

in, and the future success of, the children and youth of the United States;

Whereas the month of September, as the school year begins, is a time when parents, families, teachers, school administrators, and communities increase focus on children and youth throughout the United States;

Whereas the month of September is a time for the people of the United States to highlight, and be mindful of, the needs of children and youth;

Whereas private corporations and businesses have joined with hundreds of national and local charitable organizations throughout the United States in support of a month-long focus on children and youth; and

Whereas designating September 2017 as “National Child Awareness Month” would recognize that a long-term commitment to children and youth is in the public interest and will encourage widespread support for charities and organizations that seek to provide a better future for the children and youth of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate designates September 2017 as “National Child Awareness Month”;

(1) to promote awareness of charities that benefit children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States; and

(2) to recognize the efforts made by those charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 752. Mr. ALEXANDER (for Mr. MANCHIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 581, to include information concerning a patient's opioid addiction in certain medical records.

SA 753. Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mrs. CAPITO) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 204, to authorize the use of unapproved medical products by patients diagnosed with a terminal illness in accordance with State law, and for other purposes.

SA 754. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2430, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs, and biosimilar biological products, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 755. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2430, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 756. Mr. VAN HOLLEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 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; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 757. Mr. VAN HOLLEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 758. Ms. BALDWIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 760. Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted an amendment in-

tended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 761. Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. SCOTT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 762. Mr. YOUNG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 763. Mr. ROUNDS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 767. Mr. PERDUE proposed an amendment to the bill S. 765, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for penalties for the sale of any Purple Heart awarded to a member of the Armed Forces.

SA 768. Mr. DONNELLY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 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; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 769. Mr. WICKER (for Mrs. FISCHER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 88, to ensure appropriate spectrum planning and interagency coordination to support the Internet of Things.

SA 770. Mr. MURPHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 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; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 771. Ms. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. CARPER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1099, to provide for the identification and prevention of improper payments and the identification of strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing the use of Federal agency charge cards.

SA 772. Ms. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. YOUNG) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1182, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the 100th anniversary of The American Legion.

SA 773. Ms. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. SULLIVAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 756, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 752. Mr. ALEXANDER (for Mr. MANCHIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 581, to include information concerning a patient's opioid addiction in certain medical records; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as “Jessie’s Law”.

SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF OPIOID ADDICTION HISTORY IN PATIENT RECORDS.

(a) BEST PRACTICES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with appropriate stakeholders, including a patient with a history of opioid use disorder, an expert in electronic health records, an expert in the confidentiality of patient health information and records, and a health care provider, shall identify or facilitate the development of best practices regarding—

(A) the circumstances under which information that a patient has provided to a health care provider regarding such patient's history of opioid use disorder should, only at the patient's request, be prominently displayed in the medical records (including electronic health records) of such patient;

(B) what constitutes the patient's request for the purpose described in subparagraph (A); and

(C) the process and methods by which the information should be so displayed.

(2) DISSEMINATION.—The Secretary shall disseminate the best practices developed under paragraph (1) to health care providers and State agencies.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—In identifying or facilitating the development of best practices under subsection (a), as applicable, the Secretary, in consultation with appropriate stakeholders, shall consider the following:

(1) The potential for addiction relapse or overdose, including overdose death, when opioid medications are prescribed to a patient recovering from opioid use disorder.

(2) The benefits of displaying information about a patient's opioid use disorder history in a manner similar to other potentially lethal medical concerns, including drug allergies and contraindications.

(3) The importance of prominently displaying information about a patient's opioid use disorder when a physician or medical professional is prescribing medication, including methods for avoiding alert fatigue in providers.

(4) The importance of a variety of appropriate medical professionals, including physicians, nurses, and pharmacists, to have access to information described in this section when prescribing or dispensing opioid medication, consistent with Federal and State laws and regulations.

(5) The importance of protecting patient privacy, including the requirements related to consent for disclosure of substance use disorder information under all applicable laws and regulations.

(6) All applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

SA 753. Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mrs. CAPITO) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 204, to authorize the use of unapproved medical products by patients diagnosed with a terminal illness in accordance with State law, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Trickett Wendler, Frank Mongiello, Jordan McLinn, and Matthew Bellina Right to Try Act of 2017”.

