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SA 3356. Mr. CASEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 3360. Mr. PERDUE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3361. Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. PERDUE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3362. Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. DAINES, and Ms. DUCKWORTH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3363. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3364. Mr. ROBERTS (for Mr. RUBIO) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra.

SA 3365. Mr. ROBERTS (for Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra.

SA 3366. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 3369. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3370. Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted an amendment in-

tended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3371. Mr. ROBERTS (for Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. BROWN)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra.

SA 3372. Mr. TILLIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3176 submitted by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. MCCAIN) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3373. Mr. TILLIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3176 submitted by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. MCCAIN) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3374. Ms. BALDWIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3375. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3376. Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3377. Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3378. Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3379. Mr. TESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3380. Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. SCOTT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3381. Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3382. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. LEE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3383. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LEE, and Mr. INHOFE) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2, supra.

SA 3384. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3385. Mr. SASSE (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. JONES, Mr. RISCH, Mr. TESTER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ENZI, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. ROUNDS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to

amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3386. Mr. SASSE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3387. Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3388. Mr. ROBERTS (for Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra.

SA 3389. Mr. ROBERTS (for Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, and Ms. STABENOW)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra.

SA 3390. Mr. ROBERTS (for Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. TOOMEY)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, supra.

SA 3391. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill S. 724, to amend the Federal Power Act to modernize authorizations for necessary hydropower approvals.

SA 3392. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. UDALL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1029, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to improve pesticide registration and other activities under the Act, to extend and modify fee authorities, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3346. Mr. ROBERTS (for Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. GARDNER)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 1203, strike line 3 and insert the following:

“‘(16) HOP PLANT HEALTH INITIATIVE.—Research and extension grants may be made under this section for the purposes of developing and disseminating science-based tools and treatments to combat diseases of hops caused by the plant pathogens *Podosphaera macularis* and *Pseudoperonospora humuli*.’”.

SA 3347. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of part II of of subtitle F of title VIII, add the following:

SEC. 86. FOREST ROADS AND TRAILS ACT.

Public Law 88-657 (16 U.S.C. 532 et seq.) (commonly known as the “Forest Roads and

Trails Act”) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 8. FOREST SERVICE LEGACY ROADS AND TRAILS REMEDIATION PROGRAM.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM.—The term ‘National Forest System’ has the meaning given the term in section 11(a) of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1609(a)).

“(2) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service.

“(b) PROGRAM.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall establish, and develop a national strategy to carry out, a program, to be known as the ‘Forest Service Legacy Roads and Trails Remediation Program’, within the National Forest System to implement for each unit of the National Forest System the minimum road system identified under subsection (c).

“(c) IDENTIFICATION OF MINIMUM ROAD SYSTEM.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this section, in accordance with section 212.5(b) of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this section), the Secretary shall identify for each unit of the National Forest System—

- “(1) the minimum road system; and
- “(2) any unneeded roads.

“(d) CONTENTS.—In carrying out subsections (b) and (c), the Secretary shall use the priorities described in section 212.5(b)(2) of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this section).

“(e) UNNEEDED ROADS.—The Secretary shall decommission any roads identified as unneeded under subsection (c) as soon as practicable after making the identification under that subsection.

“(f) REVISION.—The Secretary shall review, and may revise, an identification made under subsection (c) for a unit of the National Forest System during a revision of the land and resource management plan applicable to the unit.”.

SA 3348. Mr. ROBERTS (for Mr. ISAKSON) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 26, line 16, strike “2020” and insert “2021”.

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

SEC. 15. LOSS OF PEACH AND BLUEBERRY CROPS DUE TO EXTREME COLD.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide compensation for expenses relating to losses of peach and blueberry crops that occurred—

- (1) during calendar year 2017; and
- (2) due to extreme cold, as determined by the Secretary.

(b) FUNDING.—Of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use to carry out this section \$18,000,000, to remain available until expended.

Strike section 1710.

SA 3349. Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. LEE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and

continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS.

(a) DECLARATION OF POLICY.—Section 2 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011) is amended by adding at the end the following: “Congress further finds that it should also be the purpose of the supplemental nutrition assistance program to increase employment, to encourage healthy marriage, and to promote prosperous self-sufficiency, which means the ability of households to maintain an income above the poverty level without services and benefits from the Federal Government.”.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—

(1) FOOD.—Section 3(k) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(k)) is amended by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, except that a food, food product, meal, or other item described in this subsection shall be considered a food under this Act only if it is an essential (as determined by the Secretary)”.

(2) SUPERVISED JOB SEARCH.—Section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subsections (t) through (v) as subsections (u) through (w), respectively; and

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

“(t) SUPERVISED JOB SEARCH.—The term ‘supervised job search’ means a job search program that has the following characteristics:

“(1) The job search occurs at an official location where the presence and activity of the recipient can be directly observed, supervised, and monitored.

“(2) The entry, time onsite, and exit of the recipient from the official job search location are recorded in a manner that prevents fraud.

“(3) The recipient is expected to remain and undertake job search activities at the job search center.

“(4) The quantity of time the recipient is observed and monitored engaging in job search at the official location is recorded for purposes of compliance with the work and work activation requirements of sections 6(o) and 30.”.

(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 27(a)(2) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)(2)) is amended in subparagraphs (C) and (E) by striking “3(u)(4)” each place it appears and inserting “3(v)(4)”.

(c) WORK REQUIREMENT FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS.—Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(o)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “not less than 3 months (consecutive or otherwise)” and inserting “more than 1 month”;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “or” at the end;

(C) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(E) participate in supervised job search for at least 8 hours per week.”;

(2) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the following:

“(C) TERMINATION.—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply with respect to any fiscal year that begins after the effective date of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018.”;

(3) in paragraph (6)—

(A) in the paragraph heading, by striking “15-PERCENT” and inserting “5-PERCENT”;

(B) in subparagraph (A)(ii)(IV), by striking “3 months” and inserting “1 month”; and

(C) in subparagraph (D), by striking “15 percent” and inserting “5 percent”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(8) PROMOTING WORK.—As a condition of receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program funds under this Act, a State agency shall provide each individual subject to the work requirement of this subsection with the opportunity to participate in an activity selected by the State from among the options described in subparagraphs (B), (C), and (E) of paragraph (2).

“(9) PENALTIES FOR INADEQUATE STATE PERFORMANCE.—If a State agency fails to fully comply with this section, including the requirement to terminate the benefits of individuals who fail to fulfill the work requirements described in paragraph (2) during a fiscal quarter, the funding allotment of the State for the supplemental nutrition assistance program shall be reduced by 10 percent for the quarter that begins 180 days after the first day of the quarter in which the non-compliance occurred.”.

SEC. WORK ACTIVATION PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 30. WORK ACTIVATION PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT.—The term ‘eligible participant’ means an individual who, during a particular month, is—

“(A) a parent in a household with dependent children;

“(B) at least 19, and not more than 55, years of age;

“(C) not disabled;

“(D) a member of a household in which 1 or more parents or children receive supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits in the month;

“(E) a member of a household that received supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits for more than 3 months in the year; and

“(F) employed less than 100 hours in the month.

“(2) MARRIED COUPLE HOUSEHOLD.—The term ‘married couple household’ means a household that includes 2 eligible participants who are married to each other and have dependent children.

“(3) SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENT IN WORK ACTIVATION.—The term ‘successful engagement in work activation’ means—

“(A) in the case of an individual who is eligible and required to participate in interim work activation, performance during the month that fulfills the activity and hour requirements of subsection (c);

“(B) in the case of an individual who is required to participate in full work activation, performance during the month that fulfills the activity and hour requirements of subsection (d); and

“(C) in the case of an individual who meets the eligibility criteria described in subsection (e)(1), performance that fulfills the activity and hour requirements of that subsection.

“(4) WORK AND WORK PREPARATION ACTIVITIES.—The term ‘work and work preparation activities’ means—

“(A) unsubsidized employment;

“(B) subsidized private sector employment;

“(C) subsidized public sector employment;

“(D) work experience (including work associated with the refurbishing of publicly assisted housing) if sufficient private sector employment is not available;

“(E) on-the-job training;

“(F) job readiness assistance;

“(G) a community service program;

“(H) vocational educational training (not to exceed 1 year with respect to any individual);

“(I) job skills training directly related to employment;

“(J) education directly related to employment, in the case of a recipient who has not received a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalency;

“(K) satisfactory attendance at secondary school or in a course of study leading to a certificate of general equivalence, in the case of a recipient who has not completed secondary school or received such a certificate;

“(L) the provision of child care services to an individual who is participating in a community service program;

“(M) workfare under section 20; and

“(N) supervised job search.

“(b) WORK ACTIVATION PROGRAM.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program funds under this Act, a State agency shall be required to operate a work activation program for eligible participants.

“(2) SPECIAL RULES FOR MARRIED COUPLE HOUSEHOLDS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of eligible participants who are spouses in a married couple household—

“(i) the work activation requirement of this section shall apply only if the sum of the combined current employment of both spouses is less than 100 hours per month; and

“(ii) both spouses shall be considered to have achieved successful engagement in the work activation program if either spouse fulfills the work activation requirements described in subsection (c), (d), or (e)(1).

“(B) TOTAL REQUIRED HOURS.—The total combined number of hours of required work and work preparation activities for both spouses in a married couple household shall not be greater than the total number of hours required for a single head of household.

“(C) REQUIREMENT.—In carrying out this section, a State agency shall ensure that, for any month—

“(i) the proportion that—

“(I) the number of married couple households that are required to participate in work activation under this section in a month; bears to

“(II) the number of all households that are required to participate in work activation under this section in the same month; is not greater than—

“(ii) the proportion that—

“(I) the number of all married couple households with eligible participants in the month; bears to

“(II) the number of all households with eligible participants in the same month.

“(c) SHORT-TERM INTERIM WORK ACTIVATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A State agency may require eligible participants who meet the criteria in paragraph (2) to engage in—

“(A) interim work activation as described in this subsection; or

“(B) full work activation as described in subsection (d).

“(2) ELIGIBILITY.—A State agency may require an eligible participant to participate in interim work activation instead of full work activation if the eligible participant has not engaged in work activation under this section in the preceding 3 years.

“(3) REQUIRED JOB SEARCH.—A participant in interim work activation shall be required—

“(A) to participate in supervised job search for at least 6 hours per week; and

“(B) to engage in such additional activities as the State agency may require.

“(4) TIME LIMIT ON INTERIM WORK ACTIVATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible participant shall not participate in interim work activation for more than 3 months.

“(B) ADDITIONAL TIME.—After an eligible participant has participated in interim work activation for 3 months, the State agency shall require the eligible participant—

“(i) to maintain at least 100 hours of employment per month; or

“(ii) to participate in full work activation.

“(d) FULL WORK ACTIVATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program funds under this Act, a State agency shall require all or part of the eligible participants in the State to engage in full work activation under this section.

“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—An eligible participant who is required to participate in full work activation in a month shall be required to engage in 1 or more work and work preparation activities for an average of 100 hours per month.

“(3) LIMITATION.—Of the total number of required hours described in paragraph (2), not fewer than 20 hours per week shall be attributable to an activity described in subparagraph (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H), (I), (M), or (N) of subsection (a)(4).

“(4) PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE OR WORKFARE.—At least 10 percent of the eligible participants that a State requires to participate in full work activation under this section shall be required to participate in activities described in subparagraph (D), (G), or (M) of subsection (a)(4).

“(5) WORK ACTIVATION NOT EMPLOYMENT.—Other than unsubsidized employment described in subsection (a)(4)(A), participation in work and work preparation activities under this section shall not be—

“(A) considered to be employment; or

“(B) subject to any law pertaining to wages, compensation, hours, or conditions of employment under any law administered by the Secretary of Labor.

“(6) ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ACTIVITY.—Except as provided in subsection (g), nothing in this section prevents a State from requiring more than 100 hours per month of participation in work and work preparation activities.

“(e) LIMITATIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—

“(1) SINGLE TEEN HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD OR MARRIED TEEN WHO MAINTAINS SATISFACTORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—For purposes of determining monthly participation rates under this section, an eligible participant who is married or a head of household and who has not attained 20 years of age shall be considered to have completed successful engagement in work activation for a month if the eligible participant—

“(A) maintains satisfactory attendance at secondary school or the equivalent during the month; or

“(B) participates in education directly related to employment for an average of at least 20 hours per week during the month.

“(2) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO MAY BE TREATED AS ENGAGED IN WORK ACTIVATION BY REASON OF PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES.—For purposes of determining monthly participation rates under this section, not more than 30 percent of the number of individuals in a State who are treated as having completed successful engagement in work activation for a month may be individuals who are determined to be

engaged in work activation for the month by reason of participation in vocational educational training.

“(f) STATE OPTION FOR PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT EXEMPTIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—For any fiscal year, a State agency, at the option of the State agency, may—

“(A) exempt a household that includes a child who has not attained 12 months of age from engaging in work activation; and

“(B) disregard that household in determining the monthly participation rates under this section until the child has attained 12 months of age.

“(2) EXCLUSION.—For purposes of determining monthly participation rates under this section, a household that includes a child who has not attained 6 years of age shall be considered to be successfully engaged in work activation for a month if a member of the household receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits is engaged in work activation for an average of at least 20 hours per week during the month.

“(g) PENALTIES AGAINST INDIVIDUALS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), if an eligible participant in a household receiving assistance under the State program funded under this section fails to complete successful engagement in work activation in accordance with this section, the State agency shall—

“(A) in accordance with paragraph (2), reduce the amount of assistance otherwise payable to the entire household pro rata (or more, at the option of the State agency) with respect to the month immediately after any month in which the eligible participant fails to perform; or

“(B) terminate the assistance entirely.

“(2) PRO RATA REDUCTION.—For purposes of paragraph (1)(A), the amount of the pro rata reduction shall equal the product obtained by multiplying—

“(A) the normal monthly amount of assistance to the entire household that would have been received if not for the reduction under paragraph (1)(A); by

“(B) the proportion that—

“(i) the hours of required work and work preparation activities performed by the eligible participant during the month; bears to

“(ii) the number or hours of work and work preparation activities the State agency required the eligible participant to perform in accordance with this section.

“(3) EXCEPTION.—A State may not reduce or terminate assistance under the State program funded under this section or any other State program funded with qualified State expenditures (as defined in section 409(a)(7)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7)(B))) based on a refusal of an eligible participant to engage in work and work preparation activities required under this section if—

“(A) the eligible participant is a single custodial parent caring for a child who has not attained 6 years of age; and

“(B) the eligible participant proves that the eligible participant has a demonstrated inability (as determined by the State agency) to obtain needed child care, due to—

“(i) unavailability of appropriate child care within a reasonable distance from the home or work site of the eligible participant; or

“(ii) unavailability of all affordable child care arrangements, including formal child care and all informal child care by a relative or under other arrangements.

“(h) LIMITATION ON HOURS OF REQUIRED PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE OR WORKFARE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The maximum number of hours during a month that an eligible participant shall be required under this section to work in a community service program or a workforce program under section 20 shall not exceed the quotient obtained by dividing—

“(A) the total dollar cost of all means-tested benefits received by the household for that month, as determined under paragraph (2); by

“(B) the Federal minimum wage.

“(2) TOTAL DOLLAR COST OF ALL MEANS-TESTED BENEFITS DEFINED.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the total dollar cost of all means-tested benefits shall equal the sum of the dollar cost of all benefits received by the household from—

“(i) the supplemental nutrition assistance program;

“(ii) the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or any other State program funded with qualified State expenditures (as defined in section 409(a)(7)(B)(i) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7)(B)(i))); and

“(iii) any assistance provided to a household, landlord, or public housing agency (as defined in section 3(b)(6) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(6))) to subsidize the rental payment for a dwelling unit, including assistance provided for public housing dwelling units under section 3 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a) and assistance provided under section 8 of that Act (42 U.S.C. 1437f).

“(B) VALUE OF BENEFITS DURING SANCTION.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), if the dollar value of 1 or more benefits received by a household in a month has been reduced under subsection (g) or another sanction requirement, the calculated dollar value of the sanctioned benefits shall equal the dollar value of the benefit that would have been received if the benefit had not been reduced by the sanction.

“(3) ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES.—Nothing in this subsection prevents a State agency from requiring an eligible participant to engage in activities not described in paragraph (1) for additional hours during the month.

“(i) WORK ACTIVATION PARTICIPATION GOALS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program funds under this Act, except as provided in paragraph (2), a State agency shall achieve for each quarter of the fiscal year with respect to all eligible participants receiving assistance under the State program funded under this section for that fiscal year at least the participation rate specified in the following table:

“If the fiscal year is:	The quarterly participation rate shall be at least:
2019	20 percent
2020	35 percent
2021	50 percent
2022	65 percent
2023	80 percent.

“(2) ADJUSTMENT IF RECESSIONARY PERIOD.—If the average national unemployment rate during a quarter of a fiscal year, as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor, is more than 8 percent, the participation goal for the immediately succeeding quarter shall equal the product obtained by multiplying—

“(A) the applicable quarterly participation rate under paragraph (1); by

“(B) 0.8.

“(j) CALCULATION OF WORK ACTIVATION PARTICIPATION RATES.—

“(1) DEFINITION OF SANCTIONED RECIPIENT.—In this subsection, the term ‘sanctioned recipient’ means any eligible participant who—

“(A) was required to participate in work activation in a month;

“(B) failed to perform the assigned work and work preparation activities so as to meet the relevant hourly requirements in subsection (c), (d), or (e)(2); and

“(C) was sanctioned by a reduced benefit payment in the subsequent month under subsection (g).

“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The work activation participation rate for a State for any quarter of a fiscal year shall equal the average of the monthly participation rates for the State during the 3 months of that quarter.

“(3) MONTHLY PARTICIPATION RATE.—For purposes of paragraph (2), the monthly participation rate shall equal the ratio of all countable participants to all eligible participants in the month, as determined under paragraph (4).

“(4) RATIO OF ALL COUNTABLE PARTICIPANTS TO ALL ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.—Subject to paragraph (5), the ratio of all countable participants to all eligible participants in a month equals the proportion that—

“(A) the sum obtained by adding—

“(i) all eligible participants who—

“(I) were required by the State to engage in interim work activation, full work activation, or education under subsection (e)(1) during the month; and

“(II) fulfilled the criteria for successful engagement in work activation for that activity during the month; and

“(ii) all sanctioned recipients for that month; bears to

“(B) the average number of eligible participants in the State in that month.

