

(3) the ability of the small business concerns to commercialize and meet the tenets of the SBIR and STTR programs;

(4) the impact on new entrants and seeding technology necessary to the Federal agency mission or commercial markets and, with respect to the Department of Defense, whether the types of technology the small business concerns are pursuing are primarily hardware, software, or system components for the warfighter;

(5) an evaluation and study of varying levels of award caps and lifetime program earning caps;

(6) an assessment of the increased minimum performance standards under paragraph (3) of section 9(qq) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(qq)), as added by section 8, on the behavior of those concerns and on the SBIR and STTR programs, and whether to continue such increased minimum performance standards; and

(7) recommendations on whether alternative minimum performance standards under section 9(qq) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(qq)) should be considered, and the extent to which such alternative minimum performance standards preserve the competitive, merit-based foundation of the SBIR and STTR programs.

#### SEC. 11. GAO REPORT ON SUBCONTRACTING IN SBIR AND STTR PROGRAMS.

Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small Business and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives a report evaluating, to the extent practicable, the following:

(1) The extent to which SBIR awardees and STTR awardees are in compliance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

(2) The extent to which SBIR awardees and STTR awardees enter into subcontracting agreements with respect to an SBIR or STTR award.

(3) The total number and dollar amount of subcontracts entered into between an SBIR awardee or an STTR awardee and a concern that is not a small business concern (including such concerns that are defense contractors) with respect to an SBIR or STTR award.

(4) A description of the type and purpose of subcontracting agreements described in paragraph (2).

(5) An analysis of whether the use of subcontracts by an SBIR awardee or an STTR awardee is consistent with the purposes of section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638).

#### THE CALENDAR

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the following bills en bloc: Calendar No. 327, S. 3884; Calendar No. 331, H.R. 3539; Calendar No. 335, H.R. 5577; Calendar No. 398, H.R. 2142; Calendar No. 469, H.R. 91; Calendar No. 470, H.R. 92; Calendar No. 472, H.R. 3508; and Calendar No. 474, H.R. 5809.

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

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the bills, en bloc, be considered read a third time and passed and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon table, all en bloc.

PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bills were considered and passed, en bloc, as follows:

#### CORA REYNOLDS ANDERSON POST OFFICE

A bill (S. 3884) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 404 U.S. Highway 41 North in Baraga, Michigan, as the "Cora Reynolds Anderson Post Office", was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 3884

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

#### SECTION 1. CORA REYNOLDS ANDERSON POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 404 U.S. Highway 41 North in Baraga, Michigan, shall be known and designated as the "Cora Reynolds Anderson Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Cora Reynolds Anderson Post Office".

#### ATANASIO TAITANO PEREZ POST OFFICE

A bill (H.R. 3539) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 223 West Chalan Santo Papa in Hagatna, Guam, as the "Atanasio Taitano Perez Post Office", was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### JOHN R. LEWIS POST OFFICE BUILDING

A bill (H.R. 5577) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Crown Road Southwest in Atlanta, Georgia, as the "John R. Lewis Post Office Building", was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### INDIANA HUNT-MARTIN POST OFFICE BUILDING

A bill (H.R. 2142) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 Manhattan Avenue in Buffalo, New York, as the "Indiana Hunt-Martin Post Office Building", was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BARRETT LYLE AUSTIN POST OFFICE BUILDING

A bill (H.R. 91) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 810 South Pendleton Street in Easley, South Carolina, as the "Private First Class Barrett Lyle Austin Post Office Building", was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### SPECIALIST FOUR CHARLES JOHNSON POST OFFICE

A bill (H.R. 92) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Johnson Street in Pickens, South Carolina, as the "Specialist Four Charles Johnson Post Office", was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### CW4 CHRISTIAN J. KOCH MEMORIAL POST OFFICE

A bill (H.R. 3508) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 39 West Main Street, in Honeoye Falls, New York, as the "CW4 Christian J. Koch Memorial Post Office", was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### LANCE CORPORAL KAREEM NIKOUI MEMORIAL POST OFFICE BUILDING

A bill (H.R. 5809) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1801 Town and Country Drive in Norco, California, as the "Lance Corporal Kareem Nikoui Memorial Post Office Building", was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### GLOBAL MALNUTRITION PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT OF 2021

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 453, H.R. 4693.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4693) to advance targeted and evidence-based interventions for the prevention and treatment of global malnutrition and to improve the coordination of such programs, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. DURBIN. I further ask that the bill be considered read a third time.

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

The bill was ordered to a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. DURBIN. I know of no further debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (H.R. 4693) was passed.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon table with no intervening action or debate.

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

#### SMALL PROJECT EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE DISASTER RECOVERY ACT

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 483, H.R. 5641.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5641) to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to increase the threshold for eligibility for assistance under sections 403, 406, 407, and 502 of such Act, 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.)

H.R. 5641

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Small Project Efficient and Effective Disaster Recovery Act” or the “SPEED Recovery Act”.

#### SEC. 2. SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 422 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5189) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “\$35,000” each place it appears and inserting “\$1,000,000”; and

(2) in subsection (b)(3)—

(A) in the heading, by inserting [“AND REPORT” after “REVIEW”] “AND REPORT” after “REVIEW”; and

(B) by inserting “and submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report regarding such review, including any recommendations developed pursuant to such review” after “under this section”.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to any amounts appropriated after the date of enactment of this Act.

#### SEC. 3. AUDIT AND REVIEW.

*Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security shall conduct an audit, and submit to Congress a report, on whether there has been waste and abuse as a result of the amendment made under section 2(a)(1).*

Mr. DURBIN. I further ask that the committee-reported amendments 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 with no intervening action or debate.

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

The committee-reported amendments were agreed to.

The amendments were ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

The bill (H.R. 5641), as amended, was passed.

#### EXTENSION OF DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHORITY ACT OF 2022

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 489, S. 4553.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4553) to extend other transaction authority for the Department of Homeland Security.

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

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the bill 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 bill (S. 4553) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 4553

*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 “Extension of Department of Homeland Security Other Transaction Authority Act of 2022”.

#### SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHORITY.

Section 831 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 391) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “September 30, 2017” and inserting “September 30, 2024”; and

(B) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

“(2) PROTOTYPE PROJECTS.—The Secretary—

“(A) may, under the authority of paragraph (1), carry out prototype projects under section 4022 of title 10, United States Code; and

“(B) in applying the authorities of such section 4022, the Secretary shall perform the functions of the Secretary of Defense as prescribed in such section.”;

(2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “September 30, 2017” and inserting “September 30, 2024”; and

(3) in subsection (d), by striking “section 845(e)” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “section 4022(e) of title 10, United States Code.”.

#### EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE INNOVATIVE COMMERCIAL ITEMS ACT OF 2022

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 4552 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4552) to extend the program for authority to acquire innovative commercial items using general solicitation procedures.

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

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the bill 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 bill (S. 4552) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 4552

*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 “Extension of Authority to Acquire Innovative Commercial Items Act of 2022”.

#### SEC. 2. INNOVATIVE COMMERCIAL ITEMS.

Section 880 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (41 U.S.C. 3301 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c), by striking “\$10,000,000” and inserting “\$25,000,000”; and

(2) by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

“(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

“(1) the term ‘commercial product’—

“(A) has the meaning given the term ‘commercial item’ in section 2.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation; and

“(B) includes a commercial product or a commercial service, as those terms are defined in sections 103 and 103a, respectively, of this title; and

“(2) the term ‘innovative’ means—

“(A) any new technology, process, or method, including research and development; or

“(B) any new application of an existing technology, process, or method.”; and

(3) in subsection (g), by striking “2022” and inserting “2027”.

#### NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 776, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 776) designating September 2022 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.”

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

Mr. DURBIN. I know of no further debate on the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question is on adoption of the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 776) was agreed to.

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the preamble be agreed to and that 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 preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

(Mr. PETERS assumed the Chair.)