SEC. 2. USE OF UNAPPROVED INVESTIGATIONAL DRUGS BY PATIENTS DIAGNOSED WITH A TERMINAL ILLNESS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter V of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act is amended by inserting after section 561A (21 U.S.C. 360bbb-0) the following:

“SEC. 561B. INVESTIGATIONAL DRUGS FOR USE BY ELIGIBLE PATIENTS.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

“(1) the term ‘eligible patient’ means a patient—

“(A) who has been diagnosed with a life-threatening disease or condition (as defined in section 312.81 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulations));

“(B) who has exhausted approved treatment options and is unable to participate in a clinical trial involving the eligible investigational drug, as certified by a physician, who—

“(i) is in good standing with the physician’s licensing organization or board; and

“(ii) will not be compensated directly by the manufacturer for so certifying; and

“(C) who has provided to the treating physician written informed consent regarding the eligible investigational drug, or, as applicable, on whose behalf a legally authorized representative of the patient has provided such consent;

“(2) the term ‘eligible investigational drug’ means an investigational drug (as such term is used in section 561)—

“(A) for which a Phase 1 clinical trial has been completed;

“(B) that has not been approved or licensed for any use under section 505 of this Act or section 351 of the Public Health Service Act;

“(C)(i) for which an application has been filed under section 505(b) of this Act or section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act; or

“(ii) that is under investigation in a clinical trial that—

“(I) is intended to form the primary basis of a claim of effectiveness in support of approval or licensure under section 505 of this Act or section 351 of the Public Health Service Act; and

“(II) is the subject of an active investigational new drug application under section 505(i) of this Act or section 351(a)(3) of the Public Health Service Act, as applicable; and

“(D) the active development or production of which is ongoing and has not been discontinued by the manufacturer or placed on clinical hold under section 505(i); and

“(3) the term ‘phase 1 trial’ means a phase 1 clinical investigation of a drug as described in section 312.21 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulations).

“(b) EXEMPTIONS.—Eligible investigational drugs provided to eligible patients in compliance with this section are exempt from sections 502(f), 503(b)(4), 505(a), and 505(i) of this Act, section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act, and parts 50, 56, and 312 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulations), provided that the sponsor of such eligible investigational drug or any person who manufactures, distributes, prescribes, dispenses, introduces or delivers for introduction into interstate commerce, or provides to an eligible patient an eligible investigational drug pursuant to this section is in compliance with the applicable requirements set forth in sections 312.6, 312.7, and 312.8(d)(1) of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulations) that apply to investigational drugs.

“(c) USE OF CLINICAL OUTCOMES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Public Health Service Act, or any other provision of Federal law, the Secretary may not use a clinical outcome associated with the use of an eligible investigational drug pursuant to this section to delay or adversely affect the review or approval of such drug under section 505 of this Act or section 351 of the Public Health Service Act unless—

“(A) the Secretary makes a determination, in accordance with paragraph (2), that use of

such clinical outcome is critical to determining the safety of the eligible investigational drug; or

“(B) the sponsor requests use of such outcomes.

“(2) LIMITATION.—If the Secretary makes a determination under paragraph (1)(A), the Secretary shall provide written notice of such determination to the sponsor, including a public health justification for such determination, and such notice shall be made part of the administrative record. Such determination shall not be delegated below the director of the agency center that is charged with the premarket review of the eligible investigational drug.

“(d) REPORTING.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The manufacturer or sponsor of an eligible investigational drug shall submit to the Secretary an annual summary of any use of such drug under this section. The summary shall include the number of doses supplied, the number of patients treated, the uses for which the drug was made available, and any known serious adverse events. The Secretary shall specify by regulation the deadline of submission of such annual summary and may amend section 312.33 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulations) to require the submission of such annual summary in conjunction with the annual report for an applicable investigational new drug application for such drug.

“(2) POSTING OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary shall post an annual summary report of the use of this section on the internet website of the Food and Drug Administration, including the number of drugs for which clinical outcomes associated with the use of an eligible investigational drug pursuant to this section was—

“(A) used in accordance with subsection (c)(1)(A);

“(B) used in accordance with subsection (c)(1)(B); and

“(C) not used in the review of an application under section 505 of this Act or section 351 of the Public Health Service Act.”.

(b) NO LIABILITY.—

(1) ALLEGED ACTS OR OMISSIONS.—With respect to any alleged act or omission with respect to an eligible investigational drug provided to an eligible patient pursuant to section 561B of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and in compliance with such section, no liability in a cause of action shall lie against—

(A) a sponsor or manufacturer; or

(B) a prescriber, dispenser, or other individual entity (other than a sponsor or manufacturer), unless the relevant conduct constitutes reckless or willful misconduct, gross negligence, or an intentional tort under any applicable State law.

(2) DETERMINATION NOT TO PROVIDE DRUG.—No liability shall lie against a sponsor manufacturer, prescriber, dispenser or other individual entity for its determination not to provide access to an eligible investigational drug under section 561B of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

(3) LIMITATION.—Except as set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2), nothing in this section shall be construed to modify or otherwise affect the right of any person to bring a private action under any State or Federal product liability, tort, consumer protection, or warranty law.

SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE SENATE.

It is the sense of the Senate that section 561B of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as added by section 2—

(1) does not establish a new entitlement or modify an existing entitlement, or otherwise establish a positive right to any party or individual;

(2) does not establish any new mandates, directives, or additional regulations;

(3) only expands the scope of individual liberty and agency among patients, in limited circumstances;

(4) is consistent with, and will act as an alternative pathway alongside, existing expanded access policies of the Food and Drug Administration;

(5) will not, and cannot, create a cure or effective therapy where none exists;

(6) recognizes that the eligible terminally ill patient population often consists of those patients with the highest risk of mortality, and use of experimental treatments under the criteria and procedure described in such section 561A involves an informed assumption of risk; and

(7) establishes national standards and rules by which investigational drugs may be provided to terminally ill patients.

SA 754. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2430, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs, and biosimilar biological products, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title IX, insert the following:

SEC. 906. BAN ON CHARACTERIZING FLAVORS IN NEWLY DEEMED TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

A product that is a newly deemed tobacco product under the rule entitled “Deeming Tobacco Products To Be Subject to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as Amended by the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; Restrictions on the Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products and Required Warning Statements for Tobacco Products”, published May 10, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 28973), or any of component parts of such tobacco product (including the tobacco, filter, or paper) shall not contain, as a constituent (including a smoke constituent) or additive, an artificial or natural flavor (other than tobacco or menthol) or an herb or spice, including strawberry, grape, orange, clove, cinnamon, pineapple, vanilla, coconut, licorice, cocoa, chocolate, cherry, or coffee, that is a characterizing flavor of the tobacco product or tobacco smoke.

SA 755. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2430, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs, and biosimilar biological products, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title IX, insert the following:

SEC. 906. TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commissioner of Food and Drugs may not delay the deadline, set forth in the rule entitled “Deeming Tobacco Products To Be Subject to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as Amended by the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; Restrictions on the Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products and Required Warning Statements for Tobacco Products”, published May 10, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 28973), for submission of premarket tobacco product applications required for new tobacco products under section 910 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 387j).

SA 756. Mr. VAN HOLLEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 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; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH RUNWAY CLEAR ZONE REQUIREMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Service secretaries, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on Service compliance with Department of Defense and relevant Service policies regarding Department of Defense runway clear zones.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

(1) A listing of all Department of Defense runway clear zones in the United States that are not in compliance with Department of Defense and relevant Service policies regarding Department of Defense runway clear zones.

(2) A plan for bringing all Department of Defense runway clear zones in full compliance with these policies, including a description of the resources required to bring these clear zones into policy compliance, and for providing restitution for property owners.

SA 757. Mr. VAN HOLLEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 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; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 737. TRANSFER TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF AUTHORITY TO OPERATE NATIONAL BIODEFENSE ANALYSIS AND COUNTERMEASURES CENTER.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is transferred from the Department of Homeland Security to the Department of Defense the authority to operate the National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center (in this section referred to as the “Center”).

(b) TRANSFER OF AMOUNTS.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall transfer to the Secretary of Defense such amounts as may be necessary to operate the Center for a two-year period.

(c) TIMING OF TRANSFER.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall conduct an expedient transfer of authority under subsection (a) and amounts under subsection (b) within one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) ROLE OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AFTER TRANSFER.—After the transfer of authority under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) serve as the executive agent and custodian for operations of the Center;

(2) support the activities of the Center, particularly those activities that support Federal government customers;

(3) ensure that the needs of all customers of the Center are met; and

(4) enter into memoranda of understanding with beneficiaries of the Center to ensure equitable cost sharing in the activities of the Center.

(e) ONGOING OPERATIONS.—The Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the transfer of authority under subsection (a) does not diminish or curtail the ongoing operations of the Center.

SA 758. Ms. BALDWIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 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; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . EXEMPTION FROM CALCULATION OF MONTHLY INCOME, FOR PURPOSES OF BANKRUPTCY LAWS, CERTAIN PAYMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

Section 101(10A) of title 11, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

“(B)(i) includes any amount paid by any entity other than the debtor (or in a joint case the debtor and the debtor’s spouse), on a regular basis for the household expenses of the debtor or the debtor’s dependents (and in a joint case the debtor’s spouse if not otherwise a dependent); and

“(ii) excludes—

“(I) benefits received under the Social Security Act;

“(II) payments to victims of war crimes or crimes against humanity on account of their status as victims of such crimes;

“(III) payments to victims of international terrorism (as defined in section 2331 of title 18) or domestic terrorism (as defined in section 2331 of title 18) on account of their status as victims of such terrorism;

“(IV) compensation under chapter 11 of title 38;

“(V) compensation under chapter 13 of title 38;

“(VI) pension under chapter 15 of title 38;