“(5) MULTIPLE ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.—A married couple household consisting of more than 1 eligible participant shall be counted as a single eligible participant for purposes of calculating the participation rate under this subsection.

“(k) PENALTIES FOR INADEQUATE STATE PERFORMANCE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning in the first quarter of fiscal year 2020 and for each subsequent quarter of fiscal year 2020 and of each subsequent fiscal year, each State shall count the monthly average number of countable participants under this section.

“(2) REDUCTION IN FUNDING.—If the monthly average number of countable participants in a State of a fiscal year is not sufficient to fulfill the relevant work activation participation goal under subsection (i) during that quarter, the supplemental nutrition assistance program funding for the State under this Act shall be reduced for the fiscal quarter that begins 180 days after the first day of the quarter in which the inadequate performance occurred in accordance with paragraph (3).

“(3) FUNDING IN PENALIZED QUARTER.—The total amount of funding a State shall receive for all households with eligible participants for a quarter for which funding is reduced under paragraph (2) shall equal the product obtained by multiplying—

“(A) the total amount of funding that the State would have received in the preceding quarter for all households with eligible participants if no reduction had been in place; by

“(B) the ratio of all countable participants to all eligible participants (as determined under subsection (j)(4)) for the quarter that began 180 days before the first day of the quarter for which funding is reduced.

“(l) FUNDING TO ADMINISTER WORK ACTIVATION.—

“(1) TANF FUNDING.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2019 and each subsequent fiscal year, a State that receives supplemental nutrition assistance program funds under this Act may use during that fiscal year to carry out the work activation program of the State under this section—

“(i) any of the Federal funds available to the State through the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) in that fiscal year; and

“(ii) any of the funds from State sources allocated to the operation of the program described in clause (i).

“(B) EFFECT.—Any State that uses State funds allocated to the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) to administer the work activation program of that State under this section may treat those funds as qualified State expenditures (as defined in section 409(a)(7)(B)(i) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7)(B)(i))) for purposes of meeting the requirements of section 409(a)(7) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7)) in that fiscal year.

“(2) WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUNDING.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2019 and each subsequent fiscal year, a State that receives Federal funds under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.) may use up to 50 percent of those funds during that fiscal year to carry out the work activation program of the State under this section.

“(3) SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2019 and each subsequent fiscal year, a State that receives Federal funds under this Act for an employment and training program under section 6(d) may use those funds during that fiscal year to carry out the work activation program of the State under this section.”

SA 3350. Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3134 proposed by Mr. THUNE to the amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, strike line 14 and insert the following:

“that land.”.

SEC. 2104. EXTENSION AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AT 1890 LAND-GRANT COLLEGES, INCLUDING TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY.

(a) EXTENSION.—Section 1444 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3221) (as amended by section 7114(1)) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the following:

“(4) FISCAL YEAR 2019, 2020, 2021, OR 2022.—In addition to other amounts authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated for 1 of fiscal year 2019, 2020, 2021, or 2022 such sums as are necessary to ensure that an eligible institution receiving a distribution of funds under this section for that fiscal year receives not less than the amount of funds received by that eligible institution under this section for the preceding fiscal year.”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the undesignated matter following paragraph (2)(B)—

(i) by striking “paragraph (2) of this subsection” and inserting “this paragraph”; and
(ii) by striking “In computing” and inserting the following:

“(C) In computing”;

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking “Of the remainder” and inserting “Except as provided in paragraph (4), of the remainder”; and

(ii) by striking “(2) any funds” and inserting the following:

“(3) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT.—Any funds”;

(C) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking “are allocated” and inserting “were allocated”; and

(ii) by striking “; and” and inserting “, as so designated as of that date.”;

(D) by striking “(b) Beginning” in the matter preceding paragraph (1) and all that follows through “any funds” in paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

“(b) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Funds made available under this section shall be distributed among eligible institutions in accordance with this subsection.

“(2) BASE AMOUNT.—Any funds”;

(E) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) SPECIAL AMOUNT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019, 2020, 2021, OR 2022.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), for 1 of fiscal year 2019, 2020, 2021, or 2022, if the calculation under paragraph (3)(B) would result in a distribution of less than \$3,000,000 to an eligible institution that first received funds under this section after the date of enactment of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-79; 128 Stat. 649) for a fiscal year, that institution shall receive a distribution of \$3,000,000 for that fiscal year.

“(B) LIMITATION.—Subparagraph (A) shall apply only if amounts are appropriated under subsection (a)(4) to ensure that an eligible institution receiving a distribution of funds under this section for fiscal year 2019, 2020, 2021, or 2022, as applicable, receives not less than the amount of funds received by that eligible institution under this section for the preceding fiscal year.”

(b) RESEARCH.—Section 1445 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3222) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the following:

“(6) FISCAL YEAR 2019, 2020, 2021, OR 2022.—In addition to other amounts authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated for 1 of fiscal year 2019, 2020, 2021, or 2022 such sums as are necessary to ensure that an eligible institution receiving a distribution of funds under this section for that fiscal year receives not less than the amount of funds received by that eligible institution under this section for the preceding fiscal year.”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) SPECIAL AMOUNT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019, 2020, 2021, OR 2022.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii), for 1 of fiscal year 2019, 2020, 2021, or 2022, if the calculation under subparagraph (C) would result in a distribution of less than \$3,000,000 to an eligible institution that first received funds under this section after the date of enactment of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-79; 128 Stat. 649), that institution shall receive a distribution of \$3,000,000 for that fiscal year.

“(ii) LIMITATION.—Clause (i) shall apply only if amounts are appropriated under subsection (a)(6) to ensure that an eligible institution receiving a distribution of funds under this section for fiscal year 2019, 2020, 2021, or 2022, as applicable, receives not less

than the amount of funds received by that eligible institution under this section for the preceding fiscal year.”;

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “(B) Of funds” and inserting the following:

“(C) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT.—Except as provided in subparagraph (D), of funds”;

(iii) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking “are allocated” and inserting “were allocated”;

(II) by inserting “, as so designated as of that date” before the period at the end; and

(III) by striking “(A) Funds” and inserting the following:

“(B) BASE AMOUNT.—Funds”; and

(iv) in the matter preceding subparagraph (B) (as so designated), by striking “(2) The” and all that follows through “follows.” and inserting the following:

“(3) DISTRIBUTIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—After allocating amounts under paragraph (2), the remainder shall be allotted among the eligible institutions in accordance with this paragraph.”;

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “(1) Three per centum” and inserting the following:

“(2) ADMINISTRATION.—3 percent”; and

(C) in the matter preceding paragraph (2) (as so designated), by striking “(b) Beginning” and all that follows through “follows.” and inserting the following:

“(b) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Funds made available under this section shall be distributed among eligible institutions in accordance with this subsection.”.

SA 3351. Ms. STABENOW submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 233, line 7, strike “based” the second place it appears and insert “best”.

SA 3352. Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. TESTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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

SEC. 126 . LABELING OF CERTAIN SINGLE INGREDIENT FOODS.

The food labeling requirements under section 403(q) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 343(q)) shall not require that the nutrition facts label of any single ingredient sugar, honey, agave, and syrup that is packaged and offered for sale as a single ingredient food includes a declaration of added sugars.

SA 3353. Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for

the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of part II of subtitle F of title VIII, add the following:

SEC. 86 . STREAMLINING THE FOREST SERVICE PROCESS FOR CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY LOCATION APPLICATIONS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY.—The term “communications facility” includes—

(A) any infrastructure, including any transmitting device, tower, or support structure, and any equipment, switches, wiring, cabling, power sources, shelters, or cabinets, associated with the licensed or permitted unlicensed wireless or wireline transmission of writings, signs, signals, data, images, pictures, and sounds of all kinds; and

(B) any antenna or apparatus that is—

(i) designed for the purpose of emitting radio frequency;

(ii) (I) designed to be operated, or is operating, from a fixed location pursuant to authorization by the Federal Communications Commission; or

(II) using duly authorized devices that do not require individual licenses; and

(iii) is added to a tower, building, or other structure.

(2) COMMUNICATIONS SITE.—The term “communications site” means an area of covered land designated for communications uses.

(3) COMMUNICATIONS USE.—The term “communications use” means the placement and operation of communications facility.

(4) COMMUNICATIONS USE AUTHORIZATION.—The term “communications use authorization” means an easement, right-of-way, lease, license, or other authorization to locate or modify a communications facility on covered land by the Forest Service for the primary purpose of authorizing the occupancy and use of the covered land for communications use.

(5) COVERED LAND.—The term “covered land” means National Forest System land.

(6) ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT.—The term “organizational unit”, with respect to the Forest Service, means—

(A) a regional office;

(B) the headquarters;

(C) a management unit; or

(D) a ranger district office.

(7) SPECIAL ACCOUNT.—The term “special account” means the special account established for the Forest Service under subsection (f)(1).

(b) REGULATIONS.—Notwithstanding section 6409 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1455) or section 606 of the Repack Airwaves Yielding Better Access for Users of Modern Services Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-141), not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall promulgate regulations—

(1) to streamline the process for considering applications to locate or modify communications facilities on covered land;

(2) to ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that the process is uniform and standardized across the organizational units of the Forest Service; and

(3) to require that the applications described in paragraph (1) be considered and granted on a competitively neutral, technology neutral, and nondiscriminatory basis.

(c) REQUIREMENTS.—The regulations promulgated under subsection (b) shall—

(1) include procedures for the tracking of applications described in subsection (b)(1), including—

(A) identifying the number of applications—

- (i) received;
- (ii) approved; and
- (iii) denied;

(B) in the case of an application that is denied, describing the reasons for the denial; and

(C) describing the period of time between the receipt of an application and the issuance of a final decision on an application;

(2) provide for minimum lease terms of not less than 15 years for leases with respect to the location of communications facilities on covered land;

(3) include a structure of fees for—

(A) submitting an application described in subsection (b)(1), based on the cost to the Forest Service of considering such an application; and

(B) issuing communications use authorizations, based on the cost to the Forest Service of any maintenance or other activities required to be performed by the Forest Service as a result of the location or modification of the communications facility; and

(4) provide for prioritization or streamlining of the consideration of applications to locate or modify communications facilities on covered land in a previously disturbed right-of-way.

(d) **ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS.**—In promulgating regulations under subsection (b), the Secretary shall consider—

(1) how discrete reviews in considering an application described in paragraph (1) of that subsection can be conducted simultaneously, rather than sequentially, by any organizational units of the Forest Service that must approve the location or modification; and

(2) how to eliminate overlapping requirements among the organizational units of the Forest Service with respect to the location or modification of a communications facility on covered land administered by those organizational units.

(e) **COMMUNICATION OF STREAMLINED PROCESS TO ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS.**—With respect to the regulations promulgated under subsection (b), the Secretary shall—

(1) communicate the regulations to the organizational units of the Forest Service; and

(2) ensure that the organizational units of the Forest Service follow the regulations.

(f) **DEPOSIT AND AVAILABILITY OF FEES.**—

(1) **SPECIAL ACCOUNT.**—The Secretary of the Treasury shall establish a special account in the Treasury for the Forest Service for the deposit of fees collected by the Forest Service under subsection (c)(3) for communications use authorizations on covered land granted, issued, or executed by the Forest Service.

(2) **REQUIREMENTS FOR FEES COLLECTED.**—Fees collected by the Forest Service under paragraph (3) of subsection (c) shall be—

(A) based on the costs described in that paragraph; and

(B) competitively neutral, technology neutral, and nondiscriminatory with respect to other users of the communications site.

(3) **DEPOSIT OF FEES.**—Fees collected by the Forest Service under subsection (c)(3) shall be deposited in the special account.

(4) **AVAILABILITY OF FEES.**—Amounts deposited in the special account shall be available, to the extent and in such amounts as are provided in advance in appropriation Acts, to the Secretary to cover costs incurred by the Forest Service described in subsection (c)(3), including—

(A) preparing needs assessments or other programmatic analyses necessary to designate communications sites and issue communications use authorizations;

(B) developing management plans for communications sites;

(C) training for management of communications sites; and

(D) obtaining or improving access to communications sites.

(5) **NO ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED.**—Except as provided in paragraph (4), no other amounts are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section.

(g) **SAVINGS PROVISIONS.**—

(1) **REAL PROPERTY AUTHORITIES.**—Nothing in this section provides any executive agency with any new leasing or other real property authorities not in existence before the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) **EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Nothing in this section, including any action taken pursuant to this section, impacts a decision or determination by any executive agency to sell, dispose of, declare excess or surplus, lease, reuse, or redevelop any Federal real property pursuant to title 40, United States Code, the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 (Public Law 114-287; 40 U.S.C. 1303 note), or any other law governing real property activities of the Federal Government.

(B) **AGREEMENTS.**—No agreement entered into pursuant to this section obligates the Federal Government to hold, control, or otherwise retain or use real property that may otherwise be deemed as excess, surplus, or that could otherwise be sold, leased, or redeveloped.

SA 3354. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 141, strike line 3 and all that follows through page 142, line 5, and insert the following:

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall carry out a pilot project that provides financial incentives, as determined by the Secretary, to producers to adopt practices designed to improve soil health, including by increasing carbon levels in soil (or ‘soil carbon levels’) or growing new top soil.

“(b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—In establishing the pilot project under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

“(1) identify geographic regions of the United States in which to establish the pilot project, including—

“(A) not less than 1 drought prone region, based on factors such as soil type, cropping history, and water availability; and

“(B) not less than 1 region with a high percentage of spodosols, as identified by the Secretary;

“(2) establish payments to provide an incentive for the use of practices, such as cover crops, no-till farming, nutrient management, resource-conserving crop rotations, and other similar practices approved under the program that—

“(A) improve soil health;

“(B) increase carbon levels in the soil; or

“(C) meet the goals described in subparagraphs (A) and (B); and

“(3) establish protocols for measuring carbon levels in soil to measure gains in soil health as a result of the practices used in the pilot project.

“(c) **STUDY; REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—

“(1) **STUDY.**—Not later than September 30, 2022, the Secretary shall conduct a study regarding the baseline of soil carbon levels and nutrients, changes in soil health, reduction

in nutrient runoff and top soil erosion, and, if feasible, economic outcomes, as a result of the practices used in the pilot project established under subsection (a).

SA 3355. Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Ms. WARREN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title IV, add the following:

SEC. 41. PARTICIPATION OF PUERTO RICO, AMERICAN SAMOA, AND THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—

(1) **DEFINITIONS.**—Section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012) is amended—

(A) in subsection (r), by inserting “the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,” after “Guam,”; and

(B) in subsection (u)(3), by inserting “the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,” after “Guam,”.

(2) **ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS.**—Section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014) is amended—

(A) in subsection (b), in the first sentence, by inserting “the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,” after “Guam,”;

(B) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “and Guam,” and inserting “Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,”; and

(C) in subsection (e)—

(i) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,” after “Hawaii,” each place it appears; and

(ii) in paragraph (6)(B), by inserting “the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,” after “Guam,”.

(3) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The amendments made by this subsection shall be effective with respect to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as applicable, on the date described in subparagraph (B) if the Secretary submits to Congress a certification under subsection (f)(3) of section 19 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2028).

(B) **DATE DESCRIBED.**—The date referred to in subparagraph (A) is, with respect to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the date established by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, respectively, in the applicable plan of operation submitted to the Secretary under subsection (f)(1)(A) of section 19 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2028).

(b) **TRANSITION OF PUERTO RICO, AMERICAN SAMOA, AND THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS TO SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE**

PROGRAM.—Section 19 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2028) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(f) TRANSITION OF PUERTO RICO, AMERICAN SAMOA, AND THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS TO SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

“(1) SUBMISSION OF PLAN BY PUERTO RICO, AMERICAN SAMOA, AND THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.—

“(A) SUBMISSION AND REVIEW OF PLAN OF OPERATION.—If a State agency is designated by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (referred to in this subsection as a ‘governmental entity’) and submits to the Secretary a request to participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program and a plan of operation under section 11 (including a date on which the governmental entity will begin to participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program), the Secretary shall determine whether that governmental entity and State agency satisfy the requirements that would apply under this Act for approval of that plan if the governmental entity were 1 of the several States.

“(B) DETERMINATION BY SECRETARY.—

“(i) APPROVAL.—The Secretary shall approve a plan of operation under subparagraph (A) if the governmental entity and State agency satisfy the requirements described in that subparagraph.

“(ii) DISAPPROVAL.—If the Secretary does not approve a plan of operation under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall provide to the governmental entity a statement that describes each requirement that is not satisfied by the plan.

“(2) APPROVAL OF RETAIL FOOD STORES.—If the Secretary approves a plan of operation under paragraph (1)(B)(i), the Secretary shall accept from retail food stores located in the applicable governmental entity applications under section 9 for approval to participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

“(3) SUBMISSION OF CERTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall submit to Congress a certification that a governmental entity qualifies to participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program as if the governmental entity were a State if the Secretary—

“(A) approves the plan of operation under paragraph (1)(B)(i); and

“(B) approves the applications under paragraph (2) of a number of retail food stores located in the governmental entity requesting to participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program that would be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of this Act if the governmental entity were 1 of the several States.

“(4) CASH BENEFITS PROVIDED IN PUERTO RICO.—As part of a plan of operation submitted under paragraph (1)(A), the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico may submit to the Secretary a request to provide benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program in the form of cash.

“(5) FAMILY MARKET PROGRAM IN PUERTO RICO.—As part of a plan of operation submitted under paragraph (1)(A), notwithstanding subsection (g), the Secretary shall allow the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to continue to carry out, under the supplemental nutrition assistance program, the Family Market Program established under this section.

“(g) TERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsections (a) through (e) shall cease to be effective with respect to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as applicable, on the date described in paragraph (2) if the

Secretary submits to Congress a certification under subsection (f)(3).

“(2) DATE DESCRIBED.—The date referred to in paragraph (1) is, with respect to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the date established by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, respectively, in the applicable plan of operation submitted to the Secretary under subsection (f)(1)(A).”.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section and the amendments made by this section such sums as are necessary for each fiscal year, to remain available until expended.

SA 3356. Mr. CASEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 335, strike line 10 and insert the following:

“(C) THIRD-PARTY APPLICATIONS.—Prior to the promulgation of regulations or issuance of guidance by the Secretary under subparagraph (B), State agencies and benefit issuers of State agencies may allow third-party applications to access the electronic benefit transfer system, with the consent of a participating household member, to provide electronic benefit transfer account information to the participating household, if the third-party applications adequately protect the privacy of data relating to participating households and retail food stores, consistent with sections 9(c) and 11(e).

“(D) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years

SA 3357. Mr. CARPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title IV, add the following:

SEC. 41 . DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOR LOW-COST FOOD PLAN.

Section 17 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2026) (as amended by section 4108) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(n) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOR LOW-COST FOOD PLAN.—

“(1) DEFINITION OF LOW-COST FOOD PLAN.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In this subsection, the term ‘low-cost food plan’ means the diet required to feed a family of 4 persons, consisting of a man and a woman age 19 through 50 years old, a child age 6 through 8 years old, and a child age 9 through 11 years old, at a cost that is in the second quartile of food expenditures for those families in the United States, as determined by the Secretary.

“(B) ADJUSTMENTS.—In determining the diet under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall—

“(i) make household-size adjustments (based on the unrounded cost of the diet), taking into account economies of scale;

“(ii) make cost adjustments in the diet for the State of Hawaii and the urban and rural

parts of the State of Alaska to reflect the cost of food in the State of Hawaii and urban and rural parts of the State of Alaska;

“(iii) make cost adjustments in the separate low-cost food plans for Guam and the United States Virgin Islands to reflect the cost of food in those States, which shall not exceed the cost of food in the 50 States and the District of Columbia; and

“(iv) on October 1, 2018, and each October 1 thereafter—

“(I) adjust the cost of the diet to reflect the cost of the diet in the preceding June; and

“(II) round the cost determined under subclause (I) to the nearest lower dollar increment.

“(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a demonstration program under which the value of the allotment issued to eligible households under the supplemental nutrition assistance program shall be equal to the cost to those households of the low-cost food plan, reduced by an amount equal to 30 percent of the income of the household, as determined in accordance with subsections (d) and (e) of section 5, rounded to the nearest lower whole dollar.

“(B) MINIMUM ALLOTMENT.—In the case of a household of 1 or 2 persons, the minimum allotment shall be 8 percent of the cost of the low-cost food plan for a household containing 1 member, as determined by the Secretary under section 3, rounded to the nearest whole dollar increment.

“(3) SELECTION.—In consultation with State agencies, the Secretary shall select not fewer than 4 areas to participate in the demonstration program under this subsection.

“(4) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall conduct an independent evaluation, using rigorous evaluation standards (including random assignment and control groups), to evaluate the impact on health and nutrition of using the low-cost food plan in lieu of the thrifty food plan.

“(5) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that describes—

“(A) the results of the demonstration program under this subsection;

“(B) any additional costs or savings to the supplemental assistance nutrition program as a result of the demonstration program under this subsection; and

“(C) any additional costs or savings to State and Federal health care programs as a result of the demonstration program under this subsection.”.

SA 3358. Mr. CARPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 4114, strike the section designation and heading and all that follows through “Section 28(c)” in the matter preceding paragraph (1) and insert the following:

SEC. 4114. NUTRITION EDUCATION AND OBESITY PREVENTION.

(a) OFFICE OF NUTRITION EDUCATION AND OBESITY PREVENTION TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 28 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036a) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “GRANT PROGRAM”; and

(2) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the following:

“(e) OFFICE OF NUTRITION EDUCATION AND OBESITY PREVENTION TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish within the Food and Nutrition Service an office, to be known as the ‘Office of Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Training and Technical Assistance’ (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Office’), to provide services described in paragraph (2) to—

“(A) State agencies receiving grants under this section; and

“(B) other State and local departments and agencies and community organizations applying for, or receiving, subgrants under this section.

“(2) SERVICES.—The services provided by the Office pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include providing technical assistance to grantees and applicants relating to—

“(A) administering education under the supplemental nutrition assistance program to ensure improvement in diet quality for benefit recipients;

“(B) assessing the nutritional, physical activity, and obesity prevention needs of target populations, and the barriers encountered by those populations to accessing healthy foods and physical activity;

“(C) identifying appropriate, evidence-based strategies and interventions to address problems identified under subparagraph (B), including through the program known as the ‘SNAP-Ed Toolkit’;

“(D) evaluating the effectiveness of applicable education plans, including through the use of the framework known as the ‘SNAP-Ed Evaluation Framework’;

“(E) maintaining and updating the toolkit and framework described in subparagraphs (C) and (D), respectively, the document known as the ‘SNAP-Ed Interpretive Guide’, and other such other programs as the Secretary determines to be necessary;

“(F) disseminating information, sharing best practices, and facilitating communication among the entities described in paragraph (1);

“(G)(i) identifying common challenges faced by the entities described in paragraph (1); and

“(ii) coordinating efforts to achieve solutions to those challenges; and

“(H) such other services as may be identified by the Secretary, consistent with the purposes of the grants provided under this section.

“(3) FUNDING.—The Secretary shall use to carry out this subsection not less than 0.5 percent, and not more than 2 percent, of the amounts made available to carry out this section.”

(b) NUTRITION EDUCATION STATE PLANS.—Section 28(c)

SA 3359. Mr. CARPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title IV, add the following:

SEC. 41. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATION.

The Secretary, in conjunction with the Secretary of Labor and the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, shall provide technical assistance and education to workers and small businesses with respect to—

(1) the eligibility of workers for benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program established under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.); and

(2) other benefits associated with employment-based income.

SA 3360. Mr. PERDUE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title VI, add the following:

SEC. 62. MIDDLE MILE BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE.

Section 601 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 950bb) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting “middle mile infrastructure” before “in rural areas”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4); and

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

“(3) MIDDLE MILE INFRASTRUCTURE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘middle mile infrastructure’ means any broadband infrastructure that does not connect directly to an end user location (including an anchor institution).

“(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term ‘middle mile infrastructure’ may include interoffice transport, backhaul, internet connectivity, data centers, or special access transport to rural areas.”

(3) in subsection (c) (as amended by section 6206(2))—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and to construct, improve, or acquire middle mile infrastructure” after “broadband service”;

(B) in paragraph (2)(A)(i) (as amended by section 6206(2)(C)) by inserting “or, in the case of middle mile infrastructure, offer the future ability to link” after “provide broadband service”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(5) LIMITATION ON MIDDLE MILE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.—The Secretary shall limit grants, loans, or loan guarantees for middle mile infrastructure projects to not more than 20 percent of the amounts made available to carry out this section.”

(4) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A)—

(i) in clause (i), by inserting “or extend middle mile infrastructure” before “to all”; and

(ii) in clause (iii) (as amended by section 6206(3)(A)(i)(III)), by inserting “or middle mile infrastructure” before “described”;

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “or install middle mile infrastructure” before “in the proposed”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) EXCEPTION FOR MIDDLE MILE INFRASTRUCTURE.—Portions of a middle mile infrastructure project that uses funds provided under this section that otherwise meet the rural service requirements of this section may traverse an area that is not a rural area when necessary.”

(C) in paragraph (4), by inserting “, or to construct, improve, or acquire middle mile infrastructure in,” before “a rural area”;

(D) in paragraph (5)(A)(v), by inserting “or, in the case of middle mile infrastructure, connect” after “to service”; and

(E) in paragraph (8)(A)(ii)—

(i) in subclause (I), by inserting “or may” before “receive”;

(ii) in subclause (II), by inserting “or capability of middle mile infrastructure” after “service”; and

(iii) in subclause (III), by striking “area” and inserting “area, if applicable”;

(5) in subsection (1)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by inserting “OR MIDDLE MILE INFRASTRUCTURE” after “SERVICE”; and

(B) by inserting “or middle mile infrastructure” before “in rural areas”; and

(6) in subsection (j)(6), by inserting “or middle mile infrastructure” after “service” the first and third places it appears.

SA 3361. Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. PERDUE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title I, add the following:

SEC. 17. APPLICATION.

The amendments made by sections 1704 and 1705 shall not apply until the date that is 60 days after the date on which the Secretary submits to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a detailed report that affirms that the implementation of those amendments would not negatively impact farm income levels, land values, and the financial stability of farms in all regions of the United States.

SA 3362. Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. DAINES, and Ms. DUCKWORTH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 8101 insert the following:

SEC. 8101. STATE AND PRIVATE FOREST LANDSCAPE-SCALE RESTORATION PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 13A of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2109a) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 13A. STATE AND PRIVATE FOREST LANDSCAPE-SCALE RESTORATION PROGRAM.

“(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to encourage collaborative, science-based restoration of priority forest landscapes, as identified in—

“(1) a State-wide assessment under section 2A(a)(1); or

“(2) a long-term State-wide forest resource strategy under section 2A(a)(2).

“(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian tribe’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

“(2) NONINDUSTRIAL PRIVATE FOREST LAND.—The term ‘nonindustrial private forest land’ means land that—

“(A) has existing tree cover or is suitable for growing trees; and

“(B) is owned by any private individual, group, association, corporation, Indian tribe, or other private legal entity.

“(3) STATE FOREST LAND.—The term ‘State forest land’ means land that is—

“(A) under State or local governmental ownership; and

“(B) considered to be non-Federal forest land.

“(c) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, in consultation with State foresters or appropriate State agencies, shall establish a competitive grant program to provide financial and technical assistance to encourage collaborative, science-based restoration of priority landscapes.

“(d) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a State forester or another appropriate entity, on approval of the State forester, shall submit to the Secretary a State and private forest landscape-scale restoration proposal based on a restoration strategy that—

“(1) is complete or substantially complete;

“(2) is for a multiyear period;

“(3) enhances public benefits from trees and forests on nonindustrial private forest land or State forest land, as identified in—

“(A) a State-wide assessment under section 2A(a)(1); or

“(B) a long-term State-wide forest resource strategy under section 2A(a)(2);

“(4) is accessible by wood-processing infrastructure; and

“(5) is based on the best available science.

“(e) PLAN CRITERIA.—A State and private forest landscape-scale restoration proposal submitted under this section shall include plans—

“(1) to reduce the risk of uncharacteristic wildfires;

“(2) to improve fish and wildlife habitats, including the habitats of threatened and endangered species;

“(3) to maintain or improve water quality and watershed function;

“(4) to mitigate invasive species, insect infestation, and disease;

“(5) to improve important forest ecosystems;

“(6) to measure ecological and economic benefits, including air quality and soil quality and productivity; or

“(7) to take other relevant actions, as determined by the Secretary.

“(f) PRIORITIES.—In making grants under this section, the Secretary shall give priority to plans that—

“(1) further a statewide forest assessment and resource strategy;

“(2) promote cross boundary landscape collaboration; and

“(3) leverage public and private resources.

“(g) COLLABORATION AND CONSULTATION.—The Chief of the Forest Service, the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and relevant stakeholders shall collaborate and consult on an ongoing basis regarding—

“(1) administration of the program established under this section; and

“(2) identification of other applicable resources for landscape-scale restoration.

“(h) MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), as a condition of receiving a grant under this section, the Secretary shall require the recipient of the grant to provide funds or in-kind support from non-Federal sources in an amount that is at least equal to the amount of Federal funds.

“(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply in any case in which the Secretary determines that—

“(A) the recipient of the grant is unable to obtain from non-Federal sources the matching funds required under that paragraph; and

“(B) regardless of that inability, the benefits of the project of the recipient justify carrying out the project.

“(i) COORDINATION AND PROXIMITY ENCOURAGED.—In making grants under this section, the Secretary may consider coordination with and proximity to other landscape-scale projects on other land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary, the Secretary of the Interior, or a Governor of a State, including under—

“(1) the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program established under section 4003 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7303);

“(2) landscape areas designated for insect and disease treatments under section 602 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591a);

“(3) good neighbor authority under section 19;

“(4) stewardship end result contracting projects authorized under section 604 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591c);

“(5) appropriate State-level programs; and

“(6) other relevant programs, as determined by the Secretary.

“(j) USE OF FUNDS.—

“(1) ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts made available to carry out this section, the Secretary shall use—

“(A) 50 percent for allocation through a competitive grant process; and

“(B) 50 percent for allocation proportionally to States, in consultation with State foresters, to address the highest national priorities, as identified in—

“(i) a State-wide assessment under section 2A(a)(1); or

“(ii) a long-term State-wide forest resource strategy under section 2A(a)(2).

“(2) MULTIYEAR PROJECTS.—The Secretary may provide amounts under this section for multiyear projects.

“(k) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall promulgate such regulations as the Secretary determines necessary to carry out this section.

“(1) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report on—

“(1) the status of development, execution, and administration of selected projects;

“(2) the accounting of program funding expenditures; and

“(3) specific accomplishments that have resulted from landscape-scale projects.

“(m) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section \$20,000,000 for the first fiscal year beginning after the date of enactment of this section and each fiscal year thereafter through fiscal year 2023, to remain available until expended.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 13B of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2109b) is repealed.

(2) Section 19(a)(4)(C) of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2113(a)(4)(C)) is amended by striking “sections 13A and 13B” and inserting “section 13A”.

SA 3363. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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

SEC. ____ . HEALTH CARE FOR FARMERS AND RANCHERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall award grants to States and nonprofit entities to establish and support programs to mitigate the financial risk posed to farms and ranches by high health costs by—

(1) providing information and services to assist farmers and ranchers to determine their eligibility for comprehensive health coverage; and

(2) subsidizing out-of-pocket health expenditures for farmers and ranchers who are enrolled in comprehensive health coverage and have annual household incomes below 500 percent of the Federal poverty rate.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) FARMERS AND RANCHERS.—The term “farmers and ranchers” means individuals who work as farmers or ranchers, and any spouse or dependant (as defined in section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) of such an individual.

(2) COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH COVERAGE.—The term “comprehensive health coverage” means public or private health insurance coverage that—

(A) offers—

(i) benefits that are at least equivalent to the essential health benefits package under section 1302(a) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18022(a)); and

(ii) consumer protections that are at least equivalent to the consumer protections required under such Act and under title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg et seq.), including protections for individuals with pre-existing conditions; or

(B) meets the requirements for being minimum essential coverage under section 5000A(f)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as in effect on June 1, 2018.

(3) OUT-OF-POCKET HEALTH EXPENDITURES.—The term “out-of-pocket health expenditures” means health insurance deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, or other cost-sharing incurred by individuals and families enrolled in comprehensive health insurance benefits.

(c) NUMBER OF AWARDS.—The Secretary shall make awards under this section to eligible applicants located in not fewer than 10 States.

(d) GRANT PERIOD.—Grants under this section shall be awarded for not longer than a 5-year period and may be renewed at the Secretary’s discretion.

(e) SELECTION PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this section, the Secretary shall—

(1) give priority to States and nonprofit entities located in States where, according to the most recent Census of Agriculture the primary occupation of not less than half of principal farm operators is farming; and

(2) ensure that grantees and grant funds are distributed across Census of Agriculture regions and divisions.

(f) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds made available under this section shall be used to supplement, and not supplant, other Federal, State, or private funds that are made available for the purposes described in subsection (a).

(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023, to remain available until expended.

SA 3364. Mr. ROBERTS (for Mr. RUBIO) proposed an amendment to

amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 257, line 2, insert after the period the following: “Funds may not be used as described in the previous sentence in contravention with directives set forth under the National Security Presidential Memorandum entitled ‘Strengthening the Policy of the United States Toward Cuba’ issued by the President on June 16, 2017, during the period in which that memorandum is in effect.”

SA 3365. Mr. ROBERTS (for Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; as follows:

In section 8632(f), strike paragraph (2) and insert the following:

(2) **PROJECT WORK.**—If the Secretary approves a supplement to an approved plan under subsection (c) of section 512 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1772) or an agreement entered into under subsection (d)(1) of that section that covers a vegetation management project under the pilot program, the liability provisions of subsection (g) of that section shall apply to the vegetation management project.

SA 3366. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Section 8206(b) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 2113a(b)) (as amended by section 8624(b)(2)(D)) is amended, in paragraph (4), by striking “monies received from” and inserting “monies or receipts received from or on account of”.

SA 3367. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 8503, strike subsection (b) and insert the following:

(b) **COMMUNITY CAPACITY AND LAND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.**—The National Forest Foundation Act is amended by inserting after section 406 (16 U.S.C. 583j-4) the following:

“SEC. 406A. COMMUNITY CAPACITY AND LAND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.

“The Foundation shall establish and administer a program, to be known as the ‘Community Capacity and Land Stewardship Program’, under which the Secretary may provide grants to collaborative groups and

community-based organizations to build the capacity of the collaborative group or community-based organization—

“(1) to implement landscape-scale restoration projects; and

“(2) to facilitate job creation and retention in the local economy of the collaborative group or community-based organization.”.

(c) **REPORT ON BEST PRACTICES.**—Section 407 of the National Forest Foundation Act (16 U.S.C. 583j-5) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(c) **REPORT ON BEST PRACTICES.**—

“(1) **REVIEW.**—The Foundation shall conduct a review of the organization and activities of collaboratives and groups carrying out collaborative processes to increase the quantity of projects or activities carried out on National Forest System land or public land.

“(2) **REPORT.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than September 30, 2019, subject to the availability of appropriations, the Foundation shall publish a report describing the findings of the review conducted under paragraph (1).

“(B) **CONTENT.**—At a minimum, the report under subparagraph (A) shall identify and describe the tools and best practices that are frequently used by the highest performing collaboratives and groups carrying out collaborative processes described in paragraph (1).”.

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; ADDITIONAL FUNDS.**—Section 410 of the National Forest Foundation Act (16 U.S.C. 583j-8) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking “2018” and inserting “2023”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) **ADDITIONAL FUNDS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out sections 406A and 407(c) \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2019 and each fiscal year thereafter.

“(2) **USE OF FUNDS.**—The Secretary shall make available to the Foundation the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) to match, on a 1-for-1 basis, private contributions made to the Foundation to establish or administer the Community Capacity and Land Stewardship Program established under section 406A.”.

Strike section 8631 and insert the following:

SEC. 8631. COLLABORATIVE FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PROGRAM.

(a) **SELECTION OF NEW PROPOSALS.**—Section 4003(d) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7303(d)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (E), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (F), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(G) past performance.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) **SELECTION OF NEW PROPOSALS.**—During fiscal year 2019, the Secretary shall

“(A) cease all expenditures from the Fund for proposals selected prior to fiscal year 2019; and

“(B) subject to the availability of appropriations, select, in a manner consistent with this subsection, the best proposals that have been nominated during fiscal year 2019 under subsection (c).

