

Federal Government as well as among Federal and non-Federal entities, in order to increase situational awareness and help prevent incidents;

“(D) provide notifications containing specific incident and malware information that may affect them or their customers and residents;

“(E) provide and periodically update via a web portal and other means tools, products, resources, policies, guidelines, controls, and other cybersecurity standards and best practices and procedures related to information security;

“(F) work with senior Federal and non-Federal officials, including State and local Chief Information Officers, senior election officials, and through national associations, to coordinate a nationwide effort to ensure effective implementation of tools, products, resources, policies, guidelines, controls, and procedures related to information security to secure and ensure the resiliency of Federal and non-Federal information systems and including election systems;

“(G) provide, upon request, operational and technical assistance to Federal and non-Federal entities to implement tools, products, resources, policies, guidelines, controls, and procedures on information security, including by, as appropriate, deploying and sustaining cybersecurity technologies, such as an intrusion detection capability, to assist those Federal and non-Federal entities in detecting cybersecurity risks and incidents;

“(H) assist Federal and non-Federal entities in developing policies and procedures for coordinating vulnerability disclosures, to the extent practicable, consistent with international and national standards in the information technology industry;

“(I) ensure that Federal and non-Federal entities, as appropriate, are made aware of the tools, products, resources, policies, guidelines, controls, and procedures on information security developed by the Department and other appropriate Federal departments and agencies for ensuring the security and resiliency of civilian information systems; and

“(J) promote cybersecurity education and awareness through engagements with Federal and non-Federal entities.

“(o) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this subsection, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives a report on the status of cybersecurity measures that are in place, and any gaps that exist, in each State and in the largest urban areas of the United States.”.

**SA 1253.** Mr. WICKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1294, to require Federal agencies with jurisdiction over broadband deployment to enter into an interagency agreement related to certain types of funding for broadband deployment; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Broadband Interagency Coordination Act of 2019”.

#### SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term “covered agency” means—

(A) the Federal Communications Commission;

(B) the Department of Agriculture; and

(C) the National Telecommunications and Information Administration; and

(2) the term “high-cost programs” means—

(A) the programs for Universal Service Support for High-Cost Areas set forth under subpart D of part 54 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor thereto;

(B) the Remote Areas Fund set forth under subpart J of part 54 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor thereto;

(C) the Interstate Common Line Support Mechanism for Rate-of-Return Carriers set forth under subpart K of part 54 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor thereto;

(D) the Mobility Fund set forth under subpart L of part 54 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor thereto; and

(E) the High Cost Loop Support for Rate-of-Return Carriers program set forth under subpart M of part 54 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor thereto.

(b) INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the heads of the covered agencies shall enter into an interagency agreement requiring coordination between the covered agencies for the distribution of funds for broadband deployment under—

(1) the high-cost programs;

(2) the programs administered by the Rural Utilities Service of the Department of Agriculture; and

(3) the programs administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

(c) REQUIREMENTS.—In entering into an interagency agreement with respect to the programs described in subsection (b), the heads of the covered agencies shall—

(1) require that the covered agencies share information with each other about existing or planned projects that have received or will receive funds under the programs described in subsection (b) for new broadband deployment;

(2) provide that—

(A) subject to subparagraph (B), upon request from another covered agency with authority to award or authorize any funds for new broadband deployment in a project area, a covered agency shall provide the other covered agency with any information the covered agency possesses regarding, with respect to the project area—

(i) each entity that provides broadband service in the area;

(ii) levels of broadband service provided in the area, including the speed of broadband service and the technology provided;

(iii) the geographic scope of broadband service coverage in the area; and

(iv) each entity that has received or will receive funds under the programs described in subsection (b) to provide broadband service in the area; and

(B) if a covered agency designates any information provided to another covered agency under subparagraph (A) as confidential, the other covered agency shall protect the confidentiality of that information;

(3) designate the Federal Communications Commission as the entity primarily responsible for—

(A) coordinating among the covered agencies; and

(B) storing or maintaining access to all broadband deployment data;

(4) consider basing the distribution of funds for broadband deployment under the programs described in subsection (b) on standardized data regarding broadband coverage; and

(5) provide that the interagency agreement shall be updated periodically, except that the scope of the agreement with respect to the Federal Communications Commission may not expand beyond the high-cost programs.

