infrastructure;

“(II) the performance of seismic performance evaluations; and

“(III) cost-effective best practices for retrofitting existing buildings, structures, and lifeline infrastructure.”;

(2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(3) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (E); and

(4) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

“(D) improve the understanding of—

“(i) the multiple hazards associated with earthquakes, including liquefaction, tsunamis, landslides, and structural fires; and

“(ii) potential mitigation measures for such hazards; and”.

(b) DUTIES OF INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS REDUCTION.—Subsection (a)(3)(D)(ii) of such section is amended—

(1) in subclause (V), by inserting “and associated secondary hazards” before the period at the end; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(VII) Coordinating with the Chair of the Federal Communications Commission on the timely broadcasting of emergency alerts generated by the earthquake early warning system.”.

(c) BIENNIAL REPORT.—Subsection (a)(4)(A) of such section is amended by striking “under paragraph (3)(D)(i)(I)” each place it appears and inserting “under paragraph (3)(D)(ii)(I)”.

(d) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—Subsection (a)(5)(A) of such section is amended—

(1) by inserting “the Chair of the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee and” after “including”; and

(2) by striking “and local government” and inserting “, local, and Tribal governments”.

(e) LEAD AGENCY FOR RESPONSIBILITIES OF PROGRAM AGENCIES.—Subsection (b)(1) of such section is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and local” and all that follows through the semicolon at the end and inserting the following: “local, and Tribal governments, national standards and model building code organizations, architects and engineers, and others with a role in planning, designing, constructing, evaluating, and retrofitting buildings and lifeline infrastructure.”;

(2) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and (D) as subparagraphs (F) and (G), respectively; and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following:

“(C) improve the understanding of earthquake-caused fires and support the development of engineering tools and construction methods that mitigate the risk of fire following earthquakes;

“(D) develop, in coordination with the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, best practices and guidelines for a State, local, or Tribal government to create an inventory of buildings, structures, or lifeline infrastructure that are critical to community resilience or otherwise have high seismic risk;

“(E) provide, in coordination with the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, technical assistance to a State, local, or Tribal government requesting such assistance with respect to the creation of an inventory of buildings, structures, or lifeline infrastructure;”.

(f) RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.—Subsection (b)(2) of such section is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)—

(A) in clause (i)—

(i) by inserting “and Tribal governments” after “States”;

(ii) by inserting “and performance evaluations” after “safety inspections”; and

(iii) by inserting “and improve post-earthquake functional recovery” after “seismic safety”;

(B) in clause (ii), by inserting “, including Tribal entities,” after “appropriate audiences”;

(C) in clause (iii)—

(i) by striking “of seismic resistant” and inserting “to all appropriate audiences, including Tribal governments, of”; and

(ii) by inserting “that enhance seismic safety, improve post-earthquake functional recovery, and reduce losses from earthquakes” after “and lifeline infrastructure”;

(D) in clause (iv)—

(i) in striking “and local” and inserting “, local, and Tribal”; and

(ii) by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(E) by redesignating clause (v) as clause (vi); and

(F) by inserting after clause (iv) the following:

“(v) shall provide technical assistance to State, local, or Tribal governmental entities in the creation of evacuation plans in the event of an earthquake, landslide, tsunami, or other earthquake-related hazard; and”;

(2) in subparagraph (B)—

(A) in the subparagraph heading, by inserting “AND TRIBAL” after “STATE”;

(B) in the matter before clause (i), by inserting “or Tribal government” after “State”; and

(C) in clause (i), by striking “safety” and inserting “performance, community resilience, or public awareness”.

(g) RESPONSIBILITIES OF UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.—Subsection (b)(3) of such section is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and local” and inserting “, local, and Tribal”;

(2) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “, the Chair of the Federal Communications Commission,” after “Agency”;

(3) by redesignating subparagraphs (D) through (K) as subparagraphs (I) through (P), respectively;

(4) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

“(D) coordinate with the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency on data sharing and resource allocation to support a timely response to oceanic earthquakes and tsunamis;

“(E) in consultation with the Chair of the Federal Communications Commission, ensure that earthquake alerts and early warnings are broadcast as rapidly and reliably as possible, in the predominant languages in

the affected region, to ensure maximum warning time for nearby persons;

“(F) expand the earthquake early warning system within and to additional high risk hazard areas, including making improvements as practicable to improve detection and increase the time between warning messages and perceptible ground motion;

“(G) coordinating with affected State and Tribal governments on earthquake early warning system improvements;

“(H) issue earthquake forecasts, when appropriate, for aftershocks associated with significant earthquakes in the United States;”;

(5) in subparagraph (I), as redesignated by paragraph (3), by inserting “the Chair of the Federal Communications Commission,” after “Agency”;

(6) in subparagraph (L), as redesignated by paragraph (3), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(7) in subparagraph (M), as redesignated by paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(8) in subparagraph (O), as redesignated by paragraph (3), by inserting “maps of natural hazards associated with earthquakes and” after “including”.

(h) RESPONSIBILITIES OF NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.—Subsection (b)(4)(A) of such section is amended—

(1) in clause (iii), by inserting “including updated tsunami and liquefaction risk maps,” after “maps”; and

(2) in clause (vii), by striking “Historically Black Colleges and Universities and those serving large proportions of Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, and other underrepresented populations” and inserting “institutions described in section 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a))”.

#### SEC. 6. SEISMIC PERFORMANCE PROPERTY STANDARDS.

Section 947 of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 7704a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “safety” both places it appears and inserting “performance”; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “shake-related property damage” and inserting “seismic-related property damage to improve the post-earthquake functional recovery time”.

#### SEC. 7. SEISMIC STANDARDS.

Section 8 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7705b) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking “under paragraph (1)” and inserting “under subsection (a)”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.—Each Program agency, as part of their Program responsibilities, shall implement, within the Program activities authorized by this Act, the applicable recommendations in the report submitted pursuant to subsection (b) to improve the performance of the built environment in terms of post-earthquake reoccupancy and functional recovery time.

#### “(d) BIENNIAL REPORTS.—

“(1) BIENNIAL REPORTS TO INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE.—No later than September 30, 2025, and not less frequently than once every 2 years thereafter, each Program agency shall submit to the Interagency Coordinating Committee a report on activities and progress made to support, promote, or advance the implementation of the recommendations included in the report submitted pursuant to subsection (b).

“(2) INCLUSION IN BIENNIAL REPORTS OF INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE.—The Interagency Coordinating Committee shall

include the information received under paragraph (1) in each biennial report submitted under section 5(a)(4), including consideration of a prioritized work plan to coordinate activities among the Program agencies and the necessary Program budget to fully implement the recommendations described in paragraph (1).”.

#### SEC. 8. IMPROVEMENTS TO POST-EARTHQUAKE INVESTIGATIONS PROGRAM.

Section 11 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7705e) is amended, in the matter before paragraph (1)—

(1) in the first sentence, by inserting “domestic and international” after “investigate major”; and

(2) in the fifth sentence, by inserting “Federal Emergency Management” before “Agency”.

#### SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR PROGRAM.—Subsection (a)(8) of section 12 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7706) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (I), by striking “, and” and inserting a comma; and

(2) by inserting after subparagraph (J) the following:

“(K) \$8,500,000 for fiscal year 2024,

“(L) \$8,500,000 for fiscal year 2025,

“(M) \$8,500,000 for fiscal year 2026,

“(N) \$8,500,000 for fiscal year 2027, and

“(O) \$8,500,000 for fiscal year 2028.”.

(b) UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.—Subsection (b)(2) of such section is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (I), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(2) in subparagraph (J), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(L) \$92,427,000 for fiscal year 2024, of which not less than \$36,000,000 shall be made available for completion of the Advanced National Seismic System established under section 13;

“(M) \$92,427,000 for fiscal year 2025, of which not less than \$36,000,000 shall be made available for completion of the Advanced National Seismic System established under section 13;

“(N) \$92,427,000 for fiscal year 2026, of which not less than \$36,000,000 shall be made available for completion of the Advanced National Seismic System established under section 13;

“(O) \$92,427,000 for fiscal year 2028, of which not less than \$36,000,000 shall be made available for completion of the Advanced National Seismic System established under section 13.”.

(c) NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.—Subsection (c)(2) of such section is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (I), by striking “, and” and inserting a comma;

(2) in subparagraph (J), by striking the period at the end and inserting a comma; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(K) \$54,000,000 for fiscal year 2024,

“(L) \$54,000,000 for fiscal year 2025,

“(M) \$54,000,000 for fiscal year 2026,

“(N) \$54,000,000 for fiscal year 2027, and

“(O) \$54,000,000 for fiscal year 2028.”.

(d) NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY.—Subsection (d)(2) of such section is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (I), by striking “, and” and inserting a comma;

(2) in subparagraph (J), by striking the period at the end and inserting a comma; and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (J) the following:

“(K) \$5,900,000 for fiscal year 2024,  
 “(L) \$5,900,000 for fiscal year 2025,  
 “(M) \$5,900,000 for fiscal year 2026,  
 “(N) \$5,900,000 for fiscal year 2027, and  
 “(O) \$5,900,000 for fiscal year 2028.”.

#### SEC. 10. FUNDING CONTROLS.

Section 12 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7706), as amended by section 9, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) FUNDING.—Funds used by an agency to carry out this Act may, as provided in advance in appropriations Acts, only come from amounts authorized to be appropriated to that agency.

“(f) DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Any amount appropriated to an account of a Federal agency for the Federal agency to carry out a responsibility under this Act that is cancelled pursuant to section 1552(a) of title 31, United States Code, shall be transferred to the general fund of the Treasury and be applied to deficit reduction.”.

#### NATIONAL LANDSLIDE PREPAREDNESS ACT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2025

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 249, S. 1626.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1626) to reauthorize the National Landslide Preparedness Act, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which was reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation with an amendment as follows:

(The part of the bill intended to be stricken is in boldfaced brackets and the part of the bill intended to be inserted is in italic.)

S. 1626

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act of 2025”.

#### SEC. 2. CERTAIN DEFINITIONS UNDER FLOOD LEVEL OBSERVATION, OPERATIONS, AND DECISION SUPPORT ACT.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 12(a) of the Flood Level Observation, Operations, and Decision Support Act (15 U.S.C. 9707(a)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and  
 (2) by inserting before paragraph (4) (as so redesignated) the following:

“(1) ATMOSPHERIC RIVER.—The term ‘atmospheric river’ means a transient corridor of strong water vapor in the atmosphere that—

“(A) produces significant quantities of rain or snow; and

“(B) may be primarily beneficial to the water supply or hazardous due to flooding.

“(2) ATMOSPHERIC RIVER FLOODING EVENT.—The term ‘atmospheric river flooding event’ means an atmospheric river that—

“(A) results in flooding of rivers and streams or other hazards to human life, property, or the economy; and

“(B) is of particular concern to human health, property, and the economy, as determined by the Secretary of Commerce.

“(3) EXTREME PRECIPITATION EVENT.—The term ‘extreme precipitation event’ means

precipitation quantities exceeding the 5-year annual recurrence interval for a specific location.”.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—Section 12(d)(1) of the Flood Level Observation, Operations, and Decision Support Act (15 U.S.C. 9707(d)(1)) is amended by inserting “, such as precipitation resulting from hurricanes, atmospheric river flooding events, and extreme precipitation events” before the period at the end.

#### [SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL LANDSLIDE PREPAREDNESS ACT.]

[(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2 of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3101) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through (11) as paragraphs (7), (8), (10), (11), (13), (14), (15), and (16), respectively;

(2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

“(4) ATMOSPHERIC RIVER.—The term ‘atmospheric river’ has the meaning given the term in section 12(a) of the Flood Level Observation, Operations, and Decision Support Act (15 U.S.C. 9707(a)).

“(5) ATMOSPHERIC RIVER FLOODING EVENT.—The term ‘atmospheric river flooding event’ has the meaning given the term in section 12(a) of the Flood Level Observation, Operations, and Decision Support Act (15 U.S.C. 9707(a)).

“(6) EXTREME PRECIPITATION EVENT.—The term ‘extreme precipitation event’ has the meaning given the term in section 12(a) of the Flood Level Observation, Operations, and Decision Support Act (15 U.S.C. 9707(a)).”;

(3) by inserting after paragraph (8), as so redesignated, the following:

“(9) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The term ‘institution of higher education’ has the meaning given the term in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).”;

(4) by inserting after paragraph (11), as so redesignated, the following:

“(12) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘Native Hawaiian organization’ has the meaning given the term in section 6207 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7517), except that the term includes the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.”; and

(5) by adding at the end the following:

“(17) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘Tribal organization’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).”.

[(b) NATIONAL LANDSLIDE HAZARDS REDUCTION PROGRAM.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 3(a)(3) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(a)(3)) is amended by striking “protect” and inserting “contribute to protecting”.

(2) PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—Section 3(b)(1)(C)(ii) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(b)(1)(C)(ii)) is amended by striking “implement” and inserting “disseminate”.

(3) NATIONAL STRATEGY.—Section 3(b)(2) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(b)(2)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respectively, and indenting appropriately;

(B) in the matter preceding clause (i) (as so redesignated), by striking “Not later than” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) ASSESSMENT.—For purposes of the first national strategy published after the date of enactment of the National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act of 2025 under subparagraph (A), the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Com-

merce, shall include an assessment of the risks that atmospheric river flooding events and extreme precipitation events pose to the safety of life and property in the United States with respect to landslide hazards.”.

[(4) NATIONAL LANDSLIDE HAZARDS DATABASE.—Section 3(b)(3) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(b)(3)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and (D) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following:

“(C) the identification of areas in need of additional hazard risk assessment, including areas that may be at risk due to—

(i) hydrology or changes in hydrology that may include erosion, drought, or other characteristics that could impact landslide risk;

(ii) atmospheric river flooding events and extreme precipitation events, as identified by the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary;

(iii) geologic activity, such as volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, or tsunamis; or

(iv) data-poor areas or hazards with poor monitoring that could contribute to increased landslide risk.”.

[(5) LANDSLIDE HAZARD AND RISK PREPAREDNESS FOR COMMUNITIES.—Section 3(b)(4) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(b)(4)) is amended—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “Native Hawaiian organizations and other stakeholders, as appropriate,” before “and Indian tribes”;

(B) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “local, and Tribal governments and decisionmakers” and inserting “and local governments, Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, Native Hawaiian organizations, and other decisionmakers”;

(ii) by striking clause (iii) and inserting the following:

“(iii) health and safety with respect to landslides.”;

(iii) by redesignating clause (iv) as clause (v); and

(iv) by inserting after clause (iii) the following:

“(iv) reducing losses from landslides, including the threats caused by atmospheric rivers and other extreme precipitation events; and”;

(C) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) in clause (i), by striking “local, and Tribal officials” and inserting “and local officials, Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”; and

(ii) in clause (ii), by striking “local, and Tribal emergency managers” and inserting “and local emergency managers and emergency managers of Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”.

