

to whom a credit or refund under such provisions may be allowed or made.

(c) For purposes of this section—

(1) Any term used in this section which is also used in section 5701 or 5702 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall have the same meaning as such term has in such section.

(2) The term “applicable date” means the day after the date which is 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(3) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary’s delegate.

**SA 1240.** Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 916, to improve Federal efforts with respect to the prevention of maternal mortality, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Healthy Maternal Opportunities Matter Act of 2019” or the “Healthy MOM Act”.

**SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROJECTS.**

Section 501 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 701) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(d) In addition to the amounts appropriated under subsection (a) and retained under section 502(b)(1)(A), out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there is appropriated to the Secretary \$200,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2020 through 2024, to support increased efforts to improve maternal and child health in accordance with the projects described in subparagraphs (A) through (E) of section 501(a)(3).”

**SEC. 3. MEDICAID DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM TO INCREASE ACCESS TO MATERNAL HEALTH CARE IN UNDERSERVED AREAS.**

Section 1903 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(b) DEMONSTRATION PROJECT TO INCREASE ACCESS TO MATERNAL HEALTH CARE IN UNDERSERVED AREAS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the payments provided under subsection (a), the Secretary shall provide for payments to States for State activities to improve access to maternal health care and prevent maternal mortality in underserved areas (including rural areas) in the manner described in paragraph (5).

“(2) PERMISSIBLE USE OF FUNDS.—The following are examples of State activities for which funds provided under this subsection may be used:

“(A) Developing and implementing innovative reimbursement models for providers of maternal health care services.

“(B) Increasing maternal health professional recruitment efforts.

“(C) Expanding access to telemedicine for women with high-risk pregnancies.

“(3) APPLICATION; TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—No payments shall be made to a State under this subsection unless the State applies to the Secretary for such payments in a form, manner, and time specified by the Secretary.

“(B) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Such payments are made under such terms and conditions consistent with this subsection as the Secretary prescribes.

“(C) ANNUAL REPORT.—Payment to a State under this subsection is conditioned on the State submitting to the Secretary an annual report on the activities supported by such

payment. Such report shall include information on—

“(i) the specific uses of such payment;

“(ii) an assessment of quality improvements and clinical outcomes resulting from such activities; and

“(iii) estimates of cost savings resulting from such activities.

“(4) DURATION.—No payment shall be made under this subsection after fiscal year 2024.

“(5) FUNDING.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), State expenditures on activities under this subsection shall be treated as medical assistance for purposes of subsection (a).

“(B) LIMITATION ON FUNDS.—The total amount of payments made under this subsection shall not exceed \$2,500,000,000 for fiscal years 2020 through 2024. This subsection constitutes budget authority in advance of appropriations Acts and represents the obligation of the Secretary to provide for the payment of amounts provided under this subsection.”

**SEC. 4. REGULAR FMAP APPLIED IN CASE OF CERTAIN MEDICAID EXPANSION INDIVIDUALS.**

Section 1905(y) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(y)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “subject to paragraph (3),” after “Notwithstanding subsection (b);” and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) EXCEPTION.—With respect to amounts expended by a State described in paragraph (1) for medical assistance for items and services furnished on or after January 1, 2020, to a newly eligible individual described in sub-clause (VIII) of section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i) who is an inmate in a public institution and is a patient in a medical institution, paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to such amounts expended for such items and services and the Federal medical assistance percentage for such State under subsection (b) shall apply with respect to such amounts expended for such items and services.”

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I have four requests for committees to meet during today’s session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

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

**COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES**

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to consider the nominations of Ms. Lisa W. Hershman to be Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense; Mr. Dana S. Deasy to be Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense; and Mr. Robert J. Sander to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION**

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to hold a meeting during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, at 10 a.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building. The Com-

mittee will hold a Full Committee Hearing titled “Aviation Safety and the Future of Boeing’s 737 MAX.”

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on nominations.

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE**

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the 116th Congress of the U.S. Senate on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, from 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m., in room SH-219 in the Senate Hart Office Building to hold a closed roundtable.

**PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Craig Radcliffe, counsel on my staff, be permitted floor privileges for the remainder of the day.

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

Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for floor privileges for a member of my staff, Rob Givens.

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

**CONDEMNING THE HORRIFIC ATTACK IN DAYTON, OHIO, AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND PRAYERS FOR ALL THOSE IMPACTED BY THAT TRAGEDY**

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 367.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 367) condemning the horrific attack in Dayton, Ohio, and expressing support and prayers for all those impacted by that tragedy.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 367) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of October 21, 2019, under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

**TAIWAN ALLIES INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT INITIATIVE ACT OF 2019**

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 237, S. 1678.

**THE PRESIDING OFFICER.** Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1678) to express United States support for Taiwan's diplomatic alliances around the world.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

*This Act may be cited as the "Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019".*

**SEC. 2. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 (Public Law 96-8) states that it is the policy of the United States "to preserve and promote extensive, close, and friendly commercial, cultural, and other relations between the people of the United States and the people on Taiwan".

(2) The Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 states that it is the policy of the United States "to maintain the capacity of the United States to resist any resort to force or other forms of coercion that would jeopardize the security, or the social or economic system, of the people on Taiwan".

(3) Taiwan is a free, democratic, and prosperous nation of 23,000,000 people and an important contributor to peace and stability around the world.

(4) Since the election of President Tsai Ing-wen as President of Taiwan in 2016, the Government of the People's Republic of China has intensified its efforts to pressure Taiwan.

