

Whereas Rodeo Fire burned at a rate of 2,000 acres per hour for the first 30 hours with flame lengths up to 1,000 feet and ground temperatures above 2,000 degrees;

Whereas fire-fighting aviation support was grounded during the Rodeo Fire due to high, erratic winds, requiring a total airspace closure for the third time in the history of wildland firefighting in the United States;

Whereas, on June 20, 2002, the human-caused Chediski Fire was reported near Chediski Peak in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests about 20 miles northwest of the Rodeo Fire;

Whereas, on June 20, 2002, Arizona Governor Jane Dee Hull declared a state of emergency and authorized mobilization of the Arizona National Guard to support firefighters;

Whereas, on June 23, 2002, the 2 fires burned together and were redesignated as the Rodeo-Chediski Fire;

Whereas, on June 25, 2002, President George W. Bush arrived at Springerville Municipal Airport, Springerville, Arizona, and signed a declaration that designated the Rodeo-Chediski Fire a national disaster;

Whereas more than 4,500 firefighters and support personnel, 30 helicopters, 251 engines, 92 water tankers, and 90 bulldozers were assigned to the Rodeo-Chediski Fire; and

Whereas the Rodeo-Chediski Fire burned for 5 weeks until the fire was declared contained on July 7, 2002: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the 20th anniversary of the Rodeo-Chediski Fire;

(2) commends the courage of local residents affected by the Rodeo-Chediski Fire;

(3) extends condolences to individuals who lost homes, businesses, and property; and

(4) honors the life-saving bravery and sacrifices of the firefighters and first responders assigned to the Rodeo-Chediski Fire.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

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SA 5071. Mr. MARSHALL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3967, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5072. Ms. ERNST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5073. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5074. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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At the end add the following:

##### SEC. . . . EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect on the date that is 1 day after the date of enactment of this Act.

SA 5066. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title I, add the following:

##### Subtitle C—Other Health Care Matters

##### SEC. 121. INCREASED PER DIEM RATES FOR STATE HOMES OUTSIDE THE CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1741(a) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “paragraph (3) and” before “section 1745 of this title”; and

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

“(3) The Secretary shall pay to a State a per diem rate that is more than the rate specified under paragraph (1) or determined under paragraph (2) in the case of a State located outside the contiguous United States based on the reevaluation of such rates conducted under section 121(b) of the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022.”.

(b) REEVALUATION OF PER DIEM RATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report reevaluating the per diem rates paid under section 1741(a) of title 38, United States Code, to States located outside the contiguous United States.

(2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and the Subcommittee on Military Construc-

tion, Veterans’ Affairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans’ Affairs, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

SA 5067. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VII, add the following:

##### SEC. 708. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION TREATMENT PROGRAM FACILITY IN ALASKA.

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall construct a new Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program facility in Alaska.

SA 5068. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VII, add the following:

##### SEC. 708. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW COMMUNITY LIVING CENTER IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA.

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall construct a new community living center in the vicinity of the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Anchorage, Alaska.

SA 5069. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VIII, add the following:

##### SEC. 809. APPRAISALS FOR HOUSING LOANS GUARANTEED BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) COMPLETION OF APPRAISALS.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that any appraisal that is being conducted for purposes of a housing loan guaranteed under chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code, and is outstanding as of the date of the enactment of this Act is completed not later than December 31, 2022.

(b) APPRAISAL POLICIES.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall maintain policies that ensure that an appraisal conducted for purposes of a housing loan guaranteed under chapter 37 of such title is completed not later than 45 days after the date on which the appraisal is ordered.

SA 5070. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ MAKING ADDITIONAL LAND AVAILABLE FOR SELECTION UNDER THE ALASKA NATIVE VIETNAM ERA VETERANS LAND ALLOTMENT PROGRAM.**

All Federal land identified as suitable for allotment selection in the report under subsection (c)(1) of section 1119 of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (43 U.S.C. 1629g-1), and published by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in the report entitled "Identification of National Wildlife Refuge System Lands in Alaska That Should Be Made Available for Allotment Selection by Eligible Alaska Native Vietnam Era Veterans" (November 2020), shall be made immediately available for selection in accordance with that section.