“(5) **ANNUAL REEVALUATION.**—For each of fiscal years 2020 through 2030, the Secretary shall—

“(A) in accordance with subsection (g)(3), determine whether the targets included in a selected proposal for the fiscal year were achieved;

“(B) discontinue transferring amounts from the Fund to implement a selected pro-

posal that did not achieve any target during the preceding 2 fiscal years; and

“(C) subject to the availability of appropriations, select an additional proposal to replace a proposal that did not achieve any target during the preceding 2 fiscal years.”.

(b) **REMOVAL OF LIMITATIONS ON SELECTIONS.**—Section 4003(d)(3) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7303(d)(3)) is amended by striking “than—” and all that follows through “(C) the number” and inserting “than the number”.

(c) **NON-FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN THE PRIORITY LANDSCAPE.**—Section 4003(f)(4) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7303(f)(4)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(C) **NON-FEDERAL INVESTMENT.**—The Secretary shall not expend money from the Fund for a proposal if the investment made by the Secretary would comprise more than 50 percent of the total investment for carrying out the proposal.”.

(d) **REAUTHORIZATION.**—Section 4003(f)(6) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7303(f)(6)) is amended by inserting “and \$80,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2030” after “2019”.

(e) **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**—Section 4003(h) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7303(h)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” after the semicolon;

(2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

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

“(3) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate;”; and

(5) by adding at the end the following:

“(6) the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives.”.

SA 3368. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 8402 and insert the following:

SEC. 8402. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR HAZARDOUS FUEL REDUCTION ON FEDERAL LAND.

Section 108 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6518) is amended by striking “\$760,000,000” and inserting “\$1,000,000,000”.

SA 3369. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

TITLE — OUTSOURCING PREVENTION

SEC. — 01. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) **COMMERCE.**—The term “commerce” means trade, traffic, commerce, transportation, or communication among the several

States, or between the District of Columbia or any Territory of the United States and any State or other Territory, or between any foreign country and any State, Territory, or the District of Columbia, or within the District of Columbia or any Territory, or between points in the same State but through any other State or any Territory or the District of Columbia or any foreign country.

(2) **EMPLOYER.**—The term “employer” means any business entity with 1 or more locations in the United States that—

(A) is engaged in commerce, or in an industry affecting commerce; and

(B) employs—

(i) 50 or more employees, excluding part-time employees; or

(ii) 50 or more employees who in the aggregate work at least 2,000 hours per week (exclusive of hours of overtime).

(3) **FEDERAL AGENCY.**—The term “Federal agency” means an executive agency (as defined in section 105 of title 5, United States Code) and a military department (as defined in section 102 of such title).

(4) **OUTSOURCING.**—The term “outsourcing” means the closing, by an employer, of a site, facility, or operating unit in the United States and the opening of another site, facility, or operating unit by the employer in a foreign country.

(5) **PART-TIME EMPLOYEE.**—The term “part-time employee” means an employee who—

(A) is employed for an average of fewer than 20 hours per week; or

(B) has been employed for fewer than 6 of the 12 months preceding the date on which notice described in section 02(a)(1) is required.

(6) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Labor.

(7) **SITE, FACILITY, OR OPERATING UNIT.**—The term “site, facility, or operating unit” means a single site of employment or 1 or more facilities or operating units within a single site of employment.

SEC. 02. LIST OF OUTSOURCING EMPLOYERS.

(a) **NOTICE REQUIREMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—An employer that intends to engage in the outsourcing of a site, facility, or operating unit shall notify the Secretary not less than 120 days before such outsourcing.

(2) **DETERMINATION OF OUTSOURCING BY SECRETARY.**—The Secretary may investigate any instance where an employer is suspected of engaging in outsourcing described in paragraph (1) without providing the required notification. If the Secretary determines, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, that the employer is in violation of paragraph (1), the Secretary—

(A) shall include the employer on the list of employers engaged in outsourcing, in accordance with subsection (b); and

(B) may assess a civil fine in accordance with paragraph (3).

(3) **FINE.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), an employer that fails to notify the Secretary under paragraph (1) by not less than 120 days before outsourcing a site, facility, or operating unit shall be subject to a civil fine in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for each day that the required notice was not provided.

(B) **DEFENSE.**—An employer that has engaged in outsourcing a site, facility, or operating unit shall not be subject to a civil fine described in subparagraph (A) if the employer can demonstrate that—

(i) the employer created, by not later than 90 days after the date of the outsourcing of a site, facility, or operating unit, a number of new jobs in the United States that is equal to, or greater than, the number of jobs lost due to the outsourcing activity; and

(ii) on average, the new jobs offer substantially similar or improved wages and benefits, as compared to the jobs lost due to the outsourcing activity.

(b) **LIST.**—

(1) **COMPILATION.**—The Secretary shall compile, on a semiannual basis, a list of all employers that engage in outsourcing, as determined under paragraph (2).

(2) **EMPLOYER PLACEMENT ON LIST.**—In any case where the Secretary determines that an employer has engaged in outsourcing without creating an equal or greater number of substantially similar jobs before the end of the 90-day period described in subsection (a)(3)(B), the Secretary shall—

(A) include the employer on the next semiannual list compiled by the Secretary under paragraph (1); and

(B) keep the employer on subsequent semiannual lists for not less than the 5-year period beginning on the date on which the employer was first included on the list under subparagraph (A).

(3) **ADDITIONAL TERM.**—In any case where an employer included on the most recent list described in paragraph (1) engages in additional outsourcing activity without creating an equal or greater number of substantially similar jobs before the end of the 90-day period described in subsection (a)(3)(B)—

(A) the employer shall provide the notice required under subsection (a)(1) for each such additional outsourcing activity; and

(B) the 5-year period described in paragraph (2)(B) for such employer shall be calculated using the date that is 90 days after the beginning date for the most recent outsourcing activity.

(4) **DISTRIBUTION.**—The Secretary shall—

(A) post each list described in paragraph (1) on the website of the Department of Labor; and

(B) submit each such list to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives.

SEC. 03. TREATMENT OF FEDERAL GRANTS AND GUARANTEED LOANS FOR OUTSOURCING EMPLOYERS.

(a) **INELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL GRANTS AND LOANS.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the head of each Federal agency shall, before awarding any Federal grant, Federal loan, or Federal guaranteed loan to an employer—

(1) consult the most recent semiannual lists described in section 02(b)(1) for the 5 years preceding the date of the award determination; and

(2) if the employer appears on any such list, deem such employer to be ineligible for the Federal grant, Federal loan, or Federal guaranteed loan.

(b) **NON-OUTSOURCING CONDITION FOR ALL FEDERAL GRANTS AND LOANS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the head of each Federal agency shall ensure that any employer receiving a Federal grant, Federal loan, or Federal guaranteed loan from the Federal agency agree, as a condition of the grant or loan, that—

(A) the employer will not engage in outsourcing for the 10-year period following the receipt of the grant or loan; and

(B) if the employer is included on a semiannual list described in section 02(b)(1) during such period—

(i) in the case of a Federal grant, the employer shall repay the full amount of the grant immediately; and

(ii) in the case of a Federal loan or Federal guaranteed loan, the full amount of the loan shall become due as of the date of the employer's inclusion on the list, and the employer shall repay the loan immediately.

(2) **RETURN OF FUNDS.**—Any amounts repaid under paragraph (1) shall be returned to the Treasury of the United States.

(c) **APPLICABILITY.**—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply with respect to all Federal grants, Federal loans, or Federal guaranteed loans awarded, entered into, or renewed on or after the effective date of this title.

SEC. 04. PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE FOR EMPLOYERS REMAINING IN THE UNITED STATES.

Any employer that appears on the most recent list compiled pursuant to section 02(b)(1)—

(1) shall be ineligible to enter into a contract with a Federal agency for the procurement of property or services; and

(2) shall be included on the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs maintained by the Administrator of General Services under part 9 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

SEC. 05. FEDERAL BENEFITS FOR WORKERS.

No provision of this title shall be construed to permit the withholding or denial of payments, compensation, or benefits under any other Federal law (including Federal unemployment compensation, disability payments, or worker retraining or readjustment funds) to workers employed by employers that engage in outsourcing.

SEC. 06. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This title shall take effect beginning on the date that is 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

SA 3370. Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 4102(a), redesignate paragraph (3) as paragraph (4).

In section 4102(a), strike paragraph (2) and insert the following:

(2) by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the following:

“(5) **TRADITIONAL FOOD PURCHASES.**—Subject to the availability of appropriations to carry out this paragraph, the Secretary may purchase, subject to availability, bison meat, reindeer meat, wild salmon, and other traditional indigenous foods for recipients of food distributed under this subsection, including—

“(A) bison meat and reindeer meat from—

“(i) Native American bison or reindeer producers; and

“(ii) producer-owned cooperatives of bison and reindeer ranchers;

“(B) wild salmon from an eligible entity described in section 305(i)(1)(D) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1855(i)(1)(D));

“(C) blue cornmeal; and

“(D) wild rice.”;

(3) in paragraph (6), by striking subparagraph (F) and inserting the following:

“(F) **FUNDING.**—

“(i) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this paragraph \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023.

“(ii) **APPROPRIATIONS IN ADVANCE.**—Only funds appropriated under clause (i) in advance specifically to carry out this paragraph shall be available to carry out this paragraph.”; and

SA 3371. Mr. ROBERTS (for Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. BROWN))

proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title I, add the following:

SEC. 11. OPTION TO CHANGE PRODUCER ELECTION.

Section 1115 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9015) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(h) OPTION TO CHANGE PRODUCER ELECTION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), for the 2021 crop year, all of the producers on a farm may make a 1-time, irrevocable election to change the election applicable to the producers on the farm under that subsection or subsection (c), as applicable, to price loss coverage or agriculture risk coverage, as applicable, which shall apply to the producers on the farm for each of the 2021, 2022, and 2023 crop years.”.

SA 3372. Mr. TILLIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3176 submitted by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. MCCAIN) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 2 of the amendment, strike line 7 and insert the following:

ederal budget deficit reduction.

“(10) PROHIBITION ON PAYMENT OF PORTION OF PREMIUM BY CORPORATION FOR GRAPES USED FOR WINE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning with the 2019 reinsurance year, notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, the Corporation shall not pay any portion of the premium for a policy or plan of insurance for grapes used for wine under this subtitle.

“(B) DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Any savings realized as a result of subparagraph (A) shall be deposited in the Treasury and used for Federal budget deficit reduction.”.

SA 3373. Mr. TILLIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3176 submitted by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. MCCAIN) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 1 of the amendment, strike line 2 and all that follows through page 2, line 7 and insert the following:

SEC. 11112. PROHIBITION ON PAYMENT OF PORTION OF PREMIUM BY CORPORATION FOR GRAPES USED FOR WINE.

Section 508(e) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(9) PROHIBITION ON PAYMENT OF PORTION OF PREMIUM BY CORPORATION FOR GRAPES USED FOR WINE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning with the 2019 reinsurance year, notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, the Corporation shall not pay any portion of the premium for a policy or plan of insurance for grapes used for wine under this subtitle.

“(B) DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Any savings realized as a result of subparagraph (A) shall be deposited in the Treasury and used for Federal budget deficit reduction.”.

SA 3374. Ms. BALDWIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title VI, add the following:

SEC. 61. WATER OR WASTE DISPOSAL GRANTS OR DIRECT OR GUARANTEED LOANS.

(a) ASSISTANCE FOR UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED RURAL COMMUNITIES.—Section 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)) (as amended by section 6105) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(28) ASSISTANCE FOR UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED RURAL COMMUNITIES.—

“(A) DEFINITION OF UNSERVED OR UNDERSERVED RURAL COMMUNITY.—In this paragraph, the term ‘unserved or underserved rural community’ means a rural area that, as determined by the Secretary, lacks the technical, financial, organizational, and managerial capacity to adequately operate, maintain, and effectively serve the population of the rural area.

“(B) WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL DIRECT LOANS.—The Secretary may make water and waste disposal direct loans under paragraph (1) to eligible entities described in subparagraph (C) at the interest rate applicable to areas where the median family income is below the poverty line, as determined under section 307(a)(3)(A), for projects for unserved or underserved rural communities.

“(C) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive a direct loan under subparagraph (B), an applicant shall be a contiguous or local utility outside of the unserved or underserved rural community to be served by the project funded by the direct loan that, as determined by the Secretary—

“(i) has a demonstrated experience and capacity in delivering water programs or wastewater programs under this Act;

“(ii) demonstrates the capacity to provide service to the applicable unserved or underserved rural community;

“(iii) demonstrates that—

“(I) the project funded by the direct loan is solely for the purpose of serving the applicable unserved or underserved rural community; and

“(II) the maximum financial benefit of the assistance under this paragraph will be conferred to that unserved or underserved rural community; and

“(iv) demonstrates that the applicable unserved or underserved rural community—

“(I) has willingly entered into a formal agreement with the applicant for service by the applicant; and

“(II) entered into the agreement described in subclause (I) with the understanding that the unserved or underserved rural community is eligible for water and waste disposal direct loans under paragraph (1) independently of any direct loan under this paragraph.”.

(b) DIRECT AND GUARANTEED LOANS.—Section 343(a)(13)(B) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1991(a)(13)(B)) is amended—

(1) by striking “For the purpose” and inserting the following:

“(i) GRANTS AND DIRECT LOANS.—For the purpose”;

(2) in clause (i) (as so designated)—

(A) by striking “and guaranteed”; and

(B) by striking “(24)” and inserting “(28)”;

and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(ii) GUARANTEED LOANS.—For the purpose of water and waste disposal guaranteed loans provided under paragraphs (1) and (24) of section 306(a), the terms ‘rural’ and ‘rural area’ mean a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population of not more than 50,000 inhabitants.”.

SA 3375. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 141, strike lines 15 through 21 and insert the following:

“(2) establish payments to provide an incentive for the use of practices, such as cover crops, no-till farming, nutrient management, resource-conserving crop rotations, and other similar practices approved under the program; and

SA 3376. Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title VIII, insert the following:

SEC. 8. REFORMS AND OVERSIGHT TO U.S. FOREST SERVICE CONTRACTING.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) H-2B NONIMMIGRANT.—The term ‘H-2B nonimmigrant’ means a nonimmigrant described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b)).

(2) PROSPECTIVE H-2B EMPLOYER.—The term ‘prospective H-2B employer’ means a United States business that is considering employing 1 or more H-2B nonimmigrants.

(3) STATE WORKFORCE AGENCY.—Except as used in subsection (b), the term ‘State workforce agency’ means the workforce agency of the State in which the prospective H-2B employer intends to employ H-2B nonimmigrants.

(b) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.—

(1) RECRUITMENT.—As a component of the labor certification process required before H-2B nonimmigrants are offered employment through United States Forest Service timber or service contracts in the United States, the Secretary of Labor shall require all prospective H-2B employers, before submitting a petition to hire H-2B nonimmigrants, to conduct a robust effort to recruit United States workers, including—

(A) advertising at employment or job-placement events, such as job fairs;

(B) advertising with State or local workforce agencies, nonprofit organizations, or other appropriate entities, and working with such entities to identify potential employees;

(C) advertising in appropriate media, including local radio stations and commonly used, reputable Internet job-search sites;

(D) provide potential United States workers at least 30 days from the date on which a job announcement is posted (or such longer period as the State workforce considers appropriate) to apply for such employment in person, by mail, by email, or by facsimile machine;

(E) include a valid phone number that potential United States workers may call to get additional information about such employment opportunity; and

(F) such other recruitment strategies as the State workforce agency considers appropriate for the sector or positions for which H-2B nonimmigrants would be considered.

(2) SEPARATE PETITIONS.—A prospective H-2B employer shall submit a separate petition for each State in which the employer plans to employ H-2B nonimmigrants as part of a United States Forest Service timber or service contract for a period of 7 days or longer.

(c) STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES.—The Secretary of Labor may not grant a temporary labor certification to a prospective H-2B employer seeking to employ H-2B nonimmigrants as part of a United States Forest Service timber or service contract until after the Director of the State workforce agency—

(1) has provided United States workers who may be interested in the position with application instructions;

(2) has formally consulted with the workforce agency director of each contiguous State listed on the prospective H-2B employer's application and determined that—

(A) the employer has complied with all recruitment requirements set forth in subsection (b) and there is a legitimate demand for the employment of H-2B nonimmigrants in each of those States; or

(B) the employer has amended the application by removing or making appropriate modifications with respect to the States in which the criteria set forth in subparagraph (A) have not been met;

(3) certifies that the prospective H-2B employer has complied with all recruitment requirements set forth in subsection (b) or any other applicable provision of law; and

(4) makes a formal determination and certifies to the Secretary of Labor that nationals of the United States are not qualified or available to fill the employment opportunities offered by the prospective H-2B employer.

SA 3377. Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 1301(a), strike the subsection designation and all that follows through “(3) in subsection (1)” and insert the following:

(a) EXTENSION AND PROVISION FOR ENSURING ADEQUATE SUPPLIES AT REASONABLE PRICES.—Section 156 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7272) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(4), by striking “2018” and inserting “2023”;

(2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “2018” and inserting “2023”;

(3) in subsection (f)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by inserting “WHILE ENSURING ADEQUATE SUPPLIES AT

REASONABLE PRICES” after “FORFEITURES”; and

(B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “ensure adequate supplies of sugar at reasonable prices and” after “shall”; and

(4) in subsection (i)

In section 1301(b)(2), strike the paragraph designation and all that follows through “Section” and insert the following:

(2) ADMINISTRATION OF TARIFF-RATE QUOTAS.—Section 359k of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1359kk) is repealed.

(3) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—Section

SA 3378. Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 9109 and insert the following:

SEC. 9109. FEEDSTOCK FLEXIBILITY PROGRAM FOR BIOENERGY PRODUCERS TERMINATION.

Section 9010 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8110) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(c) TERMINATION.—The Secretary may not carry out the feedstock flexibility program under subsection (b) for the 2019 or subsequent crops of eligible commodities.”.

SEC. 9110. SUGAR PROGRAM.

(a) LOAN RATES.—Section 156 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7272) (as amended by section 1301(a)) is amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) and inserting the following:

“(a) SUGARCANE.—The Secretary shall make loans available to processors of domestically grown sugarcane at a rate equal to—

“(1) 18.75 cents per pound for raw cane sugar for the 2018 crop year; and

“(2) 18.00 cents per pound for raw cane sugar for the 2019 through 2023 crop years.

“(b) SUGAR BEETS.—The Secretary shall make loans available to processors of domestically grown sugar beets at a rate equal to 128.5 percent of the loan rate per pound of raw cane sugar for the applicable crop year under subsection (a) for each of the 2018 through 2023 crop years.”.

(b) AVOIDING FORFEITURES WHILE ENSURING ADEQUATE SUPPLIES AT REASONABLE PRICES.—Section 156(f) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7272(f)) is amended—

(1) in the subsection heading, by inserting “WHILE ENSURING ADEQUATE SUPPLIES AT REASONABLE PRICES” after “FORFEITURES”; and

(2) in paragraph (1), by inserting “ensure adequate supplies of sugar at reasonable prices and” after “shall”.

SEC. 9111. ADMINISTRATION OF TARIFF-RATE QUOTAS.

Part VII of subtitle B of title III of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1359aa et seq.) (as amended by section 1301(b)) is amended to read as follows:

“PART VII—SUGAR

“SEC. 359. ADMINISTRATION OF TARIFF-RATE QUOTAS.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—At the beginning of fiscal year 2019 and each fiscal year thereafter through the end of the effective period

described in subsection (d), the Secretary shall establish the tariff-rate quotas for raw cane sugar and refined sugar to provide adequate supplies of sugar at reasonable prices, but at no less than the minimum level necessary to comply with obligations under international trade agreements that have been approved by Congress.

“(b) ADJUSTMENT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary shall adjust tariff-rate quotas established under subsection (a) in such a manner as to ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that stocks of raw cane and refined beet sugar are adequate throughout the crop year to meet the needs of the marketplace, including the efficient utilization of cane refining capacity.

“(c) TRANSFER OF QUOTA SHARES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall promulgate regulations that—

“(A) promote full use of the tariff-rate quotas for raw cane sugar and refined sugar and ensure adequate supplies for cane refiners in the United States; and

“(B) provide that any country that has been allocated a share of the quotas may temporarily transfer all or part of the share to any other country that has also been allocated a share of the quotas.

“(2) TRANSFERS VOLUNTARY.—Any transfer under this subsection shall be valid only pursuant to a voluntary agreement between the transferor and the transferee, consistent with procedures established by the Secretary.

“(3) LIMITATIONS ON TRANSFERS WITH RESPECT TO FISCAL YEAR.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Any transfer under this subsection shall be valid only for the duration of the fiscal year during which the transfer is made.

“(B) FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR.—No transfer under this subsection shall affect the share of the quota allocated to the transferor or transferee for the following fiscal year.

“(d) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—This section shall be effective for fiscal years only through the 2023 crop year for sugar.”.

SA 3379. Mr. TESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

After section 8611, insert the following:

SEC. 8612. CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FOR COLLABORATIVE RESTORATION PROJECTS.

(a) EXPANSION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION TO FIRE REGIME IV.—Section 603(c) of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591b(c)) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) LOCATION.—

“(A) DEFINITION OF FIRE REGIME IV.—In this paragraph, the term ‘Fire Regime IV’ means an area in which historically there are stand replacement severity fires with a frequency of 35 to 100 years.

“(B) LOCATION.—A project under this section shall be limited to areas—

“(i) in the wildland-urban interface; or

“(ii) for projects located outside the wildland-urban interface, within condition class 2 or condition class 3 in—

“(I) fire regime I, fire regime II, or fire regime III; or

“(II) fire regime IV—

“(aa) if the Secretary determines, based on the best available scientific information,

that an authorized hazardous fuel reduction project is necessary to restore reference conditions and reduce the threat posed to the water quality of a municipal water supply, electrical transmission lines, or other infrastructure; and

“(bb) if the project does not include clearcutting regeneration, coppice, or even-aged methods (as those terms are defined in Forest Service Manual 2470 (as in effect on the date of enactment of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018)).”.

(b) ROADLESS AREA RESTRICTION.—Section 603(d) of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591b(d)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(5) an inventoried roadless area.”.

SA 3380. Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. SCOTT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

After section 4101, insert the following:

SEC. 410. MULTIVITAMIN-MINERAL DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS ELIGIBLE FOR PURCHASE WITH SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE BENEFITS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012) is amended—

(1) in subsection (k)—

(A) by striking “and (9)” and inserting “(9)”; and

(B) by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, and (10) a multivitamin-mineral dietary supplement for home consumption”;

(2) by redesignating subsections (n) through (v) as subsections (o) through (w), respectively;

(3) by inserting after subsection (m) the following:

“(m) ‘Multivitamin-mineral dietary supplement’ means a substance that—

“(1) provides at least 50 percent of the vitamins and minerals for which the National Academy of Medicine establishes dietary reference intakes, at 50 percent or more of the daily value for the intended life stage per daily serving, as determined by the Food and Drug Administration; and

“(2) does not exceed the tolerable upper intake levels for the nutrients for which an established tolerable upper intake level is determined by the National Academy of Medicine.”; and

(4) in paragraph (2) of subsection (r) (as so redesignated), by striking “and spices” and inserting “spices, and multivitamin-mineral dietary supplements”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 27(a)(2) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)(2)) is amended in subparagraphs (C) and (E) by striking “3(u)(4)” each place it appears and inserting “3(v)(4)”.

On page 275, lines 3 and 4, strike “Section 3(v) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(v))” and insert “Subsection (w) of section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012) (as redesignated by section 4101(a)(2))”.

On page 312, strike lines 3 through 5.

On page 312, line 6, strike “(DD)” and insert “(CC)”.

On page 312, line 10, strike “(EE)” and insert “(DD)”.

On page 312, line 14, strike “(FF)” and insert “(EE)”.

Strike section 4116 and insert the following:

SEC. 4116. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) Section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012) is amended—

(1) in subsection (d), by striking “7(i)” and inserting “7(h)”; and

(2) in subsection (i), by striking “7(i)” and inserting “7(h)”.

(b) Section 9(c) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2018(c)) is amended in the third sentence by striking “to any used by” and inserting “to, and used by,”.

(c) Section 10 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2019) is amended in the first sentence by striking “or the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation” each place it appears.

(d) Section 18(e) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2027(e)) is amended in the first sentence by striking “7(f)” and inserting “7(e)”.

(e) Section 25(a)(1)(B)(i)(I) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2034(a)(1)(B)(i)(I)) is amended by striking “service;” and inserting “service;”.

SA 3381. Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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

SEC. 125. SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO ANIMAL FIGHTING.

It is the sense of Congress that animal fighting should be prohibited in all United States territories.

SA 3382. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. LEE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 4103 and insert the following:

SEC. 4103. WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS.

(a) DECLARATION OF POLICY.—Section 2 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011) is amended by adding at the end the following: “Congress further finds that it should also be the purpose of the supplemental nutrition assistance program to increase employment, to encourage healthy marriage, and to promote prosperous self-sufficiency, which means the ability of households to maintain an income above the poverty level without services and benefits from the Federal Government.”.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—

(1) FOOD.—Section 3(k) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(k)) is amended by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, except that a food, food product, meal, or other item described in this subsection shall be considered a food

under this Act only if it is an essential (as determined by the Secretary)”.

(2) SUPERVISED JOB SEARCH.—Section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subsections (t) through (v) as subsections (u) through (w), respectively; and

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

“(t) SUPERVISED JOB SEARCH.—The term ‘supervised job search’ means a job search program that has the following characteristics:

“(1) The job search occurs at an official location where the presence and activity of the recipient can be directly observed, supervised, and monitored.

“(2) The entry, time onsite, and exit of the recipient from the official job search location are recorded in a manner that prevents fraud.

“(3) The recipient is expected to remain and undertake job search activities at the job search center.

“(4) The quantity of time the recipient is observed and monitored engaging in job search at the official location is recorded for purposes of compliance with the work and work activation requirements of sections 6(o) and 30.”.

(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 27(a)(2) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)(2)) is amended in subparagraphs (C) and (E) by striking “3(u)(4)” each place it appears and inserting “3(v)(4)”.

(c) WORK REQUIREMENT FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS.—Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(o)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “not less than 3 months (consecutive or otherwise)” and inserting “more than 1 month”; and

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “or” at the end;

(C) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(E) participate in supervised job search for at least 8 hours per week.”;

(2) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the following:

“(C) TERMINATION.—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply with respect to any fiscal year that begins after the effective date of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018.”;

(3) in paragraph (6)—

(A) in the paragraph heading, by striking “15-PERCENT” and inserting “5-PERCENT”;

(B) in subparagraph (A)(ii)(IV), by striking “3 months” and inserting “1 month”; and

(C) in subparagraph (D), by striking “15 percent” and inserting “5 percent”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(8) PROMOTING WORK.—As a condition of receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program funds under this Act, a State agency shall provide each individual subject to the work requirement of this subsection with the opportunity to participate in an activity selected by the State from among the options described in subparagraphs (B), (C), and (E) of paragraph (2).

“(9) PENALTIES FOR INADEQUATE STATE PERFORMANCE.—If a State agency fails to fully comply with this section, including the requirement to terminate the benefits of individuals who fail to fulfill the work requirements described in paragraph (2) during a fiscal quarter, the funding allotment of the State for the supplemental nutrition assistance program shall be reduced by 10 percent for the quarter that begins 180 days after the first day of the quarter in which the non-compliance occurred.”.

(d) WORK ACTIVATION PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN.—The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 30. WORK ACTIVATION PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT.—The term ‘eligible participant’ means an individual who, during a particular month, is—

“(A) a parent in a household with dependent children;

“(B) at least 19, and not more than 55, years of age;

“(C) not disabled;

“(D) a member of a household in which 1 or more parents or children receive supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits in the month;

“(E) a member of a household that received supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits for more than 3 months in the year; and

“(F) employed less than 100 hours in the month.

“(2) MARRIED COUPLE HOUSEHOLD.—The term ‘married couple household’ means a household that includes 2 eligible participants who are married to each other and have dependent children.

“(3) SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENT IN WORK ACTIVATION.—The term ‘successful engagement in work activation’ means—

“(A) in the case of an individual who is eligible and required to participate in interim work activation, performance during the month that fulfills the activity and hour requirements of subsection (c);

“(B) in the case of an individual who is required to participate in full work activation, performance during the month that fulfills the activity and hour requirements of subsection (d); and

“(C) in the case of an individual who meets the eligibility criteria described in subsection (e)(1), performance that fulfills the activity and hour requirements of that subsection.

“(4) WORK AND WORK PREPARATION ACTIVITIES.—The term ‘work and work preparation activities’ means—

“(A) unsubsidized employment;

“(B) subsidized private sector employment;

“(C) subsidized public sector employment;

“(D) work experience (including work associated with the refurbishing of publicly assisted housing) if sufficient private sector employment is not available;

“(E) on-the-job training;

“(F) job readiness assistance;

“(G) a community service program;

“(H) vocational educational training (not to exceed 1 year with respect to any individual);

“(I) job skills training directly related to employment;

“(J) education directly related to employment, in the case of a recipient who has not received a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalency;

“(K) satisfactory attendance at secondary school or in a course of study leading to a certificate of general equivalence, in the case of a recipient who has not completed secondary school or received such a certificate;

“(L) the provision of child care services to an individual who is participating in a community service program;

“(M) workfare under section 20; and

“(N) supervised job search.

“(b) WORK ACTIVATION PROGRAM.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program funds under this Act, a State agency shall be required to operate a work activation program for eligible participants.

“(2) SPECIAL RULES FOR MARRIED COUPLE HOUSEHOLDS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of eligible participants who are spouses in a married couple household—

“(i) the work activation requirement of this section shall apply only if the sum of the combined current employment of both spouses is less than 100 hours per month; and

“(ii) both spouses shall be considered to have achieved successful engagement in the work activation program if either spouse fulfills the work activation requirements described in subsection (c), (d), or (e)(1).

“(B) TOTAL REQUIRED HOURS.—The total combined number of hours of required work and work preparation activities for both spouses in a married couple household shall not be greater than the total number of hours required for a single head of household.

“(C) REQUIREMENT.—In carrying out this section, a State agency shall ensure that, for any month—

“(i) the proportion that—

“(I) the number of married couple households that are required to participate in work activation under this section in a month; bears to

“(II) the number of all households that are required to participate in work activation under this section in the same month; is not greater than—

“(ii) the proportion that—

“(I) the number of all married couple households with eligible participants in the month; bears to

“(II) the number of all households with eligible participants in the same month.

“(c) SHORT-TERM INTERIM WORK ACTIVATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A State agency may require eligible participants who meet the criteria in paragraph (2) to engage in—

“(A) interim work activation as described in this subsection; or

“(B) full work activation as described in subsection (d).

“(2) ELIGIBILITY.—A State agency may require an eligible participant to participate in interim work activation instead of full work activation if the eligible participant has not engaged in work activation under this section in the preceding 3 years.

“(3) REQUIRED JOB SEARCH.—A participant in interim work activation shall be required—

“(A) to participate in supervised job search for at least 6 hours per week; and

“(B) to engage in such additional activities as the State agency may require.

“(4) TIME LIMIT ON INTERIM WORK ACTIVATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible participant shall not participate in interim work activation for more than 3 months.

“(B) ADDITIONAL TIME.—After an eligible participant has participated in interim work activation for 3 months, the State agency shall require the eligible participant—

“(i) to maintain at least 100 hours of employment per month; or

“(ii) to participate in full work activation.

“(d) FULL WORK ACTIVATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program funds under this Act, a State agency shall require all or part of the eligible participants in the State to engage in full work activation under this section.

“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—An eligible participant who is required to participate in full work activation in a month shall be required to engage in 1 or more work and work preparation activities for an average of 100 hours per month.

“(3) LIMITATION.—Of the total number of required hours described in paragraph (2),

not fewer than 20 hours per week shall be attributable to an activity described in subparagraph (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H), (L), (M), or (N) of subsection (a)(4).

“(4) PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE OR WORKFARE.—At least 10 percent of the eligible participants that a State requires to participate in full work activation under this section shall be required to participate in activities described in subparagraph (D), (G), or (M) of subsection (a)(4).

“(5) WORK ACTIVATION NOT EMPLOYMENT.—Other than unsubsidized employment described in subsection (a)(4)(A), participation in work and work preparation activities under this section shall not be—

“(A) considered to be employment; or

“(B) subject to any law pertaining to wages, compensation, hours, or conditions of employment under any law administered by the Secretary of Labor.

“(6) ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ACTIVITY.—Except as provided in subsection (g), nothing in this section prevents a State from requiring more than 100 hours per month of participation in work and work preparation activities.

“(e) LIMITATIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—

“(1) SINGLE TEEN HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD OR MARRIED TEEN WHO MAINTAINS SATISFACTORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—For purposes of determining monthly participation rates under this section, an eligible participant who is married or a head of household and who has not attained 20 years of age shall be considered to have completed successful engagement in work activation for a month if the eligible participant—

“(A) maintains satisfactory attendance at secondary school or the equivalent during the month; or

“(B) participates in education directly related to employment for an average of at least 20 hours per week during the month.

“(2) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO MAY BE TREATED AS ENGAGED IN WORK ACTIVATION BY REASON OF PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES.—For purposes of determining monthly participation rates under this section, not more than 30 percent of the number of individuals in a State who are treated as having completed successful engagement in work activation for a month may be individuals who are determined to be engaged in work activation for the month by reason of participation in vocational educational training.

“(f) STATE OPTION FOR PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT EXEMPTIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—For any fiscal year, a State agency, at the option of the State agency, may—

“(A) exempt a household that includes a child who has not attained 12 months of age from engaging in work activation; and

“(B) disregard that household in determining the monthly participation rates under this section until the child has attained 12 months of age.

“(2) EXCLUSION.—For purposes of determining monthly participation rates under this section, a household that includes a child who has not attained 6 years of age shall be considered to be successfully engaged in work activation for a month if a member of the household receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits is engaged in work activation for an average of at least 20 hours per week during the month.

“(g) PENALTIES AGAINST INDIVIDUALS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), if an eligible participant in a household receiving assistance under the State program funded under this section fails to complete successful engagement in work activation in accordance with this section, the State agency shall—

“(A) in accordance with paragraph (2), reduce the amount of assistance otherwise payable to the entire household pro rata (or more, at the option of the State agency) with respect to the month immediately after any month in which the eligible participant fails to perform; or

“(B) terminate the assistance entirely.

“(2) PRO RATA REDUCTION.—For purposes of paragraph (1)(A), the amount of the pro rata reduction shall equal the product obtained by multiplying—

“(A) the normal monthly amount of assistance to the entire household that would have been received if not for the reduction under paragraph (1)(A); by

“(B) the proportion that—

“(i) the hours of required work and work preparation activities performed by the eligible participant during the month; bears to

“(ii) the number or hours of work and work preparation activities the State agency required the eligible participant to perform in accordance with this section.

“(3) EXCEPTION.—A State may not reduce or terminate assistance under the State program funded under this section or any other State program funded with qualified State expenditures (as defined in section 409(a)(7)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7)(B))) based on a refusal of an eligible participant to engage in work and work preparation activities required under this section if—

“(A) the eligible participant is a single custodial parent caring for a child who has not attained 6 years of age; and

“(B) the eligible participant proves that the eligible participant has a demonstrated inability (as determined by the State agency) to obtain needed child care, due to—

“(i) unavailability of appropriate child care within a reasonable distance from the home or work site of the eligible participant; or

“(ii) unavailability of all affordable child care arrangements, including formal child care and all informal child care by a relative or under other arrangements.

“(h) LIMITATION ON HOURS OF REQUIRED PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE OR WORKFARE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The maximum number of hours during a month that an eligible participant shall be required under this section to work in a community service program or a workfare program under section 20 shall not exceed the quotient obtained by dividing—

“(A) the total dollar cost of all means-tested benefits received by the household for that month, as determined under paragraph (2); by

“(B) the Federal minimum wage.

“(2) TOTAL DOLLAR COST OF ALL MEANS-TESTED BENEFITS DEFINED.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the total dollar cost of all means-tested benefits shall equal the sum of the dollar cost of all benefits received by the household from—

“(i) the supplemental nutrition assistance program;

“(ii) the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or any other State program funded with qualified State expenditures (as defined in section 409(a)(7)(B)(i) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7)(B)(i))); and

“(iii) any assistance provided to a household, landlord, or public housing agency (as defined in section 3(b)(6) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(6))) to subsidize the rental payment for a dwelling unit, including assistance provided for public housing dwelling units under section 3 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a) and assistance provided under section 8 of that Act (42 U.S.C. 1437f).

