

gained through service in the United States Armed Forces poses a significant risk for exploitation by foreign adversaries against United States interests.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that it is in the national security interests of the United States that former members of the Armed Forces be prohibited from taking employment or holding positions that provide substantial support to the military of a foreign government that is an adversary of the United States, such as the Government of the People's Republic of China or the Government of the Russian Federation, to prevent the exploitation of specialized United States military competencies and capabilities by those governments.

(c) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 207 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(m) PROHIBITION ON FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES ACCEPTING POST-SERVICE EMPLOYMENT WITH CERTAIN FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A covered individual who violates the prohibition under section 989(a) of title 10 by knowingly and willfully occupying a covered post-service position shall be punished as provided in section 216(a)(2) of this title.

“(2) PROOF OF STATE OF MIND.—In prosecution under paragraph (1), the Government is required to prove that the defendant knew, for a period of not less than 30 days before occupying a covered post-service position or, if already occupying such a position, before leaving the position, that—

“(A) the entity with which the defendant occupied the covered post-service position was providing advice or services relating to national security, intelligence, military, or internal security to a foreign government; and

“(B) the foreign government was described in section 989(h)(2)(A) of title 10.

“(3) JURISDICTION.—An offense under paragraph (1) shall be subject to extraterritorial Federal jurisdiction.

“(4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the terms ‘covered individual’ and ‘covered post-service position’ have the meanings given those terms in section 989 of title 10.”

(2) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—Subsection (m) of section 207 of title 18, United States Code, as added by paragraph (1), applies with respect to a violation described in that subsection that occurs, in whole or in part—

(A) after the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(B) on or before December 31, 2029.

(d) AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 989 OF TITLE 10.—

(1) WAIVER.—Subsection (b)(1)(B) of section 989 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “is necessary” and all that follows and inserting “would not result in a detrimental impact to the current or future national security interests of the United States.”

(2) NOTICE.—Subsection (c)(1) of such section is amended by inserting “, including violations punishable under section 207(m) of title 18” after “violations of the prohibition”.

(3) REFERRALS FOR PROSECUTION.—Subsection (d) of such section is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

“(3) refer the case to the Attorney General for prosecution under section 207(m) of title 18.”

SA 3180. Mr. CASEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 710. LIMITATION ON COPAYMENTS FOR OUTPATIENT VISITS FOR MENTAL OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNDER TRICARE PROGRAM.

(a) LIMITATION ON MENTAL OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COPAYMENTS.—

(1) LIMITATION.—Chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1075a the following new section:

“§ 1075b. TRICARE program: limitation on copayments for certain mental or behavioral health visits

“(a) LIMITATION ON COPAYMENTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Secretary of Defense may not charge to a covered individual a copayment in an amount greater than the amount described in subsection (b) for an outpatient visit for mental health or behavioral health under the TRICARE program, regardless of whether such outpatient visit is furnished by a specialty care provider.

“(b) AMOUNT DESCