

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

The bill (S. 310) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 310

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 “Disaster Contract Improvement Act”.

SEC. 2. OVERSIGHT ON DEBRIS REMOVAL.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

(2) DEBRIS REMOVAL PROGRAM.—The term “debris removal program” means the program established under section 407 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5173).

(b) ADVISORY WORKING GROUP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall establish an advisory working group to encourage and foster collaborative efforts among individuals and entities engaged in disaster recovery relating to debris removal.

(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The advisory working group established under paragraph (1) shall be comprised of—

(A) representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency;

(B) representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers;

(C) representatives from the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture;

(D) representatives of States, Tribal governments, and units of local government; and

(E) subject matter experts in debris removal, including not less than 1 representative from the debris services contractor industry.

(c) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator, in consultation with the advisory working group established under subsection (b)(1), shall—

(1) determine whether guidance and procedures in effect as of the date of enactment of this Act with respect to the oversight and cost of debris removal contracts entered into under the debris removal program are sufficient; and

(2) if the Administrator, in consultation with the advisory working group established under subsection (b)(1), determines that the guidance and procedures described in paragraph (1) are insufficient, develop and implement additional such guidance and procedures, including—

(A) a requirement that each State, Tribal government, and unit of local government receiving a grant under the debris removal program take the primary role in the oversight function of debris removal;

(B) guidance for State, Tribal, and local debris monitors relating to debris removal operations, debris operations oversight, and contractor oversight, including contractor monitoring;

(C) guidance for streamlining the reimbursement of debris costs overall, including debris management planning and support for resilience in debris removal operations;

(D) checklists, job aids, eligibility requirements, contract requirements, debris management planning guidance, sample bids, and other items, as determined necessary by the Administrator, for State and local debris monitors;

(E) a list of the specific debris removal monitoring responsibilities expected to be completed by a State that receives a grant under the debris removal program;

(F) a list of the specific debris removal monitoring responsibilities expected to be completed by recipients of a grant under the debris removal program; and

(G) guidance for State and Tribal governments and units of local government to reduce duplication and inefficiency in debris removal contracting across the Federal Government, State and Tribal governments, and units of local government.

(d) TRAINING.—The Administrator shall conduct outreach to States, Tribal governments, and units of local government with respect to any guidance or support materials developed under this section.

(e) GAO STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study that—

(1) studies the use and adoption rate of advance contracts for debris removal by selected States, Tribal governments, and units of local government;

(2) identifies the benefits and challenges of advance contracts for debris removal;

(3) with respect to the reporting and information sharing processes, as of the date of enactment of this Act, for advance contracts for debris removal between States and units of local government and Federal partners—

(A) assesses those processes; and

(B) makes any necessary recommendations for those processes;

(4) studies—

(A) the process for setting Federal reimbursement rates for the debris removal program;

(B) the use of penalties, as of the date of enactment of this Act, for violations of law and regulations relating to debris removal; and

(C) fraud, waste, and abuse relating to the debris removal program, including case studies; and

(5) makes any necessary recommendations for improvements to oversight and fraud prevention across the debris removal program.

GAO DATABASE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2023

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 65, S. 679.

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. 679) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to require Federal agencies to submit to the Comptroller General of the United States a report on rules that are revoked, suspended, replaced, amended, or otherwise made ineffective.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (S. 679) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 679

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 “GAO Database Modernization Act of 2023”.

SEC. 2. RULES NO LONGER IN EFFECT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 801(a)(1) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(D) For any rule submitted under subparagraph (A), if the Federal agency promulgating the rule, in whole or in part, revokes, suspends, replaces, amends, or otherwise makes the rule ineffective, or the rule is made ineffective for any other reason, the Federal agency shall submit to the Comptroller General a report containing—

“(i) the title of the rule;

“(ii) the Federal Register citation for the rule, if any;

“(iii) the date on which rule was submitted to the Comptroller General; and

“(iv) a description of the provisions of the rule that are being revoked, suspended, replaced, amended, or otherwise made ineffective.”.

(b) SUNSET.—Effective on the date that is 6 years after the date of enactment of this Act, section 801(a)(1) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraph (D), as added by subsection (a).

TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO THE SHOSHONE-PAIUTE TRIBES OF THE DUCK VALLEY RESERVATION WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT ACT OF 2023

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 175, S. 950.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 950) to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the water rights settlement for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Indian Affairs with an amendment as follows:

(The part of the bill intended to be stricken is in boldfaced brackets and the part of the bill intended to be inserted is in italic.)

S. 950

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 “Technical Correction to the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act of 2023”.

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT OF ADJUSTED INTEREST ON DEVELOPMENT FUND.

Section 10807(b)(3) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-11; 123 Stat. 1409) is amended—

(1) by striking “There is” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There is”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

【“(B) ADJUSTED INTEREST PAYMENTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for deposit into the Development Fund \$5,124,902.12.

【“(ii) COST INDEXING.—All amounts made available to carry out clause (i) shall, on deposit into the Development Fund, be adjusted to reflect changes since January 25,

2016, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers West Urban 50,000 to 1,500,000 published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.】

“(B) ADJUSTED INTEREST PAYMENTS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for deposit into the Development Fund \$5,124,902.12.”.