“(B) VALUE OF BENEFITS DURING SANCTION.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), if the dollar value of 1 or more benefits received by a household in a month has been reduced under subsection (g) or another sanction requirement, the calculated dollar value of the sanctioned benefits shall equal the dollar value of the benefit that would have been received if the benefit had not been reduced by the sanction.

“(3) ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES.—Nothing in this subsection prevents a State agency from requiring an eligible participant to engage in activities not described in paragraph (1) for additional hours during the month.

“(i) WORK ACTIVATION PARTICIPATION GOALS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program funds under this Act, except as provided in paragraph (2), a State agency shall achieve for each quarter of the fiscal year with respect to all eligible participants receiving assistance under the State program funded under this section for that fiscal year at least the participation rate specified in the following table:

“If the fiscal year is:	The quarterly participation rate shall be at least:
2019	20 percent
2020	35 percent
2021	50 percent
2022	65 percent
2023	80 percent.

“(2) ADJUSTMENT IF RECESSIONARY PERIOD.—If the average national unemployment rate during a quarter of a fiscal year, as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor, is more than 8 percent, the participation goal for the immediately succeeding quarter shall equal the product obtained by multiplying—

“(A) the applicable quarterly participation rate under paragraph (1); by

“(B) 0.8.

“(j) CALCULATION OF WORK ACTIVATION PARTICIPATION RATES.—

“(1) DEFINITION OF SANCTIONED RECIPIENT.—In this subsection, the term ‘sanctioned recipient’ means any eligible participant who—

“(A) was required to participate in work activation in a month;

“(B) failed to perform the assigned work and work preparation activities so as to meet the relevant hourly requirements in subsection (c), (d), or (e)(2); and

“(C) was sanctioned by a reduced benefit payment in the subsequent month under subsection (g).

“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The work activation participation rate for a State for any quarter of a fiscal year shall equal the average of the monthly participation rates for the State during the 3 months of that quarter.

“(3) MONTHLY PARTICIPATION RATE.—For purposes of paragraph (2), the monthly participation rate shall equal the ratio of all countable participants to all eligible participants in the month, as determined under paragraph (4).

“(4) RATIO OF ALL COUNTABLE PARTICIPANTS TO ALL ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.—Subject to paragraph (5), the ratio of all countable participants to all eligible participants in a month equals the proportion that—

“(A) the sum obtained by adding—

“(i) all eligible participants who—

“(I) were required by the State to engage in interim work activation, full work activation, or education under subsection (e)(1) during the month; and

“(II) fulfilled the criteria for successful engagement in work activation for that activity during the month; and

“(ii) all sanctioned recipients for that month; bears to

“(B) the average number of eligible participants in the State in that month.

“(5) MULTIPLE ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.—A married couple household consisting of more than 1 eligible participant shall be counted as a single eligible participant for purposes of calculating the participation rate under this subsection.

“(k) PENALTIES FOR INADEQUATE STATE PERFORMANCE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning in the first quarter of fiscal year 2020 and for each subsequent quarter of fiscal year 2020 and of each subsequent fiscal year, each State shall count the monthly average number of countable participants under this section.

“(2) REDUCTION IN FUNDING.—If the monthly average number of countable participants in a State of a fiscal year is not sufficient to fulfill the relevant work activation participation goal under subsection (i) during that quarter, the supplemental nutrition assistance program funding for the State under this Act shall be reduced for the fiscal quarter that begins 180 days after the first day of the quarter in which the inadequate performance occurred in accordance with paragraph (3).

“(3) FUNDING IN PENALIZED QUARTER.—The total amount of funding a State shall receive for all households with eligible participants for a quarter for which funding is reduced under paragraph (2) shall equal the product obtained by multiplying—

“(A) the total amount of funding that the State would have received in the preceding quarter for all households with eligible participants if no reduction had been in place; by

“(B) the ratio of all countable participants to all eligible participants (as determined under subsection (j)(4)) for the quarter that began 180 days before the first day of the quarter for which funding is reduced.

“(l) FUNDING TO ADMINISTER WORK ACTIVATION.—

“(1) TANF FUNDING.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2019 and each subsequent fiscal year, a State that receives supplemental nutrition assistance program funds under this Act may use during that fiscal year to carry out the work activation program of the State under this section—

“(i) any of the Federal funds available to the State through the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) in that fiscal year; and

“(ii) any of the funds from State sources allocated to the operation of the program described in clause (i).

“(B) EFFECT.—Any State that uses State funds allocated to the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) to administer the work activation program of that State under this section may treat those funds as qualified State expenditures (as defined in section 409(a)(7)(B)(i) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7)(B)(i))) for purposes of meeting the requirements of section 409(a)(7) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7)) in that fiscal year.

“(2) WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUNDING.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2019 and each subsequent fiscal year, a State that receives Federal funds under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.) may use up to 50 percent of those funds during that fiscal year to carry out the work activation program of the State under this section.

“(3) SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2019 and each subsequent fiscal year, a State that receives Federal funds under this Act for an employment and training program under section 6(d) may use those funds during that fiscal year to carry out the work activation program of the State under this section.”.

(e) IDENTIFICATION FOR CARD USE.—Section 7(h)(9) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2016(h)(9)) is amended—

(1) in the paragraph heading, by striking “OPTIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION” and inserting “IDENTIFICATION FOR CARD USE”;

(2) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively, and indenting appropriately;

(3) by inserting before clause (i) (as so redesignated) the following:

“(A) LISTED BENEFICIARIES.—A State agency shall require that an electronic benefit card lists the names of—

“(i) the head of the household;

“(ii) each adult member of the household; and

“(iii) each adult that is not a member of the household that is authorized to use that card.

“(B) PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under clause (ii), any individual listed on an electronic benefit card under subparagraph (A) shall be required to show photographic identification at the point of sale when using the card.

“(ii) HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD.—A head of a household is not required to show photographic identification under clause (i) if the electronic benefit card contains a photograph of that individual under subparagraph (C)(i).

“(C) OPTIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION.—”;

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

(A) in clause (i) (as so redesignated), by striking “1 or more members of a” and inserting “the head of the”; and

(B) in clause (ii) (as so redesignated)—

(i) by striking “subparagraph (A)” and inserting “clause (i)”; and

(ii) by inserting “subject to subparagraph (B)(i)” after “the card”; and

(5) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) VISUAL VERIFICATION.—Any individual that is shown photographic identification or an electronic benefit card containing a photograph, as applicable, under subparagraph (B) shall visually confirm that the photograph on the identification or the electronic benefit card, as applicable, is a clear and accurate likeness of the individual using the electronic benefit card.”.

SA 3383. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LEE, and Mr. INHOFE) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike section 4103 and insert the following:

SEC. 4103. WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS.

(a) DECLARATION OF POLICY.—Section 2 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011) is amended by adding at the end the following: “Congress further finds that it should also be the purpose of the supplemental nutrition assistance program to increase employment, to encourage healthy

marriage, and to promote prosperous self-sufficiency, which means the ability of households to maintain an income above the poverty level without services and benefits from the Federal Government.”.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—

(1) FOOD.—Section 3(k) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(k)) is amended by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, except that a food, food product, meal, or other item described in this subsection shall be considered a food under this Act only if it is an essential (as determined by the Secretary)”.

(2) SUPERVISED JOB SEARCH.—Section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subsections (t) through (v) as subsections (u) through (w), respectively; and

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

“(t) SUPERVISED JOB SEARCH.—The term ‘supervised job search’ means a job search program that has the following characteristics:

“(1) The job search occurs at an official location where the presence and activity of the recipient can be directly observed, supervised, and monitored.

“(2) The entry, time onsite, and exit of the recipient from the official job search location are recorded in a manner that prevents fraud.

“(3) The recipient is expected to remain and undertake job search activities at the job search center.

“(4) The quantity of time the recipient is observed and monitored engaging in job search at the official location is recorded for purposes of compliance with the work and work activation requirements of sections 6(o) and 30.”.

(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 27(a)(2) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)(2)) is amended in subparagraphs (C) and (E) by striking “3(u)(4)” each place it appears and inserting “3(v)(4)”.

(c) WORK REQUIREMENT FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS.—Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(o)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “not less than 3 months (consecutive or otherwise)” and inserting “more than 1 month”;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “or” at the end;

(C) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(E) participate in supervised job search for at least 8 hours per week.”;

(2) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the following:

“(C) TERMINATION.—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply with respect to any fiscal year that begins after the effective date of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018.”;

(3) in paragraph (6)—

(A) in the paragraph heading, by striking “15-PERCENT” and inserting “5-PERCENT”;

(B) in subparagraph (A)(ii)(IV), by striking “3 months” and inserting “1 month”; and

(C) in subparagraph (D), by striking “15 percent” and inserting “5 percent”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(8) PROMOTING WORK.—As a condition of receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program funds under this Act, a State agency shall provide each individual subject to the work requirement of this subsection with the opportunity to participate in an activity selected by the State from among the options described in subparagraphs (B), (C), and (E) of paragraph (2).

“(9) PENALTIES FOR INADEQUATE STATE PERFORMANCE.—If a State agency fails to fully comply with this section, including the requirement to terminate the benefits of individuals who fail to fulfill the work requirements described in paragraph (2) during a fiscal quarter, the funding allotment of the State for the supplemental nutrition assistance program shall be reduced by 10 percent for the quarter that begins 180 days after the first day of the quarter in which the non-compliance occurred.”.

(d) WORK ACTIVATION PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN.—The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 30. WORK ACTIVATION PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT.—The term ‘eligible participant’ means an individual who, during a particular month, is—

“(A) a parent in a household with dependent children;

“(B) at least 19, and not more than 55, years of age;

“(C) not disabled;

“(D) a member of a household in which 1 or more parents or children receive supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits in the month;

“(E) a member of a household that received supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits for more than 3 months in the year; and

“(F) employed less than 100 hours in the month.

“(2) MARRIED COUPLE HOUSEHOLD.—The term ‘married couple household’ means a household that includes 2 eligible participants who are married to each other and have dependent children.

“(3) SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENT IN WORK ACTIVATION.—The term ‘successful engagement in work activation’ means—

“(A) in the case of an individual who is eligible and required to participate in interim work activation, performance during the month that fulfills the activity and hour requirements of subsection (c);

“(B) in the case of an individual who is required to participate in full work activation, performance during the month that fulfills the activity and hour requirements of subsection (d); and

“(C) in the case of an individual who meets the eligibility criteria described in subsection (e)(1), performance that fulfills the activity and hour requirements of that subsection.

“(4) WORK AND WORK PREPARATION ACTIVITIES.—The term ‘work and work preparation activities’ means—

“(A) unsubsidized employment;

“(B) subsidized private sector employment;

“(C) subsidized public sector employment;

“(D) work experience (including work associated with the refurbishing of publicly assisted housing) if sufficient private sector employment is not available;

“(E) on-the-job training;

“(F) job readiness assistance;

“(G) a community service program;

“(H) vocational educational training (not to exceed 1 year with respect to any individual);

“(I) job skills training directly related to employment;

“(J) education directly related to employment, in the case of a recipient who has not received a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalency;

“(K) satisfactory attendance at secondary school or in a course of study leading to a certificate of general equivalence, in the case of a recipient who has not completed

secondary school or received such a certificate;

“(L) the provision of child care services to an individual who is participating in a community service program;

“(M) workfare under section 20; and

“(N) supervised job search.

“(b) WORK ACTIVATION PROGRAM.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program funds under this Act, a State agency shall be required to operate a work activation program for eligible participants.

“(2) SPECIAL RULES FOR MARRIED COUPLE HOUSEHOLDS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of eligible participants who are spouses in a married couple household—

“(i) the work activation requirement of this section shall apply only if the sum of the combined current employment of both spouses is less than 100 hours per month; and

“(ii) both spouses shall be considered to have achieved successful engagement in the work activation program if either spouse fulfills the work activation requirements described in subsection (c), (d), or (e)(1).

“(B) TOTAL REQUIRED HOURS.—The total combined number of hours of required work and work preparation activities for both spouses in a married couple household shall not be greater than the total number of hours required for a single head of household.

“(C) REQUIREMENT.—In carrying out this section, a State agency shall ensure that, for any month—

“(i) the proportion that—

“(I) the number of married couple households that are required to participate in work activation under this section in a month; bears to

“(II) the number of all households that are required to participate in work activation under this section in the same month; is not greater than—

“(ii) the proportion that—

“(I) the number of all married couple households with eligible participants in the month; bears to

“(II) the number of all households with eligible participants in the same month.

“(c) SHORT-TERM INTERIM WORK ACTIVATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A State agency may require eligible participants who meet the criteria in paragraph (2) to engage in—

“(A) interim work activation as described in this subsection; or

“(B) full work activation as described in subsection (d).

“(2) ELIGIBILITY.—A State agency may require an eligible participant to participate in interim work activation instead of full work activation if the eligible participant has not engaged in work activation under this section in the preceding 3 years.

“(3) REQUIRED JOB SEARCH.—A participant in interim work activation shall be required—

“(A) to participate in supervised job search for at least 6 hours per week; and

“(B) to engage in such additional activities as the State agency may require.

“(4) TIME LIMIT ON INTERIM WORK ACTIVATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible participant shall not participate in interim work activation for more than 3 months.

“(B) ADDITIONAL TIME.—After an eligible participant has participated in interim work activation for 3 months, the State agency shall require the eligible participant—

“(i) to maintain at least 100 hours of employment per month; or

“(ii) to participate in full work activation.

“(d) FULL WORK ACTIVATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program funds under this Act, a State agency shall require all or part of the eligible participants in the State to engage in full work activation under this section.

“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—An eligible participant who is required to participate in full work activation in a month shall be required to engage in 1 or more work and work preparation activities for an average of 100 hours per month.

“(3) LIMITATION.—Of the total number of required hours described in paragraph (2), not fewer than 20 hours per week shall be attributable to an activity described in subparagraph (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H), (L), (M), or (N) of subsection (a)(4).

“(4) PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE OR WORKFARE.—At least 10 percent of the eligible participants that a State requires to participate in full work activation under this section shall be required to participate in activities described in subparagraph (D), (G), or (M) of subsection (a)(4).

“(5) WORK ACTIVATION NOT EMPLOYMENT.—Other than unsubsidized employment described in subsection (a)(4)(A), participation in work and work preparation activities under this section shall not be—

“(A) considered to be employment; or

“(B) subject to any law pertaining to wages, compensation, hours, or conditions of employment under any law administered by the Secretary of Labor.

“(6) ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ACTIVITY.—Except as provided in subsection (g), nothing in this section prevents a State from requiring more than 100 hours per month of participation in work and work preparation activities.

“(e) LIMITATIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—

“(1) SINGLE TEEN HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD OR MARRIED TEEN WHO MAINTAINS SATISFACTORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—For purposes of determining monthly participation rates under this section, an eligible participant who is married or a head of household and who has not attained 20 years of age shall be considered to have completed successful engagement in work activation for a month if the eligible participant—

“(A) maintains satisfactory attendance at secondary school or the equivalent during the month; or

“(B) participates in education directly related to employment for an average of at least 20 hours per week during the month.

“(2) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO MAY BE TREATED AS ENGAGED IN WORK ACTIVATION BY REASON OF PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES.—For purposes of determining monthly participation rates under this section, not more than 30 percent of the number of individuals in a State who are treated as having completed successful engagement in work activation for a month may be individuals who are determined to be engaged in work activation for the month by reason of participation in vocational educational training.

“(f) STATE OPTION FOR PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT EXEMPTIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—For any fiscal year, a State agency, at the option of the State agency, may—

“(A) exempt a household that includes a child who has not attained 12 months of age from engaging in work activation; and

“(B) disregard that household in determining the monthly participation rates under this section until the child has attained 12 months of age.

“(2) EXCLUSION.—For purposes of determining monthly participation rates under this section, a household that includes a child who has not attained 6 years of age shall be considered to be successfully en-

gaged in work activation for a month if a member of the household receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits is engaged in work activation for an average of at least 20 hours per week during the month.

“(g) PENALTIES AGAINST INDIVIDUALS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), if an eligible participant in a household receiving assistance under the State program funded under this section fails to complete successful engagement in work activation in accordance with this section, the State agency shall—

“(A) in accordance with paragraph (2), reduce the amount of assistance otherwise payable to the entire household pro rata (or more, at the option of the State agency) with respect to the month immediately after any month in which the eligible participant fails to perform; or

“(B) terminate the assistance entirely.

“(2) PRO RATA REDUCTION.—For purposes of paragraph (1)(A), the amount of the pro rata reduction shall equal the product obtained by multiplying—

“(A) the normal monthly amount of assistance to the entire household that would have been received if not for the reduction under paragraph (1)(A); by

“(B) the proportion that—

“(i) the hours of required work and work preparation activities performed by the eligible participant during the month; bears to

“(ii) the number or hours of work and work preparation activities the State agency required the eligible participant to perform in accordance with this section.

“(3) EXCEPTION.—A State may not reduce or terminate assistance under the State program funded under this section or any other State program funded with qualified State expenditures (as defined in section 409(a)(7)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7)(B))) based on a refusal of an eligible participant to engage in work and work preparation activities required under this section if—

“(A) the eligible participant is a single custodial parent caring for a child who has not attained 6 years of age; and

“(B) the eligible participant proves that the eligible participant has a demonstrated inability (as determined by the State agency) to obtain needed child care, due to—

“(i) unavailability of appropriate child care within a reasonable distance from the home or work site of the eligible participant; or

“(ii) unavailability of all affordable child care arrangements, including formal child care and all informal child care by a relative or under other arrangements.

“(h) LIMITATION ON HOURS OF REQUIRED PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE OR WORKFARE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The maximum number of hours during a month that an eligible participant shall be required under this section to work in a community service program or a workfare program under section 20 shall not exceed the quotient obtained by dividing—

“(A) the total dollar cost of all means-tested benefits received by the household for that month, as determined under paragraph (2); by

“(B) the Federal minimum wage.