**SA 5071.** Mr. MARSHALL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ LIMITS ON USE OF OFFICIAL TIME BY EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

Section 1731 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "Any employee" and inserting "Except as provided in subsection (e), any employee";

(2) in subsection (c), by inserting "or (e)" after "subsection (a)";

(3) in subsection (d), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "provided in the preceding subsections of this section" and inserting "provided otherwise under this section"; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

"(e) An employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs representing a labor organization (including an exclusive representative) may not be authorized official time to participate in—

"(1) any negotiations with respect to a collective bargaining agreement under this chapter, including any impasse proceeding; or

"(2) an arbitration proceeding in which the Department and the labor organization are opposing parties."

**SA 5072.** Ms. ERNST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title IV, add the following:

**SEC. 408. CONDITIONAL EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, no other provision of this title shall take effect until the date on which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs certifies to Congress that there will not be any negative operational impact on existing disability claims processing and health care delivery for veterans.

**SA 5073.** Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other pur-

poses; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title I, add the following:

**Subtitle C—Other Health Care Matters**

**SEC. 121. SYSTEM FOR ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

Section 7309A(c) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(3) Beginning not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this paragraph, the Director shall establish an information technology system that will allow a veteran (or the designated representative of a veteran) to electronically—

"(A) file a complaint that will be received by the appropriate patient advocate; and

"(B) at any time view the status of the complaint, including interim and final actions that have been taken to address the complaint."

**SA 5074.** Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title I, add the following:

**Subtitle C—Expansion of Dental Care for Veterans**

**SEC. 121. REQUIREMENT THAT SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FURNISH DENTAL CARE IN THE SAME MANNER AS ANY OTHER MEDICAL SERVICE.**

(A) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 17 is amended—

(1) in section 1701(6)(B), by striking "as described in sections 1710 and 1712 of this title";

(2) in section 1710(c), by striking the second sentence; and

(3) in section 1712—

(A) by striking subsections (a) and (b);

(B) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and (e) as subsections (a), (b), and (c), respectively; and

(C) in subsection (a), as redesignated by subparagraph (B)—

(i) by striking "Dental appliances" and inserting "The Secretary may furnish dentures, dental appliances"; and

(ii) by striking "to be furnished by the Secretary under this section may be procured by the Secretary" and inserting "under this section and may procure such appliances".

(B) CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) PROTECTION OF HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY.—Section 1525(a) is amended by striking "medicines under section 1712(d)" and inserting "medicines under section 1712(b)".

(B) DENTAL INSURANCE PLAN.—Section 1712C(h) is amended—

(i) by striking "section 1712 of this title" and inserting "this chapter"; and

(ii) by striking "such section 1712" and inserting "this chapter".

(2) HEADING AMENDMENT.—The heading for section 1712 is amended to read as follows:

**"§ 1712. Appliances; drugs and medicines for certain disabled veterans; vaccines".**

(3) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of subchapter II of chapter 17 is amended by striking the item relating to section 1712 and inserting the following new item:

"1712. Appliances; drugs and medicines for certain disabled veterans; vaccines."

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date that is one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 122. EXPANSION OF FURNISHING BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OF DENTAL CARE TO ALL ENROLLED VETERANS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall furnish dental care to all veterans enrolled in the system of annual patient enrollment of the Department of Veterans Affairs established and operated under section 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code, pursuant to the phased approach required under this section.

(b) PHASE ONE REQUIRED.—

(1) COMMENCEMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Commencing not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall furnish dental care to all covered veterans who are not eligible for dental services and treatment and related dental appliances under the laws administered by the Secretary as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(B) PHASE ONE.—In this section, the furnishing of dental care under subparagraph (A) shall be referred to as "phase one".

(2) DURATION OF PHASE ONE.—Phase one shall be carried out during the two-year period beginning on the date of the commencement of phase one.

(3) LOCATIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out phase one at the following locations:

(i) Each medical center of the Department with an established dental clinic.

(ii) Not fewer than four military medical treatment facilities of the Department of Defense with the capacity to furnish dental care, which shall be selected in consultation with the Secretary of Defense.

(iii) Not fewer than four community-based outpatient clinics with space available for the furnishing of dental care under phase one.

(iv) Not fewer than four Federally Qualified Health Centers.

(v) Not fewer than four facilities of the Indian Health Service with established dental clinics, which shall be selected in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(B) CONSIDERATIONS.—In selecting locations for phase one, the Secretary shall consider the feasibility and advisability of selecting locations in each of the following:

(i) Rural areas.

(ii) Areas that are not in close proximity to an active duty military installation.

(iii) Areas representing different geographic locations, such as census tracts established by the Bureau of the Census.

(C) MOBILE DENTAL CLINICS.—In carrying out phase one, the Secretary shall test the efficacy of mobile dental clinics to service rural areas that do not have a population base to warrant a full-time clinic but where there are covered veterans in need of dental care.

(D) HOME BASED DENTAL CARE.—In carrying out phase one, the Secretary shall test the efficacy of portable dental care units to service rural veteran in their homes, as the Secretary considers medically appropriate.

(4) SCOPE OF SERVICES.—The dental care furnished to covered veterans under phase one shall be consistent with the dental services and treatment furnished by the Secretary to veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 100 percent disabling under the laws administered by the Secretary.

(5) USE OF THERAPISTS AND TELE-DENTISTRY.—In carrying out phase one, the Secretary shall test the efficacy of the use of

dental therapists and tele-dentistry to service the dental care needs of covered veterans.

(6) **VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.**—The participation of a covered veteran in phase one shall be at the election of the veteran.

(7) **COPAYMENTS.**—The Secretary may collect copayments for dental care furnished under phase one in accordance with authorities on the collection of copayments for medical care of veterans under chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code.

(8) **ADMINISTRATION.**—

(A) **NOTICE TO COVERED VETERANS ON PHASE ONE.**—In carrying out phase one, the Secretary shall inform all covered veterans of the services and treatment available under phase one.

(B) **CONTRACTS.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to clause (iii), in carrying out phase one, the Secretary may enter into contracts with appropriate entities for the provision of dental care under phase one.

(ii) **PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND METRICS.**—Each contract entered into under clause (i) shall specify performance standards and metrics and processes for ensuring compliance of the contractor concerned with such performance standards.

(iii) **LIMITATION.**—The Secretary may only enter into contracts under clause (i) if the Secretary determines that the Department does not employ, and cannot recruit and retain, qualified dentists, dental hygienists, and oral surgeons in the applicable location.

(9) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this subsection:

(A) **COVERED VETERAN.**—The term “covered veteran” means a veteran enrolled in the system of annual patient enrollment of the Department of Veterans Affairs established and operated under section 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code, pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) of such section.

(B) **FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER.**—The term “Federally Qualified Health Center” means a federally-qualified health center as defined in section 1905(1)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(1)(2)(B)).

(c) **EXPANSION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—After the completion of phase one, the Secretary shall expand the provision of dental care under this section to all veterans, including through the use of the recommendations of the Secretary under subsection (d)(2)(F), as follows:

(A) In phase two, which shall—

(i) commence not later than 90 days after the completion of phase one; and

(ii) consist of the provision of dental care to all veterans enrolled in the system of annual patient enrollment of the Department of Veterans Affairs established and operated under section 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code, pursuant to paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4) of such section.

(B) In phase three, which shall—

(i) commence not later than 90 days after the completion of phase two; and

(ii) consist of the provision of dental care to all veterans enrolled in such system pursuant to paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), or (6) of such section.

(C) In phase four, which shall—

(i) commence not later than 90 days after the completion of phase three; and

(ii) consist of the provision of dental care to all veterans enrolled in such system.

(2) **FACILITY EXPANSION.**—Under each phase specified in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall expand the number of facilities described in subsection (b)(3) furnishing dental care under this section commensurate to the number of new veterans furnished care under such phase, including through the use of any other facilities to which veterans have access.

(3) **DURATION.**—Each phase specified in paragraph (1) shall be carried out during a period not to exceed two years and all such phases, including phase one, shall be carried out for a period not to exceed eight years.

(4) **CONCLUSION.**—Upon the conclusion of phase four specified under paragraph (1)(C), all veterans enrolled in the system of annual patient enrollment of the Department of Veterans Affairs established and operated under section 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code, shall be eligible for dental care from the Department.

(d) **REPORTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days before the completion of phase one, and not later than 180 days after the completion of each subsequent phase under subsection (c)(1), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives a report on the phase about to be completed and the plans of the Secretary for implementation of expansion of the provision of dental care pursuant to subsection (c).

(2) **CONTENTS.**—Each report under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) A description of the implementation and operation of the phase covered by the report.

(B) The number of veterans receiving dental care under such phase and a description of the dental care furnished to such veterans.

(C) An analysis of the costs and benefits of such phase, including a comparison of costs and benefits by location type.

(D) An assessment of the impact of such phase on appointments for care, prescriptions, hospitalizations, emergency room visits, wellness, employability, and satisfaction of patients, and perceived quality of life of veterans.

(E) An analysis and assessment of the efficacy of mobile clinics and home based dental care to service the dental needs of veterans during such phase.

(F) An analysis and assessment of the efficacy of dental therapists and tele-dentistry to service the dental needs of covered veterans during such phase, to include a cost benefit analysis of such services.

(G) The findings and conclusions of the Secretary with respect to such phase.

(H) A comparison of the costs for private sector dental care with cost of furnishing dental care from the Department, broken down by each locality included in such phase.

(I) Such recommendations for the expansion of dental care pursuant to subsection (c) as the Secretary considers appropriate.

**SEC. 123. PROGRAM ON EDUCATION TO PROMOTE DENTAL HEALTH IN VETERANS.**

(a) **PROGRAM REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall carry out a program of education to promote dental health for veterans who are enrolled in the system of annual patient enrollment of the Department of Veterans Affairs established and operated under section 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—The program required by subsection (a) shall provide education for veterans on the following:

(1) The association between dental health and overall health and well-being.

(2) Proper techniques for dental care.

(3) Signs and symptoms of commonly occurring dental conditions.

(4) Treatment options for commonly occurring dental issues.

(5) Options for obtaining access to dental care, including information on eligibility for dental care through the Department.

(6) Available and accessible options for obtaining low or no-cost dental care, including through dental schools and Federally Qualified Health Centers.

(7) Such other matters relating to dental health as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(c) **DELIVERY OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall provide educational materials to veterans under the program required by subsection (a) through a variety of mechanisms, including the following:

(A) The availability and distribution of print materials at facilities of the Department (including at medical centers, clinics, Vet Centers, and readjustment counseling centers) and to providers (including members of Patient Aligned Care Teams).

(B) The availability and distribution of materials over the Internet, including through webinars, My HealtheVet, and VA.gov.

(C) Presentations by the dental program office of the Department of information, including both small group and large group presentations, and distribution of such information to all locations in which the program is being carried out.

(2) **SELECTION OF MECHANISMS.**—In selecting mechanisms under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall select mechanisms designed to maximize the number of veterans who receive education under the program.

(d) **CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter or revise the eligibility of any veteran for dental care under the laws administered by the Secretary.

(e) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER.**—The term “Federally Qualified Health Center” means a federally-qualified health center as defined in section 1905(1)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(1)(2)(B)).

(2) **VET CENTER.**—The term “Vet Center” has the meaning given that term in section 1712A(h) of title 38, United States Code.

(f) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This section shall take effect on the date that is one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 124. STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM TO INCENTIVIZE DENTAL TRAINING AND ENSURE THE DENTAL WORKFORCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

(a) **PROGRAM REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to ensure that the Department of Veterans Affairs has sufficient staff to provide dental service to veterans, shall implement a loan reimbursement program for qualified dentists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, and oral surgeons who agree—

(1) to be appointed by the Secretary as a dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, or oral surgeon, as the case may be, under section 7401 of title 38, United States Code; and

(2) to serve as a dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, or oral surgeon, as the case may be, of the Department pursuant to such appointment at a dental clinic of the Department for a period of not less than five years.