“(VII) retired pay payable to members of the Armed Forces retired under section 1201 or 1204 of title 10;

“(VIII) retired pay payable to members of the Armed Forces placed on the temporary disability retired list under section 1202 or 1205 of title 10;

“(IX) disability severance pay payable under section 1212 of title 10 to members separated from the Armed Forces under section 1203 or 1206 of that title;

“(X) retired pay payable in accordance with section 1201 or 1202 of title 10, or disability severance pay payable in accordance with section 1203 of that title, to members of the Armed Forces eligible for such pay by reason of section 1207a of that title;

“(XI) combat-related special compensation payable under section 1413a of title 10;

“(XII) any monthly annuity payable under the Survivor Benefit Plan under subchapter II of chapter 73 of title 10 if the participant in the Plan with respect to whom the annuity is payable was retired for physical disability under chapter 61 of that title;

“(XIII) the special survivor indemnity allowance payable under section 1450(m) of title 10; and

“(XIV) any monthly special compensation payable to members of the uniformed services with catastrophic injuries or illnesses under section 439 of title 37.”.

SA 759. Ms. BALDWIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 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; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title III, add the following:

SEC. ____ . ACCELERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION ACTIVITIES AT FORMER ARMY AMMUNITION PLANTS.

(a) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Of the amount authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2018 by section 301 and available for environmental restoration, Army, as specified in the funding table in section 4301, not less than \$100,000,000 shall be used to accelerate ongoing remediation activities at former Army ammunition plants.

(b) REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “remediation activities” includes actions required under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.) in connection with environmental remediation, the development, deployment, and operation of appropriate groundwater remediation to provide clean drinking water to impacted communities, the testing of groundwater contaminant levels, and engagements with such communities to incorporate preferred approaches to environmental remediation.

In the funding table in section 4201, in the item relating to the Long Range Standoff Weapon of the Air Force, decrease the amount in the Senate Authorized column by \$100,000,000.

In the funding table in section 4301, in the item relating to Environmental Restoration, Army, increase the amount in the Senate Authorized column by \$100,000,000.

SA 760. Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 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; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 1606 and insert the following:

SEC. 1606. LAUNCH SUPPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE MODERNIZATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In support of the policy outlined in section 2273 of title 10, United States Code, the Secretary of Defense shall carry out a program to modernize infrastructure and improve support activities for processing and launch of United States national security space missions from ranges owned or operated by the Federal Government or State governments.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The program required by this section shall include—

(1) investments in infrastructure to improve operations at ranges in the United States that may benefit all users, to enhance the overall capabilities of those ranges, to

improve safety, and to reduce the long-term cost of operations and maintenance;

(2) measures to normalize processes, systems, and products across the ranges described in paragraph (1) to minimize the burden on launch providers; and

(3) improvements in transparency, flexibility, and responsiveness for launch scheduling.

(c) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the program required by this section, the Secretary should consult with current and anticipated users of ranges in the United States.

(d) COOPERATION.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary should consider partnerships authorized under section 2276 of title 10, United States Code.

(e) REPORT.—

(1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the plan for the implementation of the launch support and infrastructure modernization program at ranges in the United States.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) a description of plans and the resources needed to improve launch support infrastructure, utilities, support equipment, and range operations;

(B) a description of plans to streamline and normalize processes, systems, and products at ranges described in paragraph (1) to ensure consistency for range users; and

(C) recommendations for improving transparency, flexibility, and responsiveness in launch scheduling.

SA 761. Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. SCOTT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 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; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . IMPORTANCE OF HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTIONS.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and minority-serving institutions play a vital role in educating low-income and underrepresented students in areas of national need;

(2) HBCUs and minority-serving institutions presently are collaborating with the Department of Defense in research and development efforts that contribute to the defense readiness and national security of the Nation;

(3) by their research these institutions are helping to develop the next generation of scientists and engineers who will help lead the Department of Defense in addressing high-priority national security challenges; and

(4) it is important to further engage HBCUs and minority-serving institutions in university research and innovation, especially in prioritizing software development and cyber security by utilizing existing Department of Defense labs, and collaborating with existing programs that help attract candidates, including programs like the Air Force Minority Leaders Programs, which recruit Americans from diverse background to

serve their country through service in our Nation's military.

(b) INCREASE.—Funding in Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-wide, PE 61228D8Z, section 4201, for Basic Research, Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions, Line 006, is hereby increased by \$12,000,000.

(c) OFFSET.—Funding in section 4101 for Other Procurement, Army, for Automated Data Processing Equipment, Line 108, is hereby reduced by \$12,000,000.

SA 762. Mr. YOUNG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 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; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following:

SEC. ____ . REPORTS ON COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES RECOMMENDATIONS NOT FULLY IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

(a) SECRETARY OF DEFENSE REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives and the Comptroller General of the United States a report listing all outstanding recommendations of the Comptroller General applicable to the Department of Defense that have not been fully implemented.

(b) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Secretary submits the report required by subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report detailing any discrepancies between the list of outstanding recommendations included in such report and the list of the Comptroller General of the outstanding recommendations applicable to the Department that have not been fully implemented.

(c) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the status of implementation of each recommendation of the Comptroller General listed in the report under subsection (a).

(2) JUSTIFICATION.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) For each recommendation listed in the report that the Department decided not to fully implement, or to implement in a different manner than recommended by the Comptroller General, a detailed justification for the decision.

(B) For each recommendation the Department decided to adopt, but has not fully implemented, a timeline for full implementation.

(C) An explanation for any discrepancies between the report and the Comptroller General report submitted under subsection (b).

(d) FORM.—Any information included in a report under this section shall, to the extent practicable, be submitted in unclassified form, but may be set forth in a classified annex.

SA 763. Mr. ROUNDS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by

him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 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; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title V, add the following:

SEC. ____ . ANNUAL REPORT ON PARTICIPATION IN THE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

Section 1144 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(g) ANNUAL REPORT.—(1) Not later than February 28 each year, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the participation of members of the armed forces in the program under this section during the preceding year.

“(2) Each report under this subsection shall set forth, for the year covered by such report, the following:

“(A) The number of members who were eligible for participation in the program, in aggregate and by component of the armed forces.

“(B) The number of members who participated in the program, in aggregate and by component of the armed forces, for each of the following:

“(i) Preseparation counseling provided by the Department of Defense.

“(ii) Briefings provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

“(iii) Employment workshops provided by the Department of Labor.

“(C) The number of members who did not participate in the program due to a waiver of the participation requirement under subsection (c)(2) for each service set forth in subparagraph (B).

“(3) Each report under this subsection may also include such recommendations for legislative or administrative action as the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the Secretary of Homeland Security, considers appropriate to increase participation of members of the armed forces in each service set forth in paragraph (2)(B).”.

SA 764. Mr. VAN HOLLEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 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; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . FACILITIES REDUCTION PROGRAM.

The Secretary of the Army shall consider the following factors when making resource allocations from the Facilities Reduction Program:

(1) The potential risk of contaminated unused facilities to Army readiness and to Army missions.

(2) The cost to maintain and secure unused and obsolete facilities.

SA 765. Mr. VAN HOLLEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed

by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 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; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title X, add the following:

SEC. _____. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FUNDING SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR THE STUDY OF TERRORISM AND RESPONSES TO TERRORISM.

From amounts authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2018, the Secretary of Defense may provide funds to the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) in order to support programs and activities of the National Consortium that contribute to Department of Defense missions and capabilities.

SA 766. Mr. VAN HOLLEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 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; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title X, add the following:

SEC. _____. IMPROVEMENT OF AUTHORITIES ON PROTECTION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES AND ASSETS FROM UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.

Subparagraph (C) of section 1301(e)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(C) relates to—

“(i) the airspace above a military installation, airfield, or range;

“(ii) any area within 500 meters horizontally or vertically of a military aircraft, vessel, or convoy;

“(iii) any restricted, limited, or exclusion area of a military installation;

“(iv) any airspace that is prohibited or restricted for military purposes;

“(v) any area the presence in which of an unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft system could interfere with lawful defense activities, including airfield and military operations and training; or

“(vi) any area the presence in which of an unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft system could pose a national security risk through the unauthorized disclosure of sensitive or classified information.”.

SA 767. Mr. PERDUE proposed an amendment to the bill S. 765, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for penalties for the sale of any Purple Heart awarded to a member of the Armed Forces; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Private Corrado Piccoli Purple Heart Preservation Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) The Purple Heart medal solemnly recognizes the great and sometimes ultimate sacrifice of American servicemembers like Private Corrado Piccoli.

(2) The Purple Heart medal holds a place of honor as the national symbol of this sacrifice and deserves special protections.

SEC. 3. PENALTY FOR SALE OF PURPLE HEARTS AWARDED TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

Section 704 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “Whoever” and inserting “Except as provided in subsection (e), whoever”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(e) PURPLE HEART.—

“(1) PENALTY.—Whoever willfully purchases, attempts to purchase, solicits for purchase, mails, ships, imports, exports, produces blank certificates of receipt for, manufactures, sells, attempts to sell, advertises for sale, trades, barter, or exchanges for anything of value any Purple Heart awarded to a member of the armed forces or former member of the armed forces by the Secretary of the military department concerned, except when authorized under regulations made pursuant to law, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both.

“(2) LIMITATION ON REGULATIONS.—Regulations described in paragraph (1) may not authorize the sale of any Purple Heart awarded to a member of the armed forces or former member of the armed forces by the Secretary of the military department concerned, unless the sale is conducted by the member or former member to whom the Purple Heart was awarded.

“(3) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term ‘willfully’ means the voluntary, intentional violation of a known legal duty.”.

SA 768. Mr. DONNELLY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 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; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. PREVENTING OUTSOURCING.

(a) CONSIDERATION OF OUTSOURCING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 137 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2327 the following new section:

“§2327a. Contracts: consideration of outsourcing of jobs

“(a) DISCLOSURE OF OUTSOURCING OF JOBS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of an agency shall require a contractor that submits a bid or proposal in response to a solicitation issued by the agency to disclose in that bid or proposal if the contractor, or a subsidiary of the contractor, owns a facility for which there is an outsourcing event during the three-year period ending on the date of the submittal of the bid or proposal.

“(2) OUTSOURCING EVENT.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘outsourcing event’ means a plant closing or mass layoff (as described in section 2(a) of the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (29 U.S.C. 2101(a)) in which the employment loss (excluding any part-time employees) for positions which will be moved to a country outside of the United States exceeds 50 employees.

“(b) CONSIDERATION AUTHORIZED.—(1) Agency contracting officers considering bids or proposals in response to a solicitation issued by the agency may take into account any disclosure made pursuant to subsection (a) in such bids and proposals.

“(2) The head of an agency may establish a negative preference of up to 10 percent of the cost of a contract for purposes of evaluating a bid or proposal of a contractor that makes a disclosure pursuant to subsection (a).

“(c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that agency contracting officers should, using section 2304(b)(3) of this title, exclude contractors making a disclosure pursuant to subsection (a) in response to solicitations issued by the agency from the bidding process in connection with such solicitations on the grounds that the actions described in the disclosures are against the public interests of the United States.

“(d) ANNUAL REPORT.—The head of each agency shall submit to Congress each year a report on the following:

“(1) The number of solicitations made by the agency during the preceding year for which disclosures were made pursuant to subsection (a) in responsive bids or proposals.

“(2) The number of contracts awarded by the agency during the preceding year in which such disclosures were taken into account in the contract award.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 137 of such title is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 2327 the following new item:

“2327a. Contracts: consideration of outsourcing of jobs.”.

(b) EXCLUSION OF FIRMS FROM SOURCES.—Section 2304(b) of such title is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively;

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

“(3) The head of an agency may provide for the procurement of property and services covered by this chapter using competitive procedures but excluding a source making a disclosure pursuant to section 2327a(a) of this title in the bid or proposal in response to the solicitation issued by the agency if the head of the agency determines that the actions described by disclosure are against the public interests of the United States and the source is to be excluded on those grounds. Any such determination shall take into account the sense of Congress set forth in section 2327a(c) of this title.”; and

(3) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated, by striking “paragraphs (1) and (2)” and inserting “paragraphs (1), (2), and (3)”.

(c) REGULATIONS AND GUIDANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement to carry out the requirements of section 2327a of title 10, United States Code, as added by this section.

(2) TRAINING AND GUIDANCE.—The Secretary of Defense shall develop and provide clear training and guidance to acquisition officials, contracting officers, and current and potential contractors regarding implementation policies and practices for section 2327a of title 10, United States Code, as added by this section.

(3) DEFINITION OF OUTSOURCING.—For purposes of defining outsourcing pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2), the Secretary of Defense may utilize regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Labor.

(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—This section, and the amendments made by this section, shall be applied in a manner consistent with

United States obligations under international agreements.

SA 769. Mr. WICKER (for Mrs. FISCHER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 88, to ensure appropriate spectrum planning and interagency coordination to support the Internet of Things; as follows:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Developing Innovation and Growing the Internet of Things Act” or “DIGIT Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the Internet of Things refers to the growing number of connected and interconnected devices;

(2) estimates indicate that more than 50,000,000,000 devices will be connected to the Internet by 2020;

(3) the Internet of Things has the potential to generate trillions of dollars in new economic activity around the world;

(4) businesses across the United States can develop new services and products, improve operations, simplify logistics, cut costs, and pass savings on to consumers by utilizing the Internet of Things and related innovations;

(5) the United States leads the world in the development of technologies that support the Internet and the United States technology sector is well-positioned to lead in the development of technologies for the Internet of Things;

(6) the United States Government can implement this technology to better deliver services to the public; and

(7) the Senate unanimously passed Senate Resolution 110, 114th Congress, agreed to March 24, 2015, calling for a national strategy for the development of the Internet of Things.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that policies governing the Internet of Things should maximize the potential and development of the Internet of Things to benefit all stakeholders, including businesses, governments, and consumers.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission” means the Federal Communications Commission.

