COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct an executive business meeting.

## PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to grant floor privileges to Mina Basmaci for the length of this Congress.

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

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Oscar Baez, a legislative fellow in my office, be given floor privileges for the duration of his fellowship.

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

## MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 9340

Mr. HUSTED. Madam President, I understand that there is a bill at the desk that is due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 9340) to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal standard relating to the recovery of the full, incremental costs of upgrades that serve large-load customers, and for other purposes.

Mr. HUSTED. In order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I would object to further proceedings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

## JOHN A. HAUSER MENTAL HEALTH IN AVIATION ACT

Mr. HUSTED. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 558, S. 3257.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3257) to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to revise regulations for certain individuals carrying out aviation activities who disclose a mental health diagnosis or condition, and for other purposes.

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

***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

*This Act may be cited as the ''John A. Hauser Mental Health in Aviation Act''.*

***SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.***

*In this Act:*

*(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term ''Administrator'' means the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.*

*(2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term ''appropriate committees of Congress'' means—*

*(A) the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives; and*

*(B) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.*

*(3) FAA.—The term ''FAA'' means the Federal Aviation Administration.*

*(4) SPECIAL ISSUANCE.—The term ''special issuance'' has the meaning given such term in section 67.401 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations.*

***SEC. 3. REGULATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS CARRYING OUT AVIATION ACTIVITIES.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall update regulations, including in part 67 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, and issue relevant guidance as appropriate to encourage individuals to—*

*(1) seek help for mental health conditions or symptoms of mental health conditions; and*

*(2) to disclose conditions or symptoms described in paragraph (1).*

*(b) SOLICIT FEEDBACK; REPORT REQUIREMENTS.—Section 411(d) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (49 U.S.C. 44703 note) is amended—*

*(1) in paragraph (3), by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:*

*''(B) soliciting feedback from aviation industry professionals or other licensed professionals representing air carrier operations under part 121 and part 135 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, and general aviation operations under part 91 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, the exclusive bargaining representatives of air traffic controllers of the FAA certified under section 7111 of title 5, United States Code, organizations representing collective bargaining representatives of airline pilots, institutions of higher education that are accredited by the Aviation Accreditation Board International, and professional pilot flight training schools certificated under part 141 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations;''; and*

*(2) in paragraph (4)—*

*(A) in subparagraphs (A) and (B), by striking ''and'' at the end;*

*(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and*

*(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:*

*''(D) a review and evaluation of any recommendations reached by the National Transportation Safety Board related to aviation workforce mental health; and*

*''(E) a description of relevant clinical studies, research, diagnostic manuals, and protocols relied upon by the task group in developing their recommendations.''.*

*(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and for any report issued thereafter, not later than 180 days after the submission of each report required under section 411(f) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (49 U.S.C. 44703 note), the Administrator may take action, as appropriate, to implement the recommendations of such report.*

*(2) JUSTIFICATION.—In the event that the Administrator decides not to implement a recommendation described in paragraph (1), the Administrator shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress the justification for such decision not later than 90 days after receiving the report containing such recommendation.*

***SEC. 4. REVIEW OF MENTAL HEALTH SPECIAL ISSUANCE PROCESS.***

*Beginning on the date that is 180 days after the Administrator submits the first report pursuant to section 411(f) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (49 U.S.C. 44703 note), and annually for the 1st 2 years thereafter, and triennially thereafter, the Administrator shall conduct a review of the special issuance process, and update, as appropriate, the applicable regulations, policies, orders, and guidance on mental health-related special issuance for pilots and air traffic controllers to—*

*(1) consider the reclassification of additional medications and evidence-based treatments that may be safely prescribed to treat mental health conditions;*

*(2) provide enhanced mental health knowledge and training for aviation medical examiners, consistent with the recommendations of the Mental Health & Aviation Medical Clearances Aviation Rulemaking Committee described in section 6;*

*(3) if the Administrator determines appropriate, consider expanding opportunities in which an aviation medical examiner may issue a certificate consistent with the recommendations of the Mental Health & Aviation Medical Clearances Aviation Rulemaking Committee described in section 6, provided that such examiner has completed enhanced mental health training, as described in paragraph (2), to ensure such personnel have the requisite knowledge and ability to appropriately evaluate individuals for FAA medical certification; and*

*(4) improve the special issuance process for pilots and air traffic controllers.*

***SEC. 5. IMPROVING CAPACITY FOR THE OFFICE OF AEROSPACE MEDICINE.***

*Of the amounts made available pursuant to section 106(k)(1) of title 49, United States Code, the Administrator shall designate not more than $15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2028 to—*

*(1) recruit, select, and train additional aviation medical examiners and human intervention motivation study aviation medical examiners, including those who are psychiatrists;*

*(2) expand capacity to provide oversight of aviation medical examiners and clear the backlog of special issuance requests and cases awaiting review at the Office of Aerospace Medicine of the FAA;*

*(3) provide enhanced mental health training to aviation medical examiners to ensure such personnel have requisite knowledge and the ability to appropriately evaluate individuals for FAA medical certification; and*

*(4) support any other related activities, as determined appropriate by the Administrator.*

***SEC. 6. IMPLEMENTATION OF AVIATION RULEMAKING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall implement, as appropriate, the recommendations of the Mental Health & Aviation Medical Clearances Aviation Rulemaking Committee, which were submitted to the Administrator on April 1, 2024 (in this section referred to as the ''ARC'').*

*(b) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Administrator shall consult with*