(b) **MAXIMUM AMOUNT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary may reimburse not more than—

(A) \$75,000 for each dentist participating in the program under subsection (a);

(B) \$20,000 for each dental therapist participating in such program;

(C) \$10,000 for each dental hygienist participating in such program; and

(D) \$20,000 for each credentialed doctor of medicine in dentistry serving as an oral surgeon and participating in such program.

(2) **DUAL ELIGIBILITY.**—The Secretary may reimburse an individual serving in multiple

positions described in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (1) not more than \$95,000.

(C) SELECTION OF LOCATIONS.—The Secretary shall monitor demand among veterans for dental care and require participants in the program under subsection (a) to choose from dental clinics of the Department with the greatest need for dentists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, or oral surgeons, as the case may be, according to facility enrollment and patient demand.

**SEC. 125. EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PARTNERSHIPS FOR DENTISTS, DENTAL THERAPISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS, AND ORAL SURGEONS.**

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall enter into educational and training partnerships with dental schools to provide training and employment opportunities for dentists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, and oral surgeons.

**SEC. 126. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2023 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subtitle and the amendments made by this subtitle.

(b) AVAILABILITY.—The amount authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a) shall be available for obligation for the eight-year period beginning on the date that is one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SA 5075.** Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. ROUNDS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5051 proposed by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN) to the bill H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title I, add the following:

**Subtitle C—Other Health Care Matters**

**SEC. 121. REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE CARE UNDER VETERANS COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM FOR TOXIC-EXPOSED VETERANS.**

Section 1703(d)(1) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “; or” and inserting a semicolon;

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

(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(F) the covered veteran is a toxic-exposed veteran.”.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I have seen 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 in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 2:30 p.m., to vote on nominations.

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

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is author-

ized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS**

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 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 Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

**COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE**

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed hearing.

**APPOINTMENTS**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55, Public Law 107-228, and Public Law 112-75, appoints the following individuals to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Mr. Abraham Cooper of California; The Honorable Eric M. Ueland of Oregon.

**AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY AND REPRESENTATION IN UNITED STATES V. SEEFRIED, ET AL.**

Mr. OSSOFF. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 665, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 665) to authorize testimony and representation in United States v. Seefried, et al.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, another criminal trial arising out of the events of January 6, 2021, is scheduled to begin on June 13, 2022, in Federal district court in the District of Columbia. The two defendants in this case, Kevin and Hunter Seefried, are charged with five counts: obstructing the counting by Congress of the elec-

toral ballots for President and Vice President; entering and remaining in a restricted area within the United States Capitol grounds; unlawful parading, demonstrating, and picketing; and two counts of engaging in disorderly and disruptive conduct. Hunter Seefried is additionally charged with destruction of government property and two counts of engaging in physical violence.

The prosecution has requested trial testimony from Daniel Schwager, formerly counsel to the Secretary of the Senate, related to the obstruction count, including his knowledge and observations of the process and constitutional and legal bases for Congress' counting of the Electoral College votes. The prosecution is also seeking testimony at trial, if necessary, from Nate Russell and Diego Torres, custodians of records in the Senate Recording Studio, which operates under the authority of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, to authenticate Senate video of the proceeding that day. Senate Secretary Berry and Senate Sergeant at Arms Gibson would like to cooperate with these requests by providing relevant testimony in this proceeding from Messrs. Schwager, Russell, and Torres, respectively.

In keeping with the rules and practices of the Senate, this resolution would authorize the production of relevant testimony from Messrs. Schwager, Russell, and Torres, with representation by the Senate legal counsel.

Mr. OSSOFF. Madam President, I further ask that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions 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.

The resolution (S. Res. 665) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

**AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY AND REPRESENTATION IN UNITED STATES V. WILLIAMS**

Mr. OSSOFF. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 666, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 666) to authorize testimony and representation in United States v. Williams.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, another criminal trial arising out of the events of January 6, 2021, is scheduled to begin on June 27, 2022, in Federal district court in the District of Columbia. The Federal indictment