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

(3) STEERING COMMITTEE.—The term “steering committee” means the steering committee established under section 4(e)(1).

(4) WORKING GROUP.—The term “working group” means the working group convened under section 4(a).

SEC. 4. FEDERAL WORKING GROUP.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall convene a working group of Federal stakeholders for the purpose of providing recommendations and a report to Congress relating to the aspects of the Internet of Things described in subsection (b).

(b) DUTIES.—The working group shall—

(1) identify any Federal regulations, statutes, grant practices, budgetary or jurisdictional challenges, and other sector-specific policies that are inhibiting, or could inhibit, the development of the Internet of Things;

(2) consider policies or programs that encourage and improve coordination among Federal agencies with jurisdiction over the Internet of Things;

(3) consider any findings or recommendations made by the steering committee and, where appropriate, act to implement those recommendations; and

(4) examine—

(A) how Federal agencies can benefit from utilizing the Internet of Things;

(B) the use of Internet of Things technology by Federal agencies as of the date on which the working group performs the examination;

(C) the preparedness and ability of Federal agencies to adopt Internet of Things technology in the future; and

(D) any additional security measures that Federal agencies may need to take to—

(i) safely and securely use the Internet of Things, including measures that ensure the security of critical infrastructure; and

(ii) enhance the resiliency of Federal systems against cyber threats to the Internet of Things.

(c) AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES.—In convening the working group under subsection (a), the Secretary shall have discretion to appoint representatives and shall specifically consider seeking representation from—

(1) the Department of Commerce, including—

(A) the National Telecommunications and Information Administration;

(B) the National Institute of Standards and Technology; and

(C) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

(2) the Department of Transportation;

(3) the Department of Homeland Security;

(4) the Office of Management and Budget;

(5) the National Science Foundation;

(6) the Commission;

(7) the Federal Trade Commission;

(8) the Office of Science and Technology Policy;

(9) the Department of Energy; and

(10) the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

(d) NONGOVERNMENTAL STAKEHOLDERS.—The working group shall consult with nongovernmental stakeholders, including—

(1) the steering committee;

(2) information and communications technology manufacturers, suppliers, service providers, and vendors;

(3) subject matter experts representing industrial sectors other than the technology sector that can benefit from the Internet of Things, including the energy, agriculture, and health care sectors;

(4) small, medium, and large businesses;

(5) think tanks and academia;

(6) nonprofit organizations and consumer groups;

(7) rural stakeholders; and

(8) other stakeholders with relevant expertise, as determined by the Secretary.

(e) STEERING COMMITTEE.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within the Department of Commerce a steering committee to advise the working group.

(2) DUTIES.—The steering committee shall advise the working group with respect to—

(A) the identification of any Federal regulations, statutes, grant practices, programs, budgetary or jurisdictional challenges, and other sector-specific policies that are inhibiting, or could inhibit, the development of the Internet of Things;

(B) whether adequate spectrum is available to support the growing Internet of Things and what legal or regulatory barriers may exist to providing any spectrum needed in the future;

(C) policies or programs that—

(i) promote or are related to the privacy of individuals who use or are affected by the Internet of Things;

(ii) may enhance the security of the Internet of Things, including the security of critical infrastructure;

(iii) may protect users of the Internet of Things; and

(iv) may encourage coordination among Federal agencies with jurisdiction over the Internet of Things;

(D) the opportunities and challenges associated with the use of Internet of Things technology by small businesses; and

(E) any international proceeding, international negotiation, or other international matter affecting the Internet of Things to which the United States is or should be a party.

(3) MEMBERSHIP.—The Secretary shall appoint to the steering committee members representing a wide range of stakeholders outside of the Federal Government with expertise relating to the Internet of Things, including—

(A) information and communications technology manufacturers, suppliers, service providers, and vendors;

(B) subject matter experts representing industrial sectors other than the technology sector that can benefit from the Internet of Things, including the energy, agriculture, and health care sectors;

(C) small, medium, and large businesses;

(D) think tanks and academia;

(E) nonprofit organizations and consumer groups;

(F) rural stakeholders; and

(G) other stakeholders with relevant expertise, as determined by the Secretary.

(4) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the steering committee shall submit to the working group a report that includes any findings or recommendations of the steering committee.

(5) INDEPENDENT ADVICE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The steering committee shall set the agenda of the steering committee in carrying out the duties of the steering committee under paragraph (2).

(B) SUGGESTIONS.—The working group may suggest topics or items for the steering committee to study, and the steering committee shall take those suggestions into consideration in carrying out the duties of the steering committee.

(C) REPORT.—The steering committee shall ensure that the report submitted under paragraph (4) is the result of the independent judgment of the steering committee.