“(2) TOTAL DOLLAR COST OF ALL MEANS-TESTED BENEFITS DEFINED.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the total dollar cost of all means-tested benefits shall equal the sum of the dollar cost of all benefits received by the household from—

“(i) the supplemental nutrition assistance program;

“(ii) the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42

U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or any other State program funded with qualified State expenditures (as defined in section 409(a)(7)(B)(i) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7)(B)(i))); and

“(iii) any assistance provided to a household, landlord, or public housing agency (as defined in section 3(b)(6) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(6))) to subsidize the rental payment for a dwelling unit, including assistance provided for public housing dwelling units under section 3 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a) and assistance provided under section 8 of that Act (42 U.S.C. 1437f).

“(B) VALUE OF BENEFITS DURING SANCTION.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), if the dollar value of 1 or more benefits received by a household in a month has been reduced under subsection (g) or another sanction requirement, the calculated dollar value of the sanctioned benefits shall equal the dollar value of the benefit that would have been received if the benefit had not been reduced by the sanction.

“(3) ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES.—Nothing in this subsection prevents a State agency from requiring an eligible participant to engage in activities not described in paragraph (1) for additional hours during the month.

“(i) WORK ACTIVATION PARTICIPATION GOALS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program funds under this Act, except as provided in paragraph (2), a State agency shall achieve for each quarter of the fiscal year with respect to all eligible participants receiving assistance under the State program funded under this section for that fiscal year at least the participation rate specified in the following table:

“If the fiscal year is:	The quarterly participation rate shall be at least:
2019	20 percent
2020	35 percent
2021	50 percent
2022	65 percent
2023	80 percent.

“(2) ADJUSTMENT IF RECESSIONARY PERIOD.—If the average national unemployment rate during a quarter of a fiscal year, as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor, is more than 8 percent, the participation goal for the immediately succeeding quarter shall equal the product obtained by multiplying—

“(A) the applicable quarterly participation rate under paragraph (1); by

“(B) 0.8.

“(j) CALCULATION OF WORK ACTIVATION PARTICIPATION RATES.—

“(1) DEFINITION OF SANCTIONED RECIPIENT.—In this subsection, the term ‘sanctioned recipient’ means any eligible participant who—

“(A) was required to participate in work activation in a month;

“(B) failed to perform the assigned work and work preparation activities so as to meet the relevant hourly requirements in subsection (c), (d), or (e)(2); and

“(C) was sanctioned by a reduced benefit payment in the subsequent month under subsection (g).

“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The work activation participation rate for a State for any quarter of a fiscal year shall equal the average of the monthly participation rates for the State during the 3 months of that quarter.

“(3) MONTHLY PARTICIPATION RATE.—For purposes of paragraph (2), the monthly participation rate shall equal the ratio of all countable participants to all eligible partici-

pants in the month, as determined under paragraph (4).

“(4) RATIO OF ALL COUNTABLE PARTICIPANTS TO ALL ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.—Subject to paragraph (5), the ratio of all countable participants to all eligible participants in a month equals the proportion that—

“(A) the sum obtained by adding—

“(i) all eligible participants who—

“(I) were required by the State to engage in interim work activation, full work activation, or education under subsection (e)(1) during the month; and

“(II) fulfilled the criteria for successful engagement in work activation for that activity during the month; and

“(ii) all sanctioned recipients for that month; bears to

“(B) the average number of eligible participants in the State in that month.

“(5) MULTIPLE ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.—A married couple household consisting of more than 1 eligible participant shall be counted as a single eligible participant for purposes of calculating the participation rate under this subsection.

“(k) PENALTIES FOR INADEQUATE STATE PERFORMANCE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning in the first quarter of fiscal year 2020 and for each subsequent quarter of fiscal year 2020 and of each subsequent fiscal year, each State shall count the monthly average number of countable participants under this section.

“(2) REDUCTION IN FUNDING.—If the monthly average number of countable participants in a State of a fiscal year is not sufficient to fulfill the relevant work activation participation goal under subsection (i) during that quarter, the supplemental nutrition assistance program funding for the State under this Act shall be reduced for the fiscal quarter that begins 180 days after the first day of the quarter in which the inadequate performance occurred in accordance with paragraph (3).

“(3) FUNDING IN PENALIZED QUARTER.—The total amount of funding a State shall receive for all households with eligible participants for a quarter for which funding is reduced under paragraph (2) shall equal the product obtained by multiplying—

“(A) the total amount of funding that the State would have received in the preceding quarter for all households with eligible participants if no reduction had been in place; by

“(B) the ratio of all countable participants to all eligible participants (as determined under subsection (j)(4)) for the quarter that began 180 days before the first day of the quarter for which funding is reduced.

“(1) FUNDING TO ADMINISTER WORK ACTIVATION.—

“(1) TANF FUNDING.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2019 and each subsequent fiscal year, a State that receives supplemental nutrition assistance program funds under this Act may use during that fiscal year to carry out the work activation program of the State under this section—

“(i) any of the Federal funds available to the State through the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) in that fiscal year; and

“(ii) any of the funds from State sources allocated to the operation of the program described in clause (i).

“(B) EFFECT.—Any State that uses State funds allocated to the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) to administer the work activation program of that State under this section may treat those funds as qualified State expenditures (as defined in

section 409(a)(7)(B)(i) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7)(B)(i))) for purposes of meeting the requirements of section 409(a)(7) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7)) in that fiscal year.

“(2) WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUNDING.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2019 and each subsequent fiscal year, a State that receives Federal funds under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.) may use up to 50 percent of those funds during that fiscal year to carry out the work activation program of the State under this section.

“(3) SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2019 and each subsequent fiscal year, a State that receives Federal funds under this Act for an employment and training program under section 6(d) may use those funds during that fiscal year to carry out the work activation program of the State under this section.”.

(e) IDENTIFICATION FOR CARD USE.—Section 7(h)(9) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2016(h)(9)) is amended—

(1) in the paragraph heading, by striking “OPTIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION” and inserting “IDENTIFICATION FOR CARD USE”;

(2) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively, and indenting appropriately;

(3) by inserting before clause (i) (as so redesignated) the following:

“(A) LISTED BENEFICIARIES.—A State agency shall require that an electronic benefit card lists the names of—

“(i) the head of the household;

“(ii) each adult member of the household; and

“(iii) each adult that is not a member of the household that is authorized to use that card.

“(B) PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under clause (ii), any individual listed on an electronic benefit card under subparagraph (A) shall be required to show photographic identification at the point of sale when using the card.

“(ii) HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD.—A head of a household is not required to show photographic identification under clause (i) if the electronic benefit card contains a photograph of that individual under subparagraph (C)(i).

“(C) OPTIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION.—

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

(A) in clause (i) (as so redesignated), by striking “1 or more members of a” and inserting “the head of the”; and

(B) in clause (ii) (as so redesignated)—

(i) by striking “subparagraph (A)” and inserting “clause (i)”; and

(ii) by inserting “subject to subparagraph (B)(i)” after “the card”; and

(5) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) VISUAL VERIFICATION.—Any individual that is shown photographic identification or an electronic benefit card containing a photograph, as applicable, under subparagraph (B) shall visually confirm that the photograph on the identification or the electronic benefit card, as applicable, is a clear and accurate likeness of the individual using the electronic benefit card.”.

SA 3384. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for

the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 141, strike lines 15 through 21 and insert the following:

“(2) establish payments to provide an incentive for the use of practices, such as cover crops, no-till farming, nutrient management, resource-conserving crop rotations, and other similar practices approved under the pilot project that—

“(A) improve soil health;
“(B) increase carbon levels in the soil; or
“(C) meet the goals described in subparagraphs (A) and (B); and

SA 3385. Mr. SASSE (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. JONES, Mr. RISCH, Mr. TESTER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ENZI, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. ROUNDS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 121. HOURS OF SERVICE REGULATIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF LIVESTOCK.

The Secretary of Transportation shall amend part 395 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, to ensure that, in the case of a driver transporting livestock (as defined in section 602 of the Emergency Livestock Feed Assistance Act of 1988 (7 U.S.C. 1471)) or insects within a 300 air-mile radius from the point at which the on-duty time of the driver begins with respect to the trip—

(1) the on-duty time of the driver shall exclude all time spent—

(A) at a plant, terminal, facility, or other property of a motor carrier or shipper or on any public property during which the driver is waiting to be dispatched;

(B) loading or unloading a commercial motor vehicle;

(C) supervising or assisting in the loading or unloading of a commercial motor vehicle;

(D) attending to a commercial motor vehicle while the vehicle is being loaded or unloaded;

(E) remaining in readiness to operate a commercial motor vehicle; and

(F) giving or receiving receipts for shipments loaded or unloaded;

(2) except as provided in paragraph (5), the driving time under section 395.3(a)(3)(i) of that title is modified to a maximum of not less than 15, and not more than 18, hours within a 24-hour period;

(3) the driver may take 1 or more rest periods during the trip, which shall not be included in the calculation of the driving time;

(4) after completion of the trip, the driver shall be required to take a rest break for a period that is 5 hours less than the maximum driving time under paragraph (2);

(5) if the driver is within 150 air-miles of the point of delivery, any additional driving to that point of delivery shall not be included in the calculation of the driving time; and

(6) the 10-hour rest period under section 395.3(a)(1) of that title shall not apply.

SA 3386. Mr. SASSE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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

SEC. 24. GAO STUDY ON NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE DETERMINATIONS OF PROGRAM INELIGIBILITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study of the coordination between the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Farm Service Agency to determine—

(1) the number of producers that were determined to be ineligible for Department of Agriculture benefits as a result of non-compliance with applicable requirements under conservation programs (referred to in this section as “applicable conservation requirements”);

(2) in any case in which a producer was determined not to be in compliance with an applicable conservation requirement, the penalties enforced against the producer;

(3) the total number of acres determined not to be in compliance with applicable conservation requirements;

(4) applicable procedures to ensure producers can work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to bring the acres of the producers into compliance with applicable conservation requirements;

(5) the coordination between county and State offices with respect to evaluation of compliance with applicable conservation requirements; and

(6)(A) the means by which the Natural Resources Conservation Service determines which tracts of land to evaluate for compliance with applicable conservation requirements; and

(B) whether a random order of selection is the most efficient way to evaluate whether producers are achieving compliance with applicable conservation requirements.

(b) COMPONENTS.—The study under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) an evaluation of the appeals process relating to determinations of ineligibility for Federal programs, including a review, during the 5-year period ending on the date on which the study is commenced, of those appeals brought to the National Appeals Division; and

(2) the development of recommendations, taking into consideration affected watersheds, regions, counties, and adjacent landowners, to improve efficiency in the management of Federal resources relating to producer compliance with applicable conservation requirements.

SA 3387. Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title VI, add the following:

SEC. 62. LOANS FOR CARBON DIOXIDE CAPTURE AND UTILIZATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 19 the following:

“SEC. 20. LOANS FOR CARBON DIOXIDE CAPTURE AND UTILIZATION.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law (including regulations), in carrying out any program under this Act under which the Secretary provides a loan or loan guarantee, the Secretary may provide such a loan or loan guarantee to facilities employing commercially demonstrated technologies for carbon dioxide capture and utilization.”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 3 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 903) is amended—

(1) by striking “There are” and inserting the following:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b)(2), there are”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) LOANS FOR CARBON DIOXIDE CAPTURE AND UTILIZATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out section 20.

“(2) SEPARATE APPROPRIATIONS.—The sums appropriated under paragraph (1) shall be separate and distinct from the sums appropriated under subsection (a).”.

SA 3388. Mr. ROBERTS (for Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; as follows:

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

SEC. 63. COUNCIL ON RURAL COMMUNITY INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) 16 percent of the population of the United States lives in rural counties.

(2) Strong, sustainable rural communities are essential to future prosperity and ensuring United States competitiveness in the years ahead.

(3) Rural communities supply the food, fiber, and energy of the United States, safeguard the natural resources of the United States, and are essential to the development of science and innovation.

(4) Though rural communities face numerous challenges, they also present enormous economic potential.

(5) The Federal Government has an important role to play in expanding access to the capital necessary for economic growth, promoting innovation, increasing energy resiliency and reliability, improving access to health care and education, and expanding outdoor recreational activities on public land.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to enhance the efforts of the Federal Government to address the needs of rural areas in the United States by—

(1) establishing a council to better coordinate Federal programs directed to rural communities;

(2) maximizing the impact of Federal investment to promote economic prosperity

and quality of life in rural communities in the United States; and

(3) using innovation to resolve local and regional challenges faced by rural communities.

(c) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established a Council on Rural Community Innovation and Economic Development (referred to in this section as the “Council”).

(d) **MEMBERSHIP.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The membership of the Council shall be composed of the heads of the following executive branch departments, agencies, and offices:

- (A) The Department of Agriculture.
- (B) The Department of the Treasury.
- (C) The Department of Defense.
- (D) The Department of Justice.
- (E) The Department of the Interior.
- (F) The Department of Commerce.
- (G) The Department of Labor.
- (H) The Department of Health and Human Services.

(I) The Department of Housing and Urban Development.

- (J) The Department of Transportation.
- (K) The Department of Energy.
- (L) The Department of Education.
- (M) The Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (N) The Department of Homeland Security.
- (O) The Environmental Protection Agency.
- (P) The Federal Communications Commission.

(Q) The Office of Management and Budget.

(R) The Office of Science and Technology Policy.

(S) The Office of National Drug Control Policy.

- (T) The Council of Economic Advisers.
- (U) The Domestic Policy Council.
- (V) The National Economic Council.
- (W) The Small Business Administration.
- (X) The Council on Environmental Quality.
- (Y) The White House Office of Public Engagement.
- (Z) The White House Office of Cabinet Affairs.

(AA) Such other executive branch departments, agencies, and offices as the President or the Secretary may, from time to time, designate.

(2) **CHAIR.**—The Secretary shall serve as the Chair of the Council.

(3) **DESIGNEES.**—A member of the Council may designate, to perform the Council functions of the member, a senior-level official who is—

- (A) part of the department, agency, or office of the member; and
- (B) a full-time officer or employee of the Federal Government.

(4) **ADMINISTRATION.**—The Council shall coordinate policy development through the rural development mission area.

(e) **FUNDING.**—The Secretary shall provide funding and administrative support for the Council to the extent permitted by law and within existing appropriations.

(f) **MISSION AND FUNCTION OF THE COUNCIL.**—The Council shall work across executive departments, agencies, and offices to coordinate development of policy recommendations—

- (1) to maximize the impact of Federal investment of rural communities;
- (2) to promote economic prosperity and quality of life in rural communities; and
- (3) to use innovation to resolve local and regional challenges faced by rural communities.

(g) **DUTIES.**—The Council shall—

(1) make recommendations to the President, acting through the Director of the Domestic Policy Council and the Director of the National Economic Council, on streamlining and leveraging Federal investments in rural areas, where appropriate, to increase the impact of Federal dollars and create eco-

omic opportunities to improve the quality of life in rural areas in the United States;

(2) coordinate and increase the effectiveness of Federal engagement with rural stakeholders, including agricultural organizations, small businesses, education and training institutions, health-care providers, telecommunications services providers, electric service providers, transportation providers, research and land grant institutions, law enforcement, State, local, and tribal governments, and nongovernmental organizations regarding the needs of rural areas in the United States;

(3) coordinate Federal efforts directed toward the growth and development of rural geographic regions that encompass both metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas;

(4) identify and facilitate rural economic opportunities associated with energy development, outdoor recreation, and other conservation related activities; and

(5) identify common economic and social challenges faced by rural communities that could be served through—

- (A) better coordination of existing Federal and non-Federal resources; and
- (B) innovative solutions utilizing governmental and nongovernmental resources.

(h) **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The heads of executive departments and agencies shall assist and provide information to the Council, consistent with applicable law, as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the Council.

(2) **EXPENSES.**—Each executive department or agency shall be responsible for paying any expenses of the executive department or agency for participating in the Council.

(i) **REPORT ON RURAL SMART COMMUNITIES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 1 year after the establishment of the Council, the Council shall submit to Congress a report describing efforts of rural areas to integrate “smart” technology into their communities to solve challenges relating to energy, transportation, health care, law enforcement, housing, or other relevant local issues, as determined by the Secretary.

(2) **SMART RURAL COMMUNITIES.**—The report under paragraph (1) shall include a description of efforts of rural communities to apply innovative and advanced technologies and related mechanisms (such as telecommunications, energy, transportation, housing, economic development)—

- (A) to improve the health and quality of life of residents;
- (B) to increase the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of civic operations and services, including public safety and other vital public functions;
- (C) to promote economic growth;
- (D) to enhance the use of electricity in the community and reduce pollution; and
- (E) to create a more sustainable and resilient community.

(3) **OTHER INCLUSIONS.**—The report under paragraph (1) shall include—

- (A) an analysis of efforts to integrate “smart” technology into rural communities across the United States;
- (B) an analysis of barriers and challenges faced by rural areas in integrating “smart” technology into their communities;
- (C) an analysis of Federal efforts to assist rural areas with the development and integration of “smart” technology into rural communities;
- (D) recommendations, if any, on how to improve coordination and deployment of Federal efforts to assist rural areas develop and integrate “smart” technology into their communities;

(E) recommendations, if any, on how rural areas developing “smart” communities can better leverage private sector resources; and

(F) guidelines that establish best practices for rural areas that desire to use “smart” technology to overcome local challenges.

(j) **REVIEW OF PUBLIC BENEFIT TO RURAL COMMUNITIES ON THE CREATION OF RURAL SMART COMMUNITY DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—On completion of the report under subsection (i)(1), the Council shall review the benefits of the creation of a rural smart community demonstration projects program for the purposes of coordinating Department of Agriculture rural development, housing, energy, and telecommunication programs, and other Federal programs specific to rural communities, to expand innovative technologies and address local challenges specific to rural communities.

(2) **INCLUSIONS.**—In the review under paragraph (1) the Council shall determine whether a rural smart community demonstration projects program would—

(A) demonstrate smart community technologies that can be adapted and repeated by other rural communities;

(B) encourage public, private, local, or regional best practices that can be replicated by other rural communities;

(C) encourage private sector innovation and investment in rural communities;

(D) promote a skilled workforce; and

(E) promote standards that allow for the measurement and validation of the cost savings and performance improvements associated with the installation and use of smart community technologies and practices.

(k) **RURAL SMART COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Council shall create, publish, and maintain a resource guide designed to assist States and other rural communities in developing and implementing rural smart community programs.