Mr. SCHUMER. I further ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported amendment be agreed to; the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed; and 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 amendment was agreed to.

The bill (S. 950), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 950

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 “Technical Correction to the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act of 2023”.

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT OF ADJUSTED INTEREST ON DEVELOPMENT FUND.

Section 10807(b)(3) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1409) is amended—

(1) by striking “There is” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There is”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) ADJUSTED INTEREST PAYMENTS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for deposit into the Development Fund \$5,124,902.12.”.

ELIMINATE USELESS REPORTS ACT OF 2023

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 194, S. 2073.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2073) to amend title 31, United States Code, to require agencies to include a list of outdated or duplicative reporting requirements in annual budget justifications, 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 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 “Eliminate Useless Reports Act of 2023”.

SEC. 2. SUNSETS FOR AGENCY REPORTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1125 of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (d);

(2) by striking subsections (a) and (b) and inserting the following:

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) BUDGET JUSTIFICATION MATERIALS.—The term ‘budget justification materials’ has the meaning given the term in section 3(b)(2) of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note; Public Law 109–282).

“(2) RECURRING PLAN OR REPORT.—The term ‘recurring plan or report’—

“(A) means any plan or report submitted to Congress by not less than 1 agency on a recurring basis—

“(i) in accordance with Federal law; or

“(ii) at the direction of a congressional report; and

“(B) does not include any plan or report that is required to be submitted to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.

“(3) RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE.—The term ‘relevant congressional committee’ means a congressional committee to which a recurring plan or report is required to be submitted.

“(b) AGENCY IDENTIFICATION OF UNNECESSARY REPORTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of each agency shall include in the budget justification materials of the agency—

“(A) subject to paragraph (2), a list of each recurring plan or report submitted by the agency that the head of the agency determines to be outdated or duplicative;

“(B) with respect to each recurring plan or report described in subparagraph (A)—

“(i) a recommendation on whether to sunset, modify, consolidate, or reduce the frequency of the submission of the recurring plan or report;

“(ii) a citation to each provision of law or directive in a congressional report that requires or requests the submission of the recurring plan or report; and

“(iii) a list of the relevant congressional committees for the recurring plan or report; and

“(C) a justification explaining, with respect to each recommendation described in subparagraph (B)(i) relating to a recurring plan or report—

“(i) why the head of the agency made the recommendation, which may include an estimate of the resources expended by the agency to prepare and submit the recurring plan or report; and

“(ii) the understanding of the head of the agency of the purpose of the recurring plan or report.

“(2) AGENCY CONSULTATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In preparing the list required under paragraph (1)(A), if, in submitting a recurring plan or report, an agency is required to coordinate or consult with another agency or entity, the head of the agency submitting the recurring plan or report shall consult with the head of each agency or entity with whom consultation or coordination is required.

“(B) INCLUSION IN LIST.—If, after a consultation under subparagraph (A), the head of each agency or entity consulted under that subparagraph agrees that a recurring plan or report is outdated or duplicative, the head of the agency required to submit the recurring plan or report shall—

“(i) include the recurring plan or report in the list described in paragraph (1)(A); and

“(ii) identify each agency or entity with which the head of the agency is required to coordinate or consult in submitting the recurring plan or report.

“(C) DISAGREEMENT.—If the head of any agency or entity consulted under subparagraph (A) does not agree that a recurring plan or report is outdated or duplicative, the head of the agency required to submit the recurring plan or report shall not include the recurring plan or report in the list described in paragraph (1)(A).

“(3) GOVERNMENT-WIDE OR MULTI-AGENCY PLAN AND REPORT SUBMISSIONS.—With respect to a recurring plan or report required to be submitted by not less than 2 agencies, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall—

“(A) determine whether the requirement to submit the recurring plan or report is outdated or duplicative; and

“(B) make recommendations to Congress accordingly.

“(c) DISPOSITION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to a recommendation on a recurring plan or report included in budget justification materials by the head of an agency under subsection (b)(1)(B)(i), the chair and ranking member of each relevant congressional committee may—

“(A) in coordination with any other relevant congressional committee, as necessary, agree or disagree with the recommendation or postpone a decision on the recommendation; and

“(B) notify each agency that submits a recommendation of the disposition of the recommendation under subparagraph (A).

“(2) LEGISLATIVE STEPS.—If a relevant congressional committee agrees with an agency recommendation submitted under subsection (b)(1)(B)(i), the relevant congressional committee may take the necessary legislative steps to accomplish the recommendation, which may include consulting with the agency that submits the recurring plan or report that is the subject of the recommendation to prepare appropriate legislation.

“(3) AGENCY REQUIREMENTS.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to relieve the head of an agency from a requirement to submit a recurring plan or report.”; and

(3) in subsection (d), as so redesignated, by striking “in the budget of the United States Government, as provided by section 1105(a)(37)” and inserting “in the budget justification materials of each agency”.

(b) BUDGET CONTENTS.—Section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (39).

Mr. SCHUMER. 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 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 amendment, in the nature of a substitute, was agreed to.

The bill (S. 2073), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

NOAA WEATHER RADIO MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2023

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 259, S. 1416.

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. 1416) to provide guidance for and investment in the upgrade and modernization of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio All Hazards Network, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.