Aviation Administration regulations, policies, and guidance related to low-altitude airspace safety, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 6120

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 6120 intended to be proposed to S. 4784, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2027 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. 5066. A bill to improve the health of minority individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise to introduce the Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2026. This comprehensive piece of legislation would eliminate racial and ethnic health inequities and increase access to healthcare for vulnerable communities across the entire spectrum of care by taking a comprehensive approach to health equity.

This bill is a comprehensive approach to address these systemic disparities impacting communities across the country. The bill would expand access to culturally and linguistically appropriate care; strengthen and diversify the healthcare workforce; remove cost, citizenship, and administrative barriers to coverage and care; increase Federal support for Medicare, Medicaid, and public health systems; establish innovative models for maternal, child, mental, and behavioral health; fund prevention programs for high-impact diseases that disproportionately affect marginalized populations; modernize data collection efforts and expand telehealth access; address the social determinants of health through investments in nutrition, environmental justice, and community-based supports so that health outcomes improve and disparities are systematically reduced.

The bill also lays out additional investments and policy changes to improve the health and well-being of underserved communities, address systemic health inequities, and ensure access to high-quality and affordable healtcare for all.

At a time when access to healthcare is under increasing threat for our most vulnerable communities, including through recent Federal policy changes and the implementation of H.R. 1, which has already resulted in significant coverage losses for millions of low-income families and communities of color, the Health Equity and Accountability Act is more important than ever.

Rather than allowing existing inequities to widen, this legislation reaffirms a commitment to ensuring that all people have a fair opportunity to access the care and services they need. By prioritizing equity and accountability across the healthcare system, HEAA would help build a more resilient, inclusive, and effective system that better serves communities that have historically faced barriers to care.

I would like to thank the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and Congressman RAUL RUIZ for leading this legislation in the House of Representatives, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to enact the Health Equity and Accountability Act as soon as possible.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 811—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE ADVERSE IMPACTS ON THE UNITED STATES OF THE RECENT CANADIAN WILDFIRES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH IMPACTS BY INCREASING EFFORTS TO EXTINGUISH THESE FIRES AND PREVENT THEIR RECURRENCE

Mr. HOEVEN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 811

Whereas the United States and Canada have a longstanding and close relationship based on shared values and common interests;

Whereas the shared border between the United States and Canada should be managed to the benefit of the people residing in both countries;

Whereas wildfires can adversely affect people on both sides of the shared border;

Whereas the safety, health, and well-being of United States residents is of the highest importance;

Whereas smoke from the recent wildfires in Canada has adversely affected the safety, health, and well-being of United States residents;

Whereas thousands of firefighters and emergency responders provide service and sacrifice to combat wildfires in order to protect lives and personal property under dangerous conditions;

Whereas responsible forest management, including hazardous fuels reduction, timber harvesting, grazing, and other forest restoration practices help reduce the severity and frequency of catastrophic wildfires; and

Whereas cooperation and collaboration between the United States and Canada on wildfire response, wildfire prevention, and long-term forest health and stewardship is in the mutual interest of both countries: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the significant adverse impact that smoke from the recent Canadian wildfires has had on the United States economy and the safety, health, and well-being of the American people;

(2) calls upon the Government of Canada to take responsibility for the cross-border impacts of these wildfires, including by immediately increasing efforts to extinguish the fires and prevent their recurrence; and

(3) urges President Donald Trump to further discuss with Prime Minister Mark Carney the importance of extinguishing these fires and preventing their recurrence.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT TO PROCEEDING

I, Senator RON WYDEN, intend to object to proceeding to S. 4979, a bill to establish a process to assure the long-term fiscal stability of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund, dated July 22, 2026.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, I have 11 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 2 p.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 9 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 10 a.m.