[(6) DEBRIS FLOW EARLY WARNING SYSTEM.—Section 3(b)(5) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(b)(5)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “State, territorial, local, and Tribal governments” and inserting “State, territorial, and local governments, Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”;

(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respectively, and indenting appropriately;

(C) in the matter preceding clause (i) (as so redesignated), by striking “In carrying out” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out subparagraph (A), the Secretary may consult

with an institution of higher education described in subsection (d)(2)(B)(iv) and other stakeholders to establish and support emergency response procedures, as appropriate.”.

【(7) EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.—Section 3(b)(6) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(b)(6)) is amended—

【(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respectively, and indenting appropriately;

【(B) in the matter preceding clause (i) (as so redesignated), by striking “In carrying” and inserting the following:

【“(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying”;

【(C) in subparagraph (A) (as so designated)—

【(i) in the matter preceding clause (i) (as so redesignated), by inserting “Native Hawaiian organizations,” before “and Indian tribes”;

【(ii) in clause (ii) (as so redesignated), by striking “and” at the end;

【(iii) in clause (iii) (as so redesignated), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”;

【(iv) by adding at the end the following:

【“(iv) to improve real-time risk management during landslide events, including with respect to landslide events caused by—

【“(I) hydrology or changes in hydrology that may include erosion, drought, or other characteristics that could impact landslide risk;

【“(II) atmospheric river flooding events and extreme precipitation events, as identified by the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary;

【“(III) geologic activity, such as volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, or tsunamis;

【“(IV) data-poor areas or hazards with poor monitoring that could contribute to increased landslide risk; or

【“(V) thawing permafrost and glacial retreat causing destabilization of slopes.”; and

【(D) by adding at the end the following:

【(B) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out subparagraph (A), the Secretary may consult with an institution of higher education described in subsection (d)(2)(B)(iv) and the private sector.”.

【(8) INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON LANDSLIDE HAZARDS.—Section 3(c)(2) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(c)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

【(J) The Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.”.

【(9) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—Section 3(d)(2)(B) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(d)(2)(B)) is amended—

【(A) in clause (iii), by striking “geological”; and

【(B) in clause (vi), by striking “local, and Tribal emergency management agencies” and inserting “and local emergency management agencies and emergency management agencies of Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations”.

【(10) REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS.—Section 3 of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102) is amended—

【(A) by redesignating subsections (e) through (i) as subsections (f) through (j), respectively; and

【(B) by inserting after subsection (d) the following:

【“(e) REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS.—

【“(1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of the National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act of 2025, the Secretary shall establish in the State of Alaska and other regions, as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, a regional partnership with an eligible partner described in paragraph (2).

【“(2) ELIGIBLE PARTNERS.—An organization or institution of higher education with expertise in landslide mapping, research, and monitoring shall be eligible for a regional partnership under paragraph (1).

【“(3) PURPOSES AND DUTIES.—A regional partnership established under paragraph (1) shall—

【“(A) allow the Secretary to leverage applicable expertise in regional organizations;

【“(B) coordinate long-term landslide research specific to the applicable region; and

【“(C) align interagency landslide monitoring efforts.”.

【(11) GRANT PROGRAMS.—Section 3 of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102) is amended, in paragraph (1) of subsection (f) (as so redesignated)—

【(A) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “local, and Tribal governments to research, map, assess” and inserting “and local governments, Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations to research, map, assess, monitor”;

【(B) in subparagraph (B)—

【(i) in clause (i), by inserting “institutions of higher education described in subsection (d)(2)(B)(iv),” before “and Indian tribes”; and

【(ii) in clause (ii)—

【(I) by redesignating subclauses (II) through (IV) as subclauses (III) through (V), respectively; and

【(II) by inserting after subclause (I) the following:

【“(II) in regions that have recently experienced loss of life due to landslides;”; and

【(C) in subparagraph (C)—

【(i) in clause (i), by inserting “awarded” after “grants”; and

【(ii) in clause (ii), by striking “made” and inserting “or other accomplishments resulting”.

【(12) SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.—Section 3 of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102) is amended, in subsection (h)(3) (as so redesignated), by striking “local, and Tribal partners” and inserting “and local partners, Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”.

【(13) FUNDING.—Section 3 of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102) is amended, in subsection (i) (as so redesigned)—

【(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “2024” and inserting “2030”; and

【(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “there is authorized to be appropriated to the United States Geological Survey, \$25,000,000 to carry out this section” and inserting “from amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to the United States Geological Survey, \$35,000,000 shall be used to carry out this section, of which not less than \$10,000,000 shall be used for the purchase, deployment, and repair of landslide early warning systems in high risk areas”.

【(C) 3D ELEVATION PROGRAM.—

【(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 5(a) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3104(a)) is amended—

【(A) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “and derivative” after “3D elevation”; and

【(B) in paragraph (2)(B)(i), by inserting “, process, and integrate” after “acquire”.

【(2) 3D ELEVATION FEDERAL INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE.—Section 5(b)(3) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3104(b)(3)) is amended—

【(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (D) and (E) as subparagraphs (E) and (F), respectively; and

【(B) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

【“(D) the 3D Hydrography Program Working Group;”.

【(3) GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Section 5(d)(3) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3104(d)(3)) is

amended by striking “publically” and inserting “publicly”.

【(4) FUNDING.—Section 5(e) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3104(e)) is amended by striking “2024” and inserting “2030”.

### SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL LANDSLIDE PREPAREDNESS ACT.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2 of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3101) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through (11) as paragraphs (7), (8), (10), (11), (13), (14), (15), and (16), respectively;

(2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

“(4) ATMOSPHERIC RIVER.—The term ‘atmospheric river’ has the meaning given in section 12(a) of the Flood Level Observation, Operations, and Decision Support Act (15 U.S.C. 9707(a)).

“(5) ATMOSPHERIC RIVER FLOODING EVENT.—The term ‘atmospheric river flooding event’ has the meaning given in the term in section 12(a) of the Flood Level Observation, Operations, and Decision Support Act (15 U.S.C. 9707(a)).

“(6) EXTREME PRECIPITATION EVENT.—The term ‘extreme precipitation event’ has the meaning given in the term in section 12(a) of the Flood Level Observation, Operations, and Decision Support Act (15 U.S.C. 9707(a)).

(3) by inserting after paragraph (8) (as so redesignated) the following:

“(9) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The term ‘institution of higher education’ has the meaning given the term in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).

(4) by inserting after paragraph (11) (as so redesignated) the following:

“(12) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘Native Hawaiian organization’ has the meaning given the term in section 6207 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7517), except that the term includes the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.”; and

(5) by adding at the end the following:

“(17) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘Tribal organization’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).”.

(b) NATIONAL LANDSLIDE HAZARDS REDUCTION PROGRAM.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 3(a)(3) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(a)(3)) is amended by striking “protect” and inserting “contribute to protecting”.

(2) PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—Section 3(b)(1)(C)(ii) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(b)(1)(C)(ii)) is amended by striking “implement” and inserting “disseminate”.