(5) Since 2016, the Gambia, Sao Tome and Principe, Panama, the Dominican Republic, Burkina Faso, El Salvador, the Solomon Islands, and Kiribati have severed diplomatic relations with Taiwan in favor of diplomatic relations with China.

(6) Taiwan currently maintains full diplomatic relations with 15 nations around the world.

(7) Taiwan's unofficial relations with the United States, Australia, India, Japan, and other countries are of significant benefit in strengthening Taiwan's economy and preserving its international space.

(8) According to President Tsai Ing-wen, the severance of diplomatic ties with Taiwan in favor of diplomatic relations with China is "part of a series of diplomatic and military acts of coercion" by China.

(9) The Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-409) states that—

(A) it is United States policy "to support the close economic, political, and security relationship between Taiwan and the United States"; and

(B) the President should—

(i) "conduct regular transfers of defense articles to Taiwan that are tailored to meet the existing and likely future threats from the People's Republic of China, including supporting the efforts of Taiwan to develop and integrate asymmetric capabilities, as appropriate, including mobile, survivable, and cost-effective capabilities, into its military forces"; and

(ii) "encourage the travel of high-level United States officials to Taiwan, in accordance with the Taiwan Travel Act".

**SEC. 3. STRENGTHENING OF OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL TIES WITH TAIWAN.**

(a) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that the United States Government should—

(1) support Taiwan in strengthening its official diplomatic relationships as well as unoffi-

cial partnerships with countries in the Indo-Pacific region and around the world;

(2) consider, in certain cases as appropriate and in alignment with United States interests, increasing its economic, security, and diplomatic engagement with nations that have demonstrably strengthened, enhanced, or upgraded relations with Taiwan; and

(3) consider, in certain cases as appropriate and in alignment with United States interests, reducing its economic, security, and diplomatic engagement with nations that take serious or significant actions to undermine Taiwan.

(b) **CONSULTATION.**—Not less than 30 days before increasing or decreasing the United States Government's economic, security, or diplomatic engagement with another nation as a result of an action taken by that nation to either strengthen or undermine ties with Taiwan, the Secretary of State shall consult with the appropriate congressional committees with respect to the proposed United States action or actions.

(c) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to supersede or otherwise alter obligations to comply with the notification procedures applicable to reprogramming pursuant to section 634A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2394-1).

**SEC. 4. POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES WITH REGARD TO TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

*It should be the policy of the United States—*

(1) to advocate, as appropriate—

(A) for Taiwan's membership in all international organizations in which statehood is not a requirement and in which the United States is also a participant; and

(B) for Taiwan to be granted observer status in other appropriate international organizations;

(2) to instruct, as appropriate, representatives of the United States Government in all organizations described in paragraph (1) to use the voice, vote, and influence of the United States to advocate for Taiwan's membership or observer status in such organizations; and

(3) for the President or the President's designees to advocate, as appropriate, for Taiwan's membership or observer status in all organizations described in paragraph (1) as part of any relevant bilateral engagements between the United States and the People's Republic of China, including leader summits and the U.S.-China Comprehensive Economic Dialogue.

**SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH TAIWAN.**

*It is the sense of Congress that the United States should engage in bilateral trade negotiations with Taiwan, with the goal of entering into a free trade agreement that is of mutual economic benefit and that protects United States workers and benefits United States exporters.*

**SEC. 6. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.**

*In this Act, the term "appropriate congressional committees" means—*

(1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

**Mr. CASSIDY.** Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported substitute amendment be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed, and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 1678), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

**REAFFIRMING THE VITAL ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES-JAPAN ALLIANCE IN PROMOTING PEACE, STABILITY, AND PROSPERITY IN THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION AND BEYOND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**Mr. CASSIDY.** Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 233, S. Res. 183.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 183) reaffirming the vital role of the United States-Japan alliance in promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, which had been reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with an amendment to strike the preamble, and insert the part printed in italic, as follows:

*Whereas the United States and Japan granted each other formal recognition on March 31, 1854, with the signing of the Treaty of Peace and Amity, and established full diplomatic relations in 1858;*

*Whereas, for the past 70 years, the alliance between the United States and Japan has played a vital role in ensuring peace, stability, and economic development in Asia and beyond;*

*Whereas the United States and Japan are deeply committed to the common values of freedom, democracy, rule of law, and free market economics;*

*Whereas the United States-Japan alliance, forged nearly six decades ago with the signing of the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security, is the cornerstone for advancing a free and open Indo-Pacific region, and contributes internationally to peace and stability;*

*Whereas the United States and Japan are indispensable partners in combating the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, improving global health, countering human trafficking and promoting human rights, assisting the victims of conflict and disaster worldwide, and contributing to global economic development;*

*Whereas the alliance is a testament to the ability of great nations to overcome the past and jointly work to create a more secure and prosperous future;*

*Whereas our two countries, coming from different cultural backgrounds, have created an active and dynamic relationship beneficial to both peoples; and*

*Whereas cultural and people-to-people ties between the United States and Japan are long-standing and deep, as exemplified by the 1912 gift from the People of Japan to the People of the United States of the beautiful cherry trees that grace our Nation's capital, signifying the unbreakable bond between the two nations: Now, therefore be it*

*Resolved,* That the Senate—

(1) reaffirms the endorsement of long-standing United States policy to pursue close and cooperative ties with Japan in the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-409), signed into law on December