(d) ASSESSMENT OF AGREEMENT.—

(1) PUBLIC COMMENT.—Not later than 1 year after entering into the interagency agreement required under subsection (b), the Federal Communications Commission shall seek public comment on—

(A) the effectiveness of the interagency agreement in facilitating efficient use of funds for broadband deployment;

(B) the availability of Tribal, State, and local data regarding broadband deployment and the inclusion of that data in interagency coordination; and

(C) modifications to the interagency agreement that would improve the efficacy of interagency coordination.

(2) ASSESSMENT; REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications Commission shall—

(A) review and assess the comments received under paragraph (1); and

(B) submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report detailing any findings and recommendations from the assessment conducted under subparagraph (A).

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I have 3 requests for committees to meet during today’s session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

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

#### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

#### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations of Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Lawrence VanDyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Philip M. Halpern, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Bernard Maurice Jones II, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, Barbara Bailey Jongbloed, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and Thomas Michael O’Connor, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas, and Ralph Ignatius Sozio, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York, both of the Department of Justice.

#### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at 2 p.m., to conduct a closed hearing.

## PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Peter Stahley and Jordan Kahn, two legislative fellows of my staff, are granted privileges of the floor for the 116th Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that floor privileges be granted to retired Army CPT Jonathan Ng, a Department of Defense fellow serving in my office, for the remainder of this session of Congress.

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

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Elizabeth Ahkivgak, an intern in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the day.

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

## RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mrs. FISCHER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions, which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 437, S. Res. 438, S. Res. 439, S. Res. 440, and S. Res. 441.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mrs. FISCHER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, that the preambles be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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

The resolutions (S. Res. 437, S. Res. 438, S. Res. 439, S. Res. 440, and S. Res. 441) were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

UNANIMOUS CONSENT  
AGREEMENT—H.R. 4566

Mrs. FISCHER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that if the Senate receives H.R. 4566 and the text is identical to the text of S. 2592, as introduced, that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4566; that the bill be considered read a third time; and that the Senate vote on the passage of the bill; finally, if passed, that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

## CHARGING HELPS AGENCIES REALIZE GENERAL EFFICIENCIES ACT

Mrs. FISCHER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 199, S. 2193.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2193) to require the Administrator of General Services to issue guidance to clarify that Federal agencies may pay by charge card for the charging of Federal electric motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, 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 italics.)

S. 2193

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Charging Helps Agencies Realize General Efficiencies Act" or the "CHARGE Act".

## SEC. 2. PAYMENT BY CHARGE CARD FOR CHARGING FEDERAL ELECTRIC MOTOR VEHICLES.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act—

(1) the term "Administrator" means the Administrator of General Services;

(2) the term "charge card"—

[(A) means a card, plate, coupon book, or other credit device existing for the purpose of obtaining money, property, labor, or services on credit; and]

(A) means a card, plate, coupon book, or other means existing for the purpose of obtaining money, property, labor, or services; and

(B) includes—

(i) a card issued under the GSA SmartPay program; and

(ii) a Fleet Services card;

(3) the term "covered electric motor vehicle" means a passenger carrier that is—

(A) a passenger motor vehicle; and

(B) an electric motor vehicle;

(4) the term "electric motor vehicle" has the meaning given the term in section 601 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13271);

(5) the term "electric motor vehicle charging station" means a battery-charging station that permits the transfer of electric energy (by conductive or inductive means) to a battery or other storage device in an electric motor vehicle; and

(6) the terms "Federal agency" and "passenger carrier" have the meanings given those terms in section 1344(h) of title 31, United States Code.

(b) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall issue guidance to clarify that each Federal agency may, in accordance with section 1344 of title 31, United States Code—

(1) charge a covered electric motor vehicle at a commercial electric motor vehicle charging station; and

(2) pay for a transaction described in paragraph (1) with a charge card.

(c) ISSUANCE OF CHARGE CARDS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall issue to each Federal agency a charge card for each covered electric motor vehicle of the Federal agency that may be used by an officer or employee of the Federal agency to [charge] pay for charging the covered motor vehicle in accordance with the guidance issued under subsection (b).

Mrs. FISCHER. I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported

amendments be agreed to; that 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 amendments were agreed to.

The bill (S. 2193), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

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## REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE FRAUD PREVENTION ACT OF 2019

Mrs. FISCHER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 148, S. 1430.

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