(3) NATIONAL STRATEGY.—Section 3(b)(2) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(b)(2)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respectively, and indenting appropriately;

(B) in the matter preceding clause (i) (as so redesigned), by striking “Not later than” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) ASSESSMENT.—For purposes of the first national strategy published after the date of enactment of the National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act of 2025 under subparagraph (A), the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, shall include an assessment of the risks that atmospheric river flooding events and extreme precipitation events pose to the safety of life and property in the United States with respect to landslide hazards.”.

(4) NATIONAL LANDSLIDE HAZARDS DATABASE.—Section 3(b)(3) of the National Landslide

Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(b)(3)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and (D) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following:

“(C) the identification of areas in need of additional hazard risk assessment, including areas that may be at risk due to—

“(i) hydrology or changes in hydrology that may include erosion, drought, or other characteristics that could impact landslide risk;

“(ii) atmospheric river flooding events and extreme precipitation events, as identified by the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary;

“(iii) geologic activity, such as volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, or tsunamis; or

“(iv) data-poor areas or hazards with poor monitoring that could contribute to increased landslide risk.”;

(5) LANDSLIDE HAZARD AND RISK PREPAREDNESS FOR COMMUNITIES.—Section 3(b)(4) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(b)(4)) is amended—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “Native Hawaiian organizations and other stakeholders, as appropriate,” before “and Indian tribes”;

(B) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “local, and Tribal governments and decisionmakers” and inserting “and local governments, Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, Native Hawaiian organizations, and other decisionmakers”;

(ii) by striking clause (iii) and inserting the following:

“(iii) health and safety with respect to landslides;”;

(iii) by redesignating clause (iv) as clause (v); and

(iv) by inserting after clause (iii) the following:

“(iv) reducing losses from landslides, including the threats caused by atmospheric rivers and other extreme precipitation events; and”;

(C) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) in clause (i), by striking “local, and Tribal officials” and inserting “and local officials, Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”; and

(ii) in clause (ii), by striking “local, and Tribal emergency managers” and inserting “and local emergency managers and emergency managers of Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”.

(6) DEBRIS FLOW EARLY WARNING SYSTEM.—Section 3(b)(5) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(b)(5)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “State, territorial, local, and Tribal governments” and inserting “State, territorial, and local governments, Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”;

(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respectively, and indenting appropriately;

(C) in the matter preceding clause (i) (as so redesignated), by striking “In carrying out” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

(B) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out subparagraph (A), the Secretary may consult with an institution of higher education described in subsection (d)(2)(B)(iv) and other stakeholders to establish and support emergency response procedures, as appropriate.”.

(7) EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.—Section 3(b)(6) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(b)(6)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respectively, and indenting appropriately;

(B) in the matter preceding clause (i) (as so redesignated), by striking “In carrying” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying”; and

(C) in subparagraph (A) (as so designated)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i) (as so redesignated), by inserting “Native Hawaiian organizations,” before “and Indian tribes”; and

(ii) in clause (ii) (as so redesignated), by striking “and” at the end;

(iii) in clause (iii) (as so redesignated), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following:

“(iv) to improve real-time risk management during landslide events, including with respect to landslide events caused by—

“(I) hydrology or changes in hydrology that may include erosion, drought, or other characteristics that could impact landslide risk;

“(II) atmospheric river flooding events and extreme precipitation events, as identified by the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary;

“(III) geologic activity, such as volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, or tsunamis;

“(IV) data-poor areas or hazards with poor monitoring that could contribute to increased landslide risk; or

“(V) thawing permafrost and glacial retreat causing destabilization of slopes.”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

(B) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out subparagraph (A), the Secretary may consult with an institution of higher education described in subsection (d)(2)(B)(iv) and the private sector.”.

(8) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—Section 3(d)(2)(B) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(d)(2)(B)) is amended—

(A) in clause (iii), by striking “geological”; and

(B) in clause (vi), by striking “local, and Tribal emergency management agencies” and inserting “and local emergency management agencies and emergency management agencies of Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations”.

(9) REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS.—Section 3 of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subsections (e) through (i) as subsections (f) through (j), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after subsection (d) the following:

“(e) REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of the National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act of 2025, the Secretary shall establish in each region in which the Secretary determines that there is a high landslide hazard a regional partnership with an eligible partner described in paragraph (2).

“(2) ELIGIBLE PARTNERS.—An organization or institution of higher education with expertise in landslide mapping, research, and monitoring shall be eligible for a regional partnership under paragraph (1).

(3) PURPOSES AND DUTIES.—A regional partnership established under paragraph (1) shall—

“(A) allow the Secretary to leverage applicable expertise in regional organizations;

“(B) coordinate long-term landslide research specific to the applicable region; and

“(C) align interagency landslide monitoring efforts.”.

(10) GRANT PROGRAMS.—Section 3 of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102) is amended, in paragraph (1) of subsection (f) (as redesignated by paragraph (9)(A))—

(A) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “local, and Tribal governments to research, map, assess” and inserting “and local governments, Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations to research, map, assess, monitor”;

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) in clause (i), by inserting “institutions of higher education described in subsection (d)(2)(B)(iv),” before “and Indian tribes”; and

(ii) in clause (ii)—

(I) by redesignating subclauses (II) through (IV) as subclauses (III) through (V), respectively; and

(II) by inserting after subclause (I) the following:

“(II) in regions that have recently experienced loss of life due to landslides;”;

(C) in subparagraph (C)—

(i) in clause (i), by inserting “awarded” after “grants”; and

(ii) in clause (ii), by striking “made” and inserting “or other accomplishments resulting”.

(11) SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.—Section 3 of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102) is amended, in subsection (h)(3) (as so redesignated), by striking “local, and Tribal partners” and inserting “and local partners, Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”.

(12) FUNDING.—Section 3 of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102) is amended, in subsection (i) (as redesignated by paragraph (9)(A))—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “2024” and inserting “2030”; and

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$25,000,000 to carry out this section” and inserting “\$35,000,000 to carry out this section, of which not less than \$10,000,000 shall be made available for the purchase, deployment, and repair of landslide early warning systems in high risk areas”.

(C) 3D ELEVATION PROGRAM.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 5(a) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3104(a)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “and derivative” after “3D elevation”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(B)(i), by inserting “, process, and integrate” after “acquire”.

(2) 3D ELEVATION FEDERAL INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE.—Section 5(b)(3) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3104(b)(3)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (D) and (E) as subparagraphs (E) and (F), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

“(D) the 3D Hydrography Program Working Group.”.

(3) GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Section 5(d)(3) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3104(d)(3)) is amended by striking “publicly” and inserting “publicly”.

(4) FUNDING.—Section 5(e) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3104(e)) is amended by striking “2024” and inserting “2034”.

#### SEC. 4. NEXT GENERATION WATER OBSERVING SYSTEM.

The Act of December 24, 1942 (56 Stat. 1086, chapter 822; 43 U.S.C. 36b), is amended—

(1) in the first section, by striking “That the Secretary of the Interior” and inserting the following:

#### “SECTION 1. GAGING STREAMS AND UNDERGROUND WATER RESOURCES.

“The Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this Act as the ‘Secretary’);”;

(2) in section 1 (as so designated)—

(A) in the second sentence, by striking “of the Interior”; and

(B) in the proviso—

(i) by striking “this Act” each place it appears and inserting “this section”; and

(ii) by striking “of the Interior”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

#### “SEC. 2. NEXT GENERATION WATER OBSERVING SYSTEM.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish within the United States Geological Survey a system, to be known as the ‘Next Generation Water Observing System’ (referred to in this section as the ‘System’).

