

transfer initiative and research programs within NOAA's Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research will be reauthorized with this bill.

As Congresswoman BONAMICI mentioned earlier, this bill reauthorizes critical programs at NOAA that benefit countless Americans, which I fully support.

However, I am disappointed in the process used to bring NIDIS, HABHRCA, and the Weather Act to the floor today for reauthorization. The brand-new language in this bill related to NOAA's Earth Prediction Innovation Center, computing resources, and our next-generation satellite architecture has never gone through the standard committee process in either the House or the Senate. By not providing an opportunity for hearings, markups, or any debate on these key pieces of legislation we rob our colleagues of the opportunity to advocate for their constituents, and do not do justice to the importance of these provisions. I hope we will do better to abide by regular order next Congress, and it is my intention to do that on the Science Committee.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 2200.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. AMASH. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

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PERMISSION TO REDUCE TIME FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING DURING PROCEEDINGS TODAY

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that, during further proceedings today in the House, the Chair be authorized to reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any question that otherwise could be subjected to 5-minute voting under clause 8 or 9 of rule XX.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

STOP, OBSERVE, ASK, AND RESPOND TO HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT OF 2018

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 767) to establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to address human trafficking in the health care system.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the Senate amendment is as follows:

Senate amendment:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Act of 2018" or the "SOAR to Health and Wellness Act of 2018".

SEC. 2. PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT.

Part E of title XII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d-51 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 1254. STOP, OBSERVE, ASK, AND RESPOND TO HEALTH AND WELLNESS TRAINING PROGRAM.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a program to be known as the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training Program or the SOAR to Health and Wellness Training Program (in this section referred to as the 'Program') to provide training to health care and social service providers on human trafficking in accordance with this section.

"(b) ACTIVITIES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Program shall include the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training Program's activities existing on the day before the date of enactment of this section and the authorized initiatives described in paragraph (2).

"(2) AUTHORIZED INITIATIVES.—The authorized initiatives of the Program shall include—

"(A) engaging stakeholders, including victims of human trafficking and Federal, State, local, and tribal partners, to develop a flexible training module—

"(i) for supporting activities under subsection (c); and

"(ii) that adapts to changing needs, settings, health care providers, and social service providers;

"(B) providing technical assistance to grantees related to implementing activities described in subsection (c) and reporting on any best practices identified by the grantees;

"(C) developing a reliable methodology for collecting data, and reporting such data, on the number of human trafficking victims identified and served by grantees in a manner that, at a minimum, prevents disclosure of individually identifiable information consistent with all applicable privacy laws and regulations; and

"(D) integrating, as appropriate, the training described in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (c) with training programs, in effect on the date of enactment of this section, for health care and social service providers for victims of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, stalking, child abuse, child neglect, child maltreatment, and child sexual exploitation.

"(c) GRANTS.—The Secretary may award grants to appropriate entities to train health care and social service providers to—

"(1) identify potential human trafficking victims;

"(2) implement best practices for working with law enforcement to report and facilitate communication with human trafficking victims, in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, local, and tribal laws, including legal confidentiality requirements for patients and health care and social service providers;

"(3) implement best practices for referring such victims to appropriate health care, social, or victims service agencies or organizations; and

"(4) provide such victims with coordinated, age-appropriate, culturally relevant, trauma-informed, patient-centered, and evidence-based care.

"(d) CONSIDERATION IN AWARDED GRANTS.—The Secretary, in making awards under this section, shall give consideration to—

"(1) geography;

"(2) the demographics of the population to be served;

"(3) the predominant types of human trafficking cases involved; and

"(4) health care and social service provider profiles.

"(e) DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall collect data and report on the following:

"(A) The total number of entities that received a grant under this section.

"(B) The total number and geographic distribution of health care and social service providers trained through the Program.

"(2) INITIAL REPORT.—In addition to the data required to be collected under paragraph (1), for purposes of the initial report to be submitted under paragraph (3), the Secretary shall collect data on the total number of facilities and health care professional organizations that were operating under, and the total number of health care and social service providers trained through, the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training Program existing prior to the establishment of the Program under this section.

"(3) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit an annual report to Congress on the data collected under this subsection in a manner that, at a minimum, prevents the disclosure of individually identifiable information consistent with all applicable privacy laws and regulations.

"(f) SHARING BEST PRACTICES.—The Secretary shall make available, on the Internet website of the Department of Health and Human Services, a description of the best practices and procedures used by entities that receive a grant for carrying out activities under this section.

"(g) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term 'human trafficking' has the meaning given the term 'severe forms of trafficking in persons' as defined in section 103 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000.

"(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act, \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) and the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material in the RECORD on the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Montana (Mr. GIANFORTE), my good friend.

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, Montanans didn't send me here to shut down the government, but they also didn't send me here to let their priorities die in a lameduck session that is in every part lame. I stand here still urging this body to take up a public lands package and secure the border.

A public lands package should include the permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. A public lands package should include the Yellowstone Gateway Protection Act that permanently conserves public land in Paradise Valley. A public lands package should include

H.R. 3764 to provide long-overdue Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Mr. Speaker, we could just kick the can here on government funding, on our public lands, and on border security all because CHUCK SCHUMER and NANCY PELOSI are folding their arms, shaking their heads no, and refusing to secure our border.

Mr. Speaker, this lame-duck session doesn't have to produce lame results. I urge my colleagues to take up a public lands package and to secure our border.

Mr. BEN RAY LUJAN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Senate amendment to H.R. 767, the SOAR to Health and Wellness Act of 2018.

This bill establishes a training program for healthcare and social service providers in order to better identify potential victims of human trafficking when they come into contact with healthcare or social services professionals. The bill provides grants to appropriate entities to help train these providers on how to identify and appropriately treat potential victims of human trafficking.

Nearly 21 million people worldwide are victims of human trafficking, forced labor, or sexual exploitation. At some point, many of these unidentified victims will come into contact with a healthcare provider or social services professional. It is critical for these providers to know how best to care for these individuals and how to ensure they can coordinate their treatment with other providers in a way that is culturally relevant, trauma informed, and patient centered. Helping healthcare professionals better recognize the signs of trafficking and improve their ability to intervene can truly be the difference between life and death.

Mr. Speaker, the House passed H.R. 767 on February 26 of this year, and we are now considering the amendment to the bill that the Senate agreed to yesterday. These changes reflect bipartisan efforts to streamline the text of the legislation, while maintaining the bill's intent and scope as originally passed in the House.

I want to thank Congressman COHEN for sponsoring this important piece of legislation and for his leadership on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the bill. I have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I enjoyed working with my colleague from New Mexico in moving this bill forward.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 767, the SOAR Act, will head to the President's desk after passage today. It is critical in ensuring adequate treatment of victims of human trafficking.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to support the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 767.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. AMASH. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

CODIFYING USEFUL REGULATORY DEFINITIONS ACT

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 2322) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to define the term natural cheese.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 2322

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 "Codifying Useful Regulatory Definitions Act" or the "CURD Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds as follows:

(1) There is a need to define the term "natural cheese" in order to maintain transparency and consistency for consumers so that they may differentiate "natural cheese" from "process cheese".

(2) The term "natural cheese" has been used within the cheese making industry for more than 50 years and is well-established.

SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF NATURAL CHEESE.

(a) DEFINITION.—Section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(ss)(1) The term 'natural cheese' means cheese that is a ripened or unripened soft, semi-soft, or hard product, which may be coated, that is produced—

"(A) by—

"(i) coagulating wholly or partly the protein of milk, skimmed milk, partly skimmed milk, cream, whey cream, or buttermilk, or any combination of such ingredients, through the action of rennet or other suitable coagulating agents, and by partially draining the whey resulting from the coagulation, while respecting the principle that cheese-making results in a concentration of milk protein (in particular, the casein portion), and that consequently, the protein content of the cheese will be distinctly higher than the protein level of the blend of the above milk materials from which the cheese was made; or

"(ii) processing techniques involving coagulation of the protein of milk or products obtained from milk to produce an end-product with similar physical, chemical, and organoleptic characteristics as the product described in subclause (i); and

"(iii) including the addition of safe and suitable non-milk derived ingredients of the type permitted in the standards of identity described in clause (B) as natural cheese; or

"(B) in accordance with standards of identity under part 133 of title 21, Code of Fed-

eral Regulations (or any successor regulations), other than the standards described in subparagraph (2) or any future standards adopted by the Secretary in accordance with subparagraph (2)(I).

"(2) Such term does not include—

"(A) pasteurized process cheeses as defined in section 133.169, 133.170, or 133.171 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulations);

"(B) pasteurized process cheese foods as defined in section 133.173 or 133.174 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulations);

"(C) pasteurized cheese spreads as defined in section 133.175, 133.176, or 133.178 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulations);

"(D) pasteurized process cheese spreads as defined in section 133.179 or 133.180 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulations);

"(E) pasteurized blended cheeses as defined in section 133.167 or 133.168 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulations);

"(F) any products comparable to any product described in any of clauses (A) through (E); or

"(G) cold pack cheeses as defined in section 133.123, 133.124, or 133.125 title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulations);

"(H) grated American cheese food as defined in section 133.147 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulations); or

"(I) any other product the Secretary may designate as a process cheese.

"(3) For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'milk' has the meaning given such term in section 133.3 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulations) and includes the lacteal secretions from animals other than cows."

(b) LABELING.—Section 403 of the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 343) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(z) If its label or labeling includes the term 'natural cheese' as a factual descriptor of a category of cheese unless the food meets the definition of natural cheese under section 201(ss), except that nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit the use of the term 'natural' or 'all-natural', or a similar claim or statement with respect to a food in a manner that is consistent with regulations, guidance, or policy statements issued by the Secretary."

(c) NATIONAL UNIFORMITY.—Section 403A(a)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 343-1(a)(2)) is amended by striking "or 403(w)" and inserting "403(w), or 403(z)".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) each will control 20 minutes.

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