(6) TERMINATION.—The steering committee shall terminate on the date on which the working group submits the report under subsection (f) unless, on or before that date, the Secretary files a new charter for the steering committee under section 9(c) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

(f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the working group shall submit to Congress a report that includes—

(A) the findings and recommendations of the working group with respect to the duties of the working group under subsection (b);

(B) the report submitted by the steering committee under subsection (e)(4), as the report was received by the working group;

(C) recommendations for action or reasons for inaction, as applicable, with respect to each recommendation made by the steering committee in the report submitted under subsection (e)(4); and

(D) an accounting of any progress made by Federal agencies to implement recommendations made by the working group or the steering committee.

(2) COPY OF REPORT.—The working group shall submit a copy of the report described in paragraph (1) to—

(A) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate;

(B) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives; and

(C) any other committee of Congress, upon request to the working group.

SEC. 5. ASSESSING SPECTRUM NEEDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission, in consultation with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, shall issue a notice of inquiry seeking public comment on the current, as of the date of enactment of this Act, and future spectrum needs of the Internet of Things.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—In issuing the notice of inquiry under subsection (a), the Commission shall seek comments that consider and evaluate—

(1) whether adequate spectrum is available to support the growing Internet of Things;

(2) what regulatory barriers may exist to providing any needed spectrum for the Internet of Things; and

(3) what the role of licensed and unlicensed spectrum is and will be in the growth of the Internet of Things.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report summarizing the comments submitted in response to the notice of inquiry issued under subsection (a).

SA 770. Mr. MURPHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 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; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title X, add the following:

SEC. _____. SUNSET OF AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF MILITARY FORCE.

(a) SUNSET.—Section 2 of the Authorization for Use of Military Force (Public Law 107-40; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) SUNSET.—The authority to use force in this resolution shall expire on the date that is three years after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018, unless reauthorized or extended by an Act of Congress.”.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the need will remain to defend against specific networks of violent extremists, including al Qaeda and its affiliates, that threaten the United States; and

(2) the President must work with Congress to secure whatever authorities may be required to meet that threat in a manner that complies with the Constitution and the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.).

SA 771. Ms. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. CARPER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1099, to provide for the identification and prevention of improper payments and the identification of strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing the use of Federal agency charge cards; as follows:

On page 5, beginning on line 6, strike “General Services Administration Office of Charge Card Management” and insert “the General Services Administration”.

SA 772. Ms. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. YOUNG) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1182, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative

coins in recognition of the 100th anniversary of The American Legion; as follows:

In section 7(d), in the subsection heading, strike “GAO AUDIT” and insert “AUDIT”.

SA 773. Ms. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. SULLIVAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 756, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris, and for other purposes; as follows:

Beginning on page 3, strike line 3 and all that follows through page 3, line 23, and insert the following:

“(2) ASSISTANCE.—If the Administrator makes a determination under paragraph (1) that there is a severe marine debris event, the Administrator is authorized to make sums available to be used by the affected State or by the Administrator in cooperation with the affected State—

“(A) to assist in the cleanup and response required by the severe marine debris event; or

“(B) to conduct such other activity as the Administrator determines is appropriate in response to the severe marine debris event.”.

On page 4, beginning on line 24, strike “Federal funding for research and development” and insert “research and development, including through the establishment of a prize competition.”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mrs. FISCHER. Mr. President, I have 6 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 ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to hold a hearing on Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 10 a.m. in Room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to hold a Business Meeting on Thursday, August 3, 2017, immediately after the 12 p.m. vote in S-216, the Capitol, in Washington, DC.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, August 3, 2017, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing to consider pending nominations.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be au-

thorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 10 a.m., to hold a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on August 3, 2017, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a meeting during the session of the Senate on Thursday, August 3, 2017, at 9:45 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a Subcommittee Hearing on “Insurance Fraud in America: Current Issues Facing Industry and Consumers.”

WOMEN, PEACE, AND SECURITY ACT OF 2017

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 123, S. 1141.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1141) to ensure that the United States promotes the meaningful participation of women in mediation and negotiation processes seeking to prevent, mitigate, or resolve violent conflict.

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

Ms. MURKOWSKI. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time.

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

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I know of no further debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (S. 1141) was passed, as follows:

S. 1141

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 “Women, Peace, and Security Act of 2017”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Around the world, women remain under-represented in conflict prevention, conflict resolution, and post-conflict peace building efforts.

(2) Women in conflict-affected regions have achieved significant success in—

(A) moderating violent extremism;

(B) countering terrorism;

(C) resolving disputes through nonviolent mediation and negotiation; and

(D) stabilizing societies by enhancing the effectiveness of security services, peacekeeping efforts, institutions, and decision-making processes.