“(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the System is to provide real-time data on water quantity and quality—

“(I) that, as compared to previous systems, is more affordable, more rapid, and available in more locations; and

“(2) to support advanced modeling tools—  
 “(A) to provide state-of-the-art flood and drought forecasts;  
 “(B) to inform emergency- and water-management decision support systems; and  
 “(C) to help evaluate—  
 “(i) the near-term and long-term risks of floods and droughts, including any scenarios that modify those risks;  
 “(ii) the quantity of water stored in seasonal snow packs, and how changes in seasonal snow packs affect water supplies;  
 “(iii) the early stages of drought;  
 “(iv) the predicted timelines for drought recovery;  
 “(v) the quantity of water lost to evapotranspiration;  
 “(vi) water quality differences during wet and dry periods;  
 “(vii) the effects of streamflow on groundwater;  
 “(viii) the effects of groundwater on streamflow; and  
 “(ix) ice and water volume stored in glaciers and changing water volumes due to glacial retreat.

“(c) SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.—The System shall provide for—  
 “(1) state-of-the-art measurements;  
 “(2) a dense array of sensors at selected sites;  
 “(3) increased spatial and temporal coverage;  
 “(4) new technology testing and implementation;  
 “(5) improved operational efficiency; and  
 “(6) modernized and timely data storage and delivery.

“(d) PRIORITY REGIONS.—In determining in which regions of the United States Geological Survey to carry out the System, the Secretary shall give priority to regions of the United States Geological Survey in which there is—  
 “(1) a high level of drought;  
 “(2) a reliance on reservoirs for water storage;  
 “(3) a reliance on hydrologic storage, including groundwater, aquifers, and snowpack; and  
 “(4) flooding and extreme rainfall.

“(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section in 10 initial basins, as determined by the Secretary, \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2026, to remain available until expended.

“(2) DERIVATION OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available to carry out this section shall be derived from amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to the United States Geological Survey.”.

**SEC. 5. WATER DATA ENHANCEMENT AND NATIONAL GROUNDWATER RESOURCES MONITORING BY UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.**

Section 9507 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (42 U.S.C. 10367) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—  
 (A) in paragraph (2)(C)—  
 (i) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the end;  
 (ii) in clause (ii), by inserting “and” after the semicolon at the end; and  
 (iii) by adding at the end the following:  
 “(iii) the conduct of groundwater quality assessments relating to permafrost thaw and changes in precipitation rates.”;

(B) in paragraph (4)—  
 (i) in subparagraph (A)—  
 (I) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “10 years” and inserting “11 years”; and  
 (II) in clause (i), by striking “national streamflow information program” and inserting “Federal priority streamgage program”;  
 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “Federal Priority Streamgage program” and inserting “Federal Priority Streamgage Network”; and  
 (iii) by adding at the end the following:  
 “(C) PRIORITY SITES.—In selecting sites for the installation of streamgages under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall give priority to regions of the United States Geological Survey in which there is—

“(i) a high level of drought;  
 “(ii) a reliance on reservoirs for water storage;  
 “(iii) a reliance on hydrologic storage, including groundwater, aquifers, and snowpack; and  
 “(iv) flooding and extreme rainfall.

“(D) NO IMPACT ON EXISTING SITES.—The priority provided under subparagraph (C) shall have no impact on any site or region in which a streamgage has been installed, and is operating, as of the date of enactment of the National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act of 2025, subject to the condition that the data from such a site or region are continuing to meet the priority needs of stakeholders, as determined by the Secretary.”; and  
 (C) in paragraph (6)—  
 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking “\$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2028” and inserting “\$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2033”; and  
 (ii) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) DERIVATION OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available to carry out this subsection shall be derived from amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to the United States Geological Survey.”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—  
 (A) in paragraph (2)—  
 (i) in subparagraph (B), in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “and State and local water resource agencies and Tribes” and inserting “, State and local water resource agencies, Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”; and  
 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking “State water resource agency or Tribe” and inserting “State water resource agency, Indian tribe, Tribal organization, or Native Hawaiian organization”;

(B) in paragraph (6)—

(i) by striking “give priority to those activities” and inserting the following: “give priority to—

“(A) activities”;  
 (ii) in subparagraph (A) (as so designated)—  
 (I) by striking “State, a Tribe” and inserting “State, Indian tribe, Tribal organization, Native Hawaiian organization”; and  
 (II) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and  
 (iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) activities conducted in regions of the United States Geological Survey in which there is—

“(i) a high level of drought;  
 “(ii) a reliance on reservoirs for water storage;  
 “(iii) a reliance on hydrologic storage, including groundwater, aquifers, and snowpack; and  
 “(iv) flooding and extreme rainfall.”; and  
 (C) in paragraph (7)—

(i) by striking “There are authorized to be appropriated” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated”; and  
 (ii) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) DERIVATION OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available to carry out this subsection shall be derived from amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to the United States Geological Survey.”.

Mr. MARSHALL. I ask unanimous consent that the Scott of Florida amendment to the committee-reported amendment be considered and agreed to; that the committee-reported amendment, as amended, 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 PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 4149) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To include provisions relating to funding and deficit reduction)

In section 3(b), add at the end the following:

“(13) DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Section 3 of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102) is amended by striking subsection (j) (as redesignated by paragraph (9)(A)) and inserting the following:

“(j) FUNDING; DEFICIT REDUCTION.—

“(1) FUNDING.—Funds used by an agency to carry out this section may, as provided in advance in appropriations Acts, only come from amounts authorized to be appropriated to that agency.

“(2) DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Any amount appropriated to an account of a Federal agency for the Federal agency to carry out a responsibility under this section that is cancelled pursuant to section 1552(a) of title 31, United States Code, shall be transferred to the general fund of the Treasury and be applied to deficit reduction.”.

The committee-reported amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

The bill (S. 1626), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 1626

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act of 2025”.

**SEC. 2. CERTAIN DEFINITIONS UNDER FLOOD LEVEL OBSERVATION, OPERATIONS, AND DECISION SUPPORT ACT.**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 12(a) of the Flood Level Observation, Operations, and Decision Support Act (15 U.S.C. 9707(a)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and  
 (2) by inserting before paragraph (4) (as so redesignated) the following:

“(1) ATMOSPHERIC RIVER.—The term ‘atmospheric river’ means a transient corridor of strong water vapor in the atmosphere that—

“(A) produces significant quantities of rain or snow; and

“(B) may be primarily beneficial to the water supply or hazardous due to flooding.

“(2) ATMOSPHERIC RIVER FLOODING EVENT.—The term ‘atmospheric river flooding event’ means an atmospheric river that—

“(A) results in flooding of rivers and streams or other hazards to human life, property, or the economy; and

“(B) is of particular concern to human health, property, and the economy, as determined by the Secretary of Commerce.

“(3) EXTREME PRECIPITATION EVENT.—The term ‘extreme precipitation event’ means precipitation quantities exceeding the 5-year annual recurrence interval for a specific location”.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—Section 12(d)(1) of the Flood Level Observation, Operations, and Decision Support Act (15 U.S.C. 9707(d)(1)) is amended by inserting “, such as precipitation resulting from hurricanes, atmospheric river flooding events, and extreme precipitation events” before the period at the end.

**SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL LANDSLIDE PREPAREDNESS ACT.**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2 of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3101) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through (11) as paragraphs (7), (8), (10), (11), (13), (14), (15), and (16), respectively;

(2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

“(4) ATMOSPHERIC RIVER.—The term ‘atmospheric river’ has the meaning given in section 12(a) of the Flood Level Observation, Operations, and Decision Support Act (15 U.S.C. 9707(a)).

“(5) ATMOSPHERIC RIVER FLOODING EVENT.—The term ‘atmospheric river flooding event’ has the meaning given the term in section 12(a) of the Flood Level Observation, Operations, and Decision Support Act (15 U.S.C. 9707(a)).”

“(6) EXTREME PRECIPITATION EVENT.—The term ‘extreme precipitation event’ has the meaning given the term in section 12(a) of the Flood Level Observation, Operations, and Decision Support Act (15 U.S.C. 9707(a)).”;

(3) by inserting after paragraph (8) (as so redesignated) the following:

“(9) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The term ‘institution of higher education’ has the meaning given the term in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).”;

(4) by inserting after paragraph (11) (as so redesignated) the following:

“(12) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘Native Hawaiian organization’ has the meaning given the term in section 6207 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7517), except that the term includes the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.”;

(5) by adding at the end the following:

“(17) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘Tribal organization’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).”.

(b) NATIONAL LANDSLIDE HAZARDS REDUCTION PROGRAM.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 3(a)(3) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(a)(3)) is amended by striking “protect” and inserting “contribute to protecting”.

(2) PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—Section 3(b)(1)(C)(ii) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(b)(1)(C)(ii)) is amended by striking “implement” and inserting “disseminate”.

(3) NATIONAL STRATEGY.—Section 3(b)(2) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(b)(2)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respectively, and indenting appropriately;

(B) in the matter preceding clause (i) (as so redesignated), by striking “Not later than” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) ASSESSMENT.—For purposes of the first national strategy published after the date of enactment of the National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act of 2025 under subparagraph (A), the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, shall include an assessment of the risks that atmospheric river flooding events and extreme precipitation events pose to the safety of life and property in the United States with respect to landslide hazards.”.

(4) NATIONAL LANDSLIDE HAZARDS DATABASE.—Section 3(b)(3) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(b)(3)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and (D) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following:

“(C) the identification of areas in need of additional hazard risk assessment, including areas that may be at risk due to—

“(i) hydrology or changes in hydrology that may include erosion, drought, or other characteristics that could impact landslide risk; and

“(ii) atmospheric river flooding events and extreme precipitation events, as identified by the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary;

“(iii) geologic activity, such as volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, or tsunamis; or

“(iv) data-poor areas or hazards with poor monitoring that could contribute to increased landslide risk.”.

(5) LANDSLIDE HAZARD AND RISK PREPAREDNESS FOR COMMUNITIES.—Section 3(b)(4) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(b)(4)) is amended—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “Native Hawaiian organizations and other stakeholders, as appropriate,” before “and Indian tribes”;

(B) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “local, and Tribal governments and decisionmakers” and inserting “and local governments, Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, Native Hawaiian organizations, and other decisionmakers”;

(ii) by striking clause (iii) and inserting the following:

“(iii) health and safety with respect to landslides.”;

(iii) by redesignating clause (iv) as clause (v); and

(iv) by inserting after clause (iii) the following:

“(iv) reducing losses from landslides, including the threats caused by atmospheric rivers and other extreme precipitation events; and”;

(C) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) in clause (i), by striking “local, and Tribal officials” and inserting “and local officials, Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”; and

(ii) in clause (ii), by striking “local, and Tribal emergency managers” and inserting “and local emergency managers and emergency managers of Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”.

(6) DEBRIS FLOW EARLY WARNING SYSTEM.—Section 3(b)(5) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(b)(5)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “State, territorial, local, and Tribal governments” and inserting “State, territorial, and local governments, Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”;

(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respectively, and indenting appropriately;

(C) in the matter preceding clause (i) (as so redesignated), by striking “In carrying out” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out subparagraph (A), the Secretary may consult with an institution of higher education described in subsection (d)(2)(B)(iv) and other stakeholders to establish and support emergency response procedures, as appropriate.”.

(7) EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.—Section 3(b)(6) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(b)(6)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respectively, and indenting appropriately;

(B) in the matter preceding clause (i) (as so redesignated), by striking “In carrying” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying”;

(C) in subparagraph (A) (as so designated)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i) (as so redesignated), by inserting “Native Hawaiian organizations,” before “and Indian tribes”;

(ii) in clause (ii) (as so redesignated), by striking “and” at the end;

(iii) in clause (iii) (as so redesignated), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following:

“(iv) to improve real-time risk management during landslide events, including with respect to landslide events caused by—

“(I) hydrology or changes in hydrology that may include erosion, drought, or other characteristics that could impact landslide risk;

“(II) atmospheric river flooding events and extreme precipitation events, as identified by the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary;

“(III) geologic activity, such as volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, or tsunamis;

“(IV) data-poor areas or hazards with poor monitoring that could contribute to increased landslide risk; or

“(V) thawing permafrost and glacial retreat causing destabilization of slopes.”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out subparagraph (A), the Secretary may consult with an institution of higher education described in subsection (d)(2)(B)(iv) and the private sector.”.

(8) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—Section 3(d)(2)(B) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102(d)(2)(B)) is amended—

(A) in clause (iii), by striking “geological”; and

(B) in clause (vi), by striking “local, and Tribal emergency management agencies” and inserting “and local emergency management agencies and emergency management agencies of Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations”.

(9) REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS.—Section 3 of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subsections (e) through (i) as subsections (f) through (j), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after subsection (d) the following:

“(e) REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of the National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act of 2025, the Secretary shall establish in each region in which the Secretary determines that there is a high landslide hazard a regional partnership with an eligible partner described in paragraph (2).

“(2) ELIGIBLE PARTNERS.—An organization or institution of higher education with expertise in landslide mapping, research, and monitoring shall be eligible for a regional partnership under paragraph (1).

“(3) PURPOSES AND DUTIES.—A regional partnership established under paragraph (1) shall—

“(A) allow the Secretary to leverage applicable expertise in regional organizations;

“(B) coordinate long-term landslide research specific to the applicable region; and

“(C) align interagency landslide monitoring efforts.”.

(10) GRANT PROGRAMS.—Section 3 of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102) is amended, in paragraph (1) of subsection (f) (as redesignated by paragraph (9)(A))—

(A) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “local, and Tribal governments to research, map, assess” and inserting “and local governments, Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations to research, map, assess, monitor”;

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) in clause (i), by inserting “institutions of higher education described in subsection (d)(2)(B)(iv),” before “and Indian tribes”; and

(ii) in clause (ii)—

(i) by redesignating subclauses (II) through (IV) as subclauses (III) through (V), respectively; and

(II) by inserting after subclause (I) the following:

“(II) in regions that have recently experienced loss of life due to landslides;”; and

(C) in subparagraph (C)—

(i) in clause (i), by inserting “awarded” after “grants”; and

(ii) in clause (ii), by striking “made” and inserting “or other accomplishments resulting”.

(11) SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.—Section 3 of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102) is amended, in subsection (h)(3) (as so redesignated), by striking “local, and Tribal partners” and inserting “and local partners, Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”.

(12) FUNDING.—Section 3 of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102) is amended, in subsection (i) (as redesignated by paragraph (9)(A))—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “2024” and inserting “2030”; and

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$25,000,000 to carry out this section” and inserting “\$35,000,000 to carry out this section, of which not less than \$10,000,000 shall be made available for the purchase, deployment, and repair of landslide early warning systems in high risk areas”.

(13) DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Section 3 of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3102) is amended by striking subsection (j) (as redesignated by paragraph (9)(A)) and inserting the following:

“(j) FUNDING; DEFICIT REDUCTION.—

“(1) FUNDING.—Funds used by an agency to carry out this section may, as provided in advance in appropriations Acts, only come from amounts authorized to be appropriated to that agency.

“(2) DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Any amount appropriated to an account of a Federal agency for the Federal agency to carry out a responsibility under this section that is cancelled pursuant to section 1552(a) of title 31, United States Code, shall be transferred to the general fund of the Treasury and be applied to deficit reduction.”.

(c) 3D ELEVATION PROGRAM.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 5(a) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3104(a)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “and derivative” after “3D elevation”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(B)(i), by inserting “, process, and integrate” after “acquire”.

(2) 3D ELEVATION FEDERAL INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE.—Section 5(b)(3) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3104(b)(3)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (D) and (E) as subparagraphs (E) and (F), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

“(D) the 3D Hydrography Program Working Group.”.

(3) GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Section 5(d)(3) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3104(d)(3)) is amended by striking “publically” and inserting “publicly”.

(4) FUNDING.—Section 5(e) of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43 U.S.C. 3104(e)) is amended by striking “2024” and inserting “2034”.

SEC. 4. NEXT GENERATION WATER OBSERVING SYSTEM.

The Act of December 24, 1942 (56 Stat. 1086, chapter 822; 43 U.S.C. 36b), is amended—

(1) in the first section, by striking “That the Secretary of the Interior” and inserting the following:

**SECTION 1. GAGING STREAMS AND UNDERGROUND WATER RESOURCES.**

“The Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this Act as the ‘Secretary’);”;

(2) in section 1 (as so designated)—

(A) in the second sentence, by striking “of the Interior”; and

(B) in the proviso—

(i) by striking “this Act” each place it appears and inserting “this section”; and

(ii) by striking “of the Interior”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

**SEC. 2. NEXT GENERATION WATER OBSERVING SYSTEM.**

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish within the United States Geological Survey a system, to be known as the ‘Next Generation Water Observing System’ (referred to in this section as the ‘System’).

“(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the System is to provide real-time data on water quantity and quality—

“(1) that, as compared to previous systems, is more affordable, more rapid, and available in more locations; and

“(2) to support advanced modeling tools—

“(A) to provide state-of-the-art flood and drought forecasts;

“(B) to inform emergency- and water-management decision support systems; and

“(C) to help evaluate—

“(i) the near-term and long-term risks of floods and droughts, including any scenarios that modify those risks;

“(ii) the quantity of water stored in seasonal snow packs, and how changes in seasonal snow packs affect water supplies;

“(iii) the early stages of drought;

“(iv) the predicted timelines for drought recovery;

“(v) the quantity of water lost to evapotranspiration;

“(vi) water quality differences during wet and dry periods;

“(vii) the effects of streamflow on groundwater;

“(viii) the effects of groundwater on streamflow; and

“(ix) ice and water volume stored in glaciers and changing water volumes due to glacial retreat.

“(c) SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.—The System shall provide for—

“(1) state-of-the-art measurements;

“(2) a dense array of sensors at selected sites;

“(3) increased spatial and temporal coverage;

“(4) new technology testing and implementation;

“(5) improved operational efficiency; and

“(6) modernized and timely data storage and delivery.

“(d) PRIORITY REGIONS.—In determining in which regions of the United States Geological Survey to carry out the System, the Secretary shall give priority to regions of the United States Geological Survey in which there is—

“(1) a high level of drought;

“(2) a reliance on reservoirs for water storage;

“(3) a reliance on hydrologic storage, including groundwater, aquifers, and snowpack; and

“(4) flooding and extreme rainfall.

“(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section in 10 initial basins, as determined by the Secretary, \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2026, to remain available until expended.

“(2) DERIVATION OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available to carry out this section shall be derived from amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to the United States Geological Survey.”.

**SEC. 5. WATER DATA ENHANCEMENT AND NATIONAL GROUNDWATER RESOURCES MONITORING BY UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.**

Section 9507 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (42 U.S.C. 10367) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (2)(C)—

(i) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the end;

(ii) in clause (ii), by inserting “and” after the semicolon at the end; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(iii) the conduct of groundwater quality assessments relating to permafrost thaw and changes in precipitation rates;”;

(B) in paragraph (4)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “10 years” and inserting “11 years”; and

(II) in clause (i), by striking “national streamflow information program” and inserting “Federal priority streamgage program”;

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “Federal Priority streamgage program” and inserting “Federal Priority Streamgage Network”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) PRIORITY SITES.—In selecting sites for the installation of streamgages under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall give priority to regions of the United States Geological Survey in which there is—

“(i) a high level of drought;

“(ii) a reliance on reservoirs for water storage;

“(iii) a reliance on hydrologic storage, including groundwater, aquifers, and snowpack; and

“(iv) flooding and extreme rainfall.

“(D) NO IMPACT ON EXISTING SITES.—The priority provided under subparagraph (C) shall have no impact on any site or region in which a streamgage has been installed, and is operating, as of the date of enactment of the National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act of 2025, subject to the condition that the data from such a site or region are continuing to meet the priority needs of stakeholders, as determined by the Secretary.”; and

(C) in paragraph (6)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking “\$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2028” and inserting “\$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2033”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) DERIVATION OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available to carry out this subsection shall be derived from amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to the United States Geological Survey.”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “and State and local water resource agencies and Tribes” and inserting “, State and local water resource agencies, Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking “State water resource agency or Tribe” and inserting “State water resource agency, Indian tribe, Tribal organization, or Native Hawaiian organization”;

(B) in paragraph (6)—

(i) by striking “give priority to those activities” and inserting the following: “give priority to—

“(A) activities”;

(ii) in subparagraph (A) (as so designated)—

(I) by striking “State, a Tribe” and inserting “State, Indian tribe, Tribal organization, Native Hawaiian organization.”; and

(II) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) activities conducted in regions of the United States Geological Survey in which there is—

“(i) a high level of drought;  
 “(ii) a reliance on reservoirs for water storage;  
 “(iii) a reliance on hydrologic storage, including groundwater, aquifers, and snowpack; and  
 “(iv) flooding and extreme rainfall.”; and  
 (C) in paragraph (7)—  
 (i) by striking “There are authorized to be appropriated” and inserting the following:  
 “(A) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated”; and  
 (ii) by adding at the end the following:  
 “(B) DERIVATION OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available to carry out this subsection shall be derived from amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to the United States Geological Survey.”.

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Simmons nomination; further, that the Senate execute the order of December 18 with respect to the Simmons nomination at 11:30 a.m.; further, that the Senate recess following disposition of the Simmons nomination until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly conference meetings; finally, at 2:20 p.m., the Senate execute the order of December 18 with respect to the Bailey nomination.

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

#### ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order following the vote on the Bass nomination.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Holstead, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2025, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 26, 2025, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ADRIAN SMITH) has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1823. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Comptroller General of the United States to report on certain funding shortfalls in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 4323. An act to provide for the vacating of certain convictions and expungement of certain arrests of victims of human trafficking.

H.R. 4446. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the conditions under which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is required to redevelop the individualized vocational rehabilitation plan for a veteran, and for other purposes.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY) announced that on today, January 5, 2026, he had signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ADRIAN SMITH) of the House:

H.R. 1823. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Comptroller General of the United States to report on certain funding shortfalls in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-2351. A communication from the President of the United States to the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, a report relative to targeted and limited military strikes on January 3, 2026, within the territory of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. JUSTICE, and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. 3580. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make cost-share grants for

retrofitting agricultural tractors with roll-over protection structures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. PAUL:

S.J. Res. 101. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sales to Taiwan of certain defense articles and services; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 691

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. McCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to improve the administration of antidumping and countervailing duty laws, and for other purposes.

S. 912

At the request of Mr. RICKETTS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. McCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish, on an annual basis, an assessment of United States dependency on critical agricultural products or inputs from the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

S. 1532

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1532, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 1677

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1677, a bill to provide health insurance benefits for outpatient and inpatient items and services related to the diagnosis and treatment of a congenital anomaly or birth defect.

S. 1709

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1709, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals, and for other purposes.

S. 1876

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1876, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to relocate a memorial honoring the 9 Air Force crew members who lost their lives in an airplane crash in the Cherokee and Nantahala National Forests during a training mission on August 31, 1982.

S. 1969

At the request of Mr. RICKETTS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. McCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1969, a bill to amend the

Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 to establish an additional reporting requirement, and for other purposes.

S. 2179

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2179, a bill to prohibit the use of M-44 devices, commonly known as “cyanide bombs”, on public land, and for other purposes.

S. 2203

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2203, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to build safer, thriving communities, and save lives, by investing in effective community-based violence reduction initiatives, and for other purposes.

S. 2329

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect beneficiaries with limb loss and other orthopedic conditions by providing access to appropriate, safe, effective, patient-centered orthotic and prosthetic care, to reduce fraud, waste, and abuse with respect to orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes.

S. 2738

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2738, a bill to establish eligibility requirements for covered educational employees under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, and for other purposes.

S. 3145

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) were added as cosponsors of S. 3145, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to require the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to test a comprehensive alternative response for emergencies model under the Medicare program.

S. 3345

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3345, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure accurate payments to pharmacies under Medicaid and prevent the use of abusive spread pricing in Medicaid, and to assure pharmacy access and choice for Medicare beneficiaries and modernize and ensure PBM accountability under Medicare.

S.J. RES. 98

At the request of Mr. KAIN, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 98, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United

States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against Venezuela that have not been authorized by Congress.

S.J. RES. 100

At the request of Mr. GALLEG, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 100, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against vessels operating in the Caribbean Sea or the Eastern Pacific Ocean that have not been authorized by Congress.

AMENDMENT NO. 4056

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4056 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4016, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

**SA 4148.** Mr. MARSHALL (for Mr. SCOTT of Florida) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 320, to authorize the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, and for other purposes.

**SA 4149.** Mr. MARSHALL (for Mr. SCOTT of Florida) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1626, to reauthorize the National Landslide Preparedness Act, and for other purposes.

**SA 4150.** Mr. GALLEG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4016, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 4148.** Mr. MARSHALL (for Mr. SCOTT of Florida) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 320, to authorize the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7706), as amended by section 9, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) FUNDING.—Funds used by an agency to carry out this Act may, as provided in advance in appropriations Acts, only come from amounts authorized to be appropriated to that agency.

“(f) DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Any amount appropriated to an account of a Federal agency for the Federal agency to carry out a responsibility under this Act that is cancelled pursuant to section 1552(a) of title 31, United States Code, shall be transferred to the general fund of the Treasury and be applied to deficit reduction.”

**SA 4149.** Mr. MARSHALL (for Mr. SCOTT of Florida) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1626, to reauthorize the National Landslide Preparedness Act, and for other purposes; as follows:

In section 3(b), add at the end the following:

(13) DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Section 3 of the National Landslide Preparedness Act (43

U.S.C. 3102) is amended by striking subsection (j) (as redesignated by paragraph (9)(A)) and inserting the following:

“(j) FUNDING; DEFICIT REDUCTION.—

“(1) FUNDING.—Funds used by an agency to carry out this section may, as provided in advance in appropriations Acts, only come from amounts authorized to be appropriated to that agency.

“(2) DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Any amount appropriated to an account of a Federal agency for the Federal agency to carry out a responsibility under this section that is cancelled pursuant to section 1552(a) of title 31, United States Code, shall be transferred to the general fund of the Treasury and be applied to deficit reduction.”

**SA 4150.** Mr. GALLEG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4016, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be obligated or expended for the use of military force, the conduct of hostilities, or the preparation for war against or with respect to Greenland.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Keith Bass, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

#### VOTE ON BASS NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Bass nomination?

Mr. MARSHALL. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), and the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) would have voted “yea” and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) would have voted “yea.”

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT

ROCHESTER), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 35, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 1 Ex.]

YEAS—50

Banks	Hawley	Paul
Boozman	Hoeven	Reed
Britt	Husted	Ricketts
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Capito	Johnson	Rosen
Cassidy	Justice	Rounds
Cornyn	Kaine	Schmitt
Cotton	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Crapo	King	Scott (SC)
Cruz	Lankford	Shaheen
Curtis	Lummis	Sullivan
Ernst	Marshall	Thune
Fetterman	McConnell	Tillis
Fischer	McCormick	Tuberville
Gallego	Moody	Wicker
Grassley	Moreno	Young
Hagerty	Mullin	

NAYS—35

Alsobrooks	Heinrich	Sanders
Baldwin	Hickenlooper	Schatz
Bennet	Hirono	Schiff
Blumenthal	Kim	Schumer
Booker	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Cantwell	Luján	Smith
Collins	Merkley	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Warner
Duckworth	Murray	Warren
Durbin	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Padilla	Wyden
Hassan	Peters	

NOT VOTING—15

Barrasso	Blunt Rochester	Cramer
Blackburn	Coons	Daines

Graham	Markey	Sheehy
Kelly	Moran	Warnock
Lee	Murkowski	Welch

OF ARKANSAS, VICE PAUL KINLOCH HOLMES III, RETIRED.

NICHOLAS JON GANJELI, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, VICE LYNN N. HUGHES, RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

KEVIN HOLMES, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE DUANE A. KEES, TERM EXPIRED.

ZACHARY KELLER, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE BRANDON B. BROWN.

THE JUDICIARY

BRIAN CHARLES LEA, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE, VICE JOHN THOMAS FOWLKES, JR., RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

BRIAN DAVID MILLER, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE GERARD M. KARAM.

THE JUDICIARY

JUSTIN R. OLSON, OF INDIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA, VICE JANE E. MAGNUS-STINSON, RETIRED.

AARON CHRISTIAN PETERSON, OF ALASKA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA, VICE TIMOTHY MARK BURGESS, RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ANDREW BENSON, OF MAINE, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF MAINE FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE DARCIE N. MCELWEE.

THE JUDICIARY

MEGAN BLAIR BENTON, OF MISSOURI, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, VICE M. DOUGLAS HARPOOL, RETIRING.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WILLIAM BOYLE, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE MICHAEL F. EASLEY, JR.

DANIEL E. BURROWS, OF COLORADO, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE AARON REITZ, RESIGNED.

THE JUDICIARY

DAVID CLAY FOWLKES, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT

RICHARD PRICE, OF MISSOURI, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE TIMOTHY A. GARRISON, TERM EXPIRED.

DARIN SMITH, OF WYOMING, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE MARK A. KLAASSEN, TERM EXPIRED.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate January 5, 2026:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

KEITH BASS, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.