(2) **INCLUSIONS.**—A resource guide under paragraph (1) may include—

(A) a compilation of existing related Federal and non-Federal programs available to rural communities, including technical assistance, education, training, research and development, analysis, and funding;

(B) available examples of local rural communities engaging private sector entities to implement smart community solutions, including public-private partnership models that could be used to leverage private sector funding to solve similar local challenges;

(C) available examples of proven methods for local rural communities to facilitate integration of smart technologies with new and existing infrastructure and systems;

(D) best practices and lessons learned from demonstration projects, including return on investment and performance information to help other rural communities decide how to initiate integration of smart technologies; and

(E) such other topics as are requested by industry entities or local governments or determined to be necessary by the Council.

(3) **UTILIZATION OF EXISTING GUIDES.**—In creating, publishing, and maintaining the guide under paragraph (1), the Council shall consider Federal, State, and local guides already published relating to smart community goals, activities, and best practices—

(A) to prevent duplication of efforts by the Federal Government; and

(B) to leverage existing complementary efforts.

(4) **RESOURCE GUIDE OUTREACH.**—The Council shall conduct outreach to States, counties, communities, and other relevant entities—

(A) to provide interested stakeholders with the guide published under paragraph (1);

(B) to promote the consideration of smart community technologies and encourage States and local governments to contribute rural smart community program and activity information to the guide published under paragraph (1);

(C) to identify—

(i) barriers to rural smart community technology adoption; and

(ii) any research, development, and assistance that is needed that could be included in the guide published under paragraph (1);

(D) to respond to requests for assistance, advice, or consultation from rural communities; and

(E) for other purposes, as identified by the Council.

(5) **SUBSEQUENT RESOURCE GUIDES.**—The Council shall issue an update to the guide published under paragraph (1) every 5 years.

(1) **RURAL BROADBAND INTEGRATION WORKING GROUP.**—

(1) **FINDINGS.**—Congress makes the following findings:

(A) Access to high-speed broadband is no longer a luxury and is a important for United States families, businesses, and consumers.

(B) Affordable, reliable access to high-speed broadband is critical to United States economic growth and competitiveness.

(C) High-speed broadband enables the people of the United States to use the Internet in new ways, expands access to health services and education, increases the productivity of businesses, and drives innovation throughout the digital ecosystem.

(D) The private sector and Federal, State, and local governments have made substantial investments to expand broadband access in the United States, but more must be done to improve the availability and quality of high-speed broadband, particularly in areas lacking competitive choices.

(E) Today, more than 50,000,000 people of the United States cannot purchase a wired broadband connection at speeds for adequate broadband service, and only 29 percent of people of the United States can choose from more than 1 service provider at that speed.

(F) As a result of the statistics described in subparagraph (E), the costs, benefits, and availability of high-speed broadband Internet are not evenly distributed, with considerable variation among States and between urban and rural areas.

(G) The Federal Government has an important role to play in developing coordinated policies to promote broadband deployment and adoption, including promoting best practices, breaking down regulatory barriers, and encouraging further investment, which will help deliver higher quality, lower cost broadband to more families, businesses, and communities and allow communities to benefit fully from those investments.

(2) **POLICY.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—It is the policy of the Federal Government for executive departments and agencies having statutory authorities applicable to broadband deployment (referred to in this subsection as the “agencies”) to use all available and appropriate authorities—

(i) to identify and address regulatory barriers that may unduly impede either wired broadband deployment or the infrastructure to augment wireless broadband deployment;

(ii) to encourage further investment in broadband networks and services;

(iii) to promote the adoption and meaningful use of broadband technology; and

(iv) to otherwise encourage or support broadband deployment, competition, and adoption in ways that promote the public interest.

(B) **PRIORITIES.**—In carrying out the policy under subparagraph (A), the agencies shall focus on—

(i) opportunities to promote broadband adoption and competition through incentives to new entrants in the market for broadband services;

(ii) modernizing regulations;

(iii) accurately measuring real-time broadband availability and speeds;

(iv) increasing broadband access for underserved communities, including in rural areas;

(v) exploring opportunities to reduce costs for potential low-income users; and

(vi) other possible measures, including supporting State, local, and Tribal governments interested in encouraging or investing in high-speed broadband networks.

(C) **EFFECT.**—In carrying out the policy under subparagraph (A), the agencies shall ensure that existing and planned Federal, State, local, and Tribal government missions and capabilities for delivering services to the public, including those missions and capabilities relating to national security, public safety, and emergency response, are maintained.

(D) **COORDINATION.**—The agencies shall coordinate the policy under subparagraph (A) through the Rural Broadband Integration Working Group established under paragraph (3).

(3) **ESTABLISHMENT OF RURAL BROADBAND INTEGRATION WORKING GROUP.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—There is established the Rural Broadband Integration Working Group (referred to in this subsection as the “Working Group”).

(B) **MEMBERSHIP.**—The membership of the Working Group shall be composed of the heads, or their designees, of—

(i) the Department of Agriculture;

(ii) the Department of Commerce;

(iii) the Department of Defense;

(iv) the Department of State;

(v) the Department of the Interior;

(vi) the Department of Labor;

(vii) the Department of Health and Human Services;

(viii) the Department of Homeland Security;

(ix) the Department of Housing and Urban Development;

(x) the Department of Justice;

(xi) the Department of Transportation;

(xii) the Department of the Treasury;

(xiii) the Department of Energy;

(xiv) the Department of Education;

(xv) the Department of Veterans Affairs;

(xvi) the Environmental Protection Agency;

(xvii) the General Services Administration;

(xviii) the Small Business Administration;

(xix) the Institute of Museum and Library Services;

(xx) the National Science Foundation;

(xxi) the Council on Environmental Quality;

(xxii) the Office of Science and Technology Policy;

(xxiii) the Office of Management and Budget;

(xxiv) the Council of Economic Advisers;

(xxv) the Domestic Policy Council;

(xxvi) the National Economic Council; and

(xxvii) such other Federal agencies or entities as are determined appropriate in accordance with subparagraph (E).

(C) **CO-CHAIRS.**—The Secretary and the Secretary of Commerce shall serve as the Co-Chairs of the Working Group.

(D) **CONSULTATION; COORDINATION.**—

(i) **CONSULTATION.**—The Working Group shall consult, as appropriate, with other relevant agencies, including the Federal Communications Commission.

(ii) **COORDINATION.**—The Working Group shall coordinate with existing Federal working groups and committees involved with broadband.

(E) **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—The Director of the National Economic Council and the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy shall review, on a periodic basis, the membership of the Working Group to ensure that the Working Group—

(I) includes necessary Federal Government entities; and

(II) is an effective mechanism for coordinating among agencies on the policy described in paragraph (2).

(ii) **CHANGES.**—The Director of the National Economic Council and the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy may add or remove members of the Council, as appropriate, based on the review under clause (i).

(4) **FUNCTIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP.**—

(A) **CONSULTATION.**—As permitted by law, the members of the Working Group shall consult with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, telecommunications companies, utilities, trade associations, philanthropic entities, policy experts, and other interested parties to identify and assess regulatory barriers described in paragraphs (1)(G) and (2)(A)(i) and opportunities described in clauses (i) and (v) of paragraph (2)(B) to determine possible actions relating to those barriers and opportunities.

(B) **POINT OF CONTACT.**—Not later than 15 days after the date of enactment of this Act, each member of the Working Group shall—

(i) designate a representative to serve as the main point of contact for matters relating to the Working Group; and

(ii) notify the Co-Chairs of the Working Group of that designee.

(C) **SURVEY.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the members of the Working Group shall submit to the Working Group a comprehensive survey of—

(I) Federal programs, including the allocated funding amounts, that currently support or could reasonably be modified to support broadband deployment and adoption; and

(II) all agency-specific policies and rules with the direct or indirect effect of facilitating or regulating investment in or deployment of wired and wireless broadband networks.

(D) **LIST OF ACTIONS.**—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the members of the Working Group shall submit to the Working Group an initial list of actions that each of the agencies could take to identify and address regulatory barriers, incentivize investment, promote best practices, align funding decisions, and otherwise support wired broadband deployment and adoption.

(E) **REPORT.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 150 days after the date of enactment of this Act, after not fewer than 2 meetings of the full Working Group, the Working Group shall submit to the President, acting through the Director of the National Economic Council, a coordinated, agreed-to, and prioritized list of recommendations of the Working Group on actions that agencies can take to support broadband deployment and adoption.

(ii) **INCLUSIONS.**—The recommendations under clause (i) shall include—

(I) a list of priority actions and rulemakings; and

(II) timelines to complete the priority actions and rulemakings under subclause (I).

(m) **GENERAL PROVISIONS.**—

(1) **EFFECT.**—Nothing in this section—

(A) impairs or otherwise affects—
 (i) the authority granted by law to a department or agency, or the head thereof;
 (ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals; or

(iii) the authority of the Federal Communications Commission concerning spectrum allocation decisions;

(B) requires the disclosure of classified information, law enforcement sensitive information, or other information that shall be protected in the interests of national security; or

(C) creates any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, any Federal department, agency, or entity, any officer, employee, or agent, of the United States, or any other person.

(2) IMPLEMENTATION.—This section shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

SA 3389. Mr. ROBERTS (for Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, and Ms. STABENOW)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; as follows:

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

SEC. ____ . REAUTHORIZATION OF RURAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Supporting and Improving Rural EMS Needs Act of 2018” or the “SIREN Act of 2018”.

(b) AMENDMENTS.—Section 330J of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c-15) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “in rural areas” and inserting “in rural areas or to residents of rural areas”;

(2) by striking subsections (b) through (f) and inserting the following:

“(b) ELIGIBILITY; APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive grant under this section, an entity shall—

“(1) be—

“(A) an emergency medical services agency operated by a local or tribal government (including fire-based and non-fire based); or

“(B) an emergency medical services agency that is described in section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code; and

“(2) submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

“(c) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity—

“(1) shall use amounts received through a grant under subsection (a) to—

“(A) train emergency medical services personnel as appropriate to obtain and maintain licenses and certifications relevant to service in an emergency medical services agency described in subsection (b)(1);

“(B) conduct courses that qualify graduates to serve in an emergency medical services agency described in subsection (b)(1) in accordance with State and local requirements;

“(C) fund specific training to meet Federal or State licensing or certification requirements; and

“(D) acquire emergency medical services equipment; and

“(2) may use amounts received through a grant under subsection (a) to—

“(A) recruit and retain emergency medical services personnel, which may include volunteer personnel;

“(B) develop new ways to educate emergency health care providers through the use of technology-enhanced educational methods; or

“(C) acquire personal protective equipment for emergency medical services personnel as required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

“(d) GRANT AMOUNTS.—Each grant awarded under this section shall be in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

“(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘emergency medical services’—

“(A) means resources used by a public or private nonprofit licensed entity to deliver medical care outside of a medical facility under emergency conditions that occur as a result of the condition of the patient; and

“(B) includes services delivered (either on a compensated or volunteer basis) by an emergency medical services provider or other provider that is licensed or certified by the State involved as an emergency medical technician, a paramedic, or an equivalent professional (as determined by the State).

“(2) The term ‘rural area’ means—

“(A) a nonmetropolitan statistical area;

“(B) an area designated as a rural area by any law or regulation of a State; or

“(C) a rural census tract of a metropolitan statistical area (as determined under the most recent rural urban commuting area code as set forth by the Office of Management and Budget).

“(f) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary may not award a grant under this section to an entity unless the entity agrees that the entity will make available (directly or through contributions from other public or private entities) non-Federal contributions toward the activities to be carried out under the grant in an amount equal to 25 percent of the amount received under the grant.”; and

(3) in subsection (g)(1), by striking “2002 through 2006” and inserting “2019 through 2023”.

SA 3390. Mr. ROBERTS (for Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. TOOMEY)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3224 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; as follows:

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

SEC. 125 ____ . PROHIBITION ON SLAUGHTER OF DOGS AND CATS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (c), no person may—

(1) knowingly slaughter a dog or cat for human consumption; or

(2) knowingly ship, transport, move, deliver, receive, possess, purchase, sell, or donate—

(A) a dog or cat to be slaughtered for human consumption; or

(B) a dog or cat part for human consumption.

(b) SCOPE.—Subsection (a) shall apply only with respect to conduct—

(1) in interstate commerce or foreign commerce; or

(2) within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States.

(c) EXCEPTION FOR INDIAN TRIBES.—The prohibition in subsection (a) shall not apply to an Indian (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)) carrying out any activity described in subsection (a) for the purpose of a religious ceremony.

(d) PENALTY.—Any person who violates subsection (a) shall be subject to a fine in an amount not greater than \$5,000 for each violation.

(e) EFFECT ON STATE LAW.—Nothing in this section—

(1) limits any State or local law or regulation protecting the welfare of animals; or

(2) prevents a State or unit of local government from adopting and enforcing an animal welfare law or regulation that is more stringent than this section.

SA 3391. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill S. 724, to amend the Federal Power Act to modernize authorizations for necessary hydropower approvals; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

(c) OBLIGATION FOR PAYMENT OF ANNUAL CHARGES.—Any obligation of a licensee or exemptee for the payment of annual charges under section 10(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 803(e)) for a project that has not commenced construction as of the date of enactment of this Act shall commence not earlier than the latest of—

(1) the date by which the licensee or exemptee is required to commence construction; or

(2) the date of any extension of the deadline under paragraph (1).

SA 3392. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. UDALL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1029, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to improve pesticide registration and other activities under the Act, to extend and modify fee authorities, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 1, line 6, strike “2017” and insert “2018”.

On page 2, line 12, strike “2018 through 2020” and insert “2019 through 2023”.

On page 2, line 17, strike “2018 through 2020” and insert “2019 through 2023”.

On page 2, line 21, strike “2018 through 2020” and insert “2019 through 2023”.

On page 3, line 5, strike “2018 through 2020” and insert “2019 through 2023”.

On page 3, lines 9 and 10, strike “2018 through 2020” and insert “2019 through 2023”.

On page 3, line 23, strike “2017” and insert “2018”.

On page 3, line 24, strike “2022” and insert “2025”.

On page 7, line 21, strike “2017” and insert “2018”.

On page 12, strike lines 23 and 24 and insert the following:

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking “pesticide registration”; and

(ii) by striking “October 1, 2013, and ending on September 30, 2015” and inserting “October 1, 2019, and ending on September 30, 2021”;

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by striking “pesticide registration”; and

(ii) by striking “2015” each place it appears and inserting “2021”; and

On page 13, line 1, strike “(B)” and insert “(C)”.

On page 21, line 11, strike “2021” and insert “2024”.

On page 21, line 12, strike “2021” and insert “2024”.

On page 21, line 19, strike “2022” and insert “2025”.

On page 21, line 20, strike “2022” and insert “2025”.

On page 22, line 2, strike “2022” and insert “2025”.

On page 22, line 3, strike “2022” and insert “2025”.

On page 186, strike lines 1 through 3 and insert the following:

SEC. 7. EXTENSION.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act or amendment made by this Act, any reference in this Act or an amendment made by this Act to “2020” shall be deemed to be a reference to “2023”.

SEC. 8. AGRICULTURAL WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD; CERTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE APPLICATORS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending not earlier than October 1, 2021, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (referred to in this section as the “Administrator”)—

(1) shall carry out—

(A) the final rule of the Administrator entitled “Pesticides; Agricultural Worker Protection Standard Revisions” (80 Fed. Reg. 67496 (November 2, 2015)); and

(B) the final rule of the Administrator entitled “Pesticides; Certification of Pesticide Applicators” (82 Fed. Reg. 952 (January 4, 2017)); and

(2) shall not revise or develop revisions to the rules described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1).

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—Prior to October 1, 2021, the Administrator may propose, and after a notice and public comment period of not less than 90 days, promulgate revisions to the final rule described in subsection (a)(1)(A) addressing application exclusion zones under part 170 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, consistent with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136 et seq.).

(c) GAO REPORT.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall—

(1) conduct a study on the use of the designated representative, including the effect of that use on the availability of pesticide application and hazard information and worker health and safety; and

(2) not later than October 1, 2021, make publically available a report describing the study under paragraph (1), including any recommendations to prevent the misuse of pesticide application and hazard information, if that misuse is identified.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, I have 5 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 BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 28, 2018, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Legisla-

tive Proposals to Examine Corporate Governance.”

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 28, 2018, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the nomination of Charles P. Rettig, of California, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 28, 2018, to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Lynn A. Johnson, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services, and Elizabeth Ann Copeland, of Texas, and Patrick J. Urda, of Indiana, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 28, 2018, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Donald Lu, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, Randy W. Berry, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, and Alaina B. Teplitz, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, all of the Department of State.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Britt Cagle Grant, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, David James Porter, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Holly A. Brady, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, Andrew Lynn Brasher, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, James Patrick Hanlon, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, David Steven Morales, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Lance E. Walker, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine, and John D. Jordan, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Missouri, Nick Willard, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Hampshire, and Mark F. Sloke, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Alabama, all of the Department of Justice.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privileges of the floor be granted to my first ses-

sion summer interns: John Grossl, Joseph Monsef, Vince Tenebro, Sheldon Prout, William Lee, Conor Bates, Emma Ashlock, Katelynn Toth, Alison Nicholls, Yajaira Ponce-Moran, Denae Benson, Sterling Gingerich, Kaiwi Eisenhour, Michael McCambridge, Alexandra Bender, Selia Butler, and Johnathan Slife for today and tomorrow.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Megan McFarlane and Lauren Odum, interns with the minority staff on the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, be granted floor privileges for the duration of the debate on H.R. 2.

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

PESTICIDE REGISTRATION ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2017

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 163, H.R. 1029.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1029) to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to improve pesticide registration and other activities under the Act, to extend and modify fee authorities, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with amendments, as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts of the bill intended to be inserted are shown in italic.)

H.R. 1029

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the [“Pesticide Registration Enhancement Act of 2017”.] *“Pesticide Registration Improvement Extension Act of 2017”*.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Extension and modification of maintenance fee authority.
- Sec. 3. Reregistration and Expedited Processing Fund.
- Sec. 4. Experimental use permits for pesticides.
- Sec. 5. Pesticide registration service fees.
- Sec. 6. Revision of tables regarding covered pesticide registration applications and other covered actions and their corresponding registration service fees.
- Sec. 7. *Effective date.*

SEC. 2. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF MAINTENANCE FEE AUTHORITY.

(a) MAINTENANCE FEE.—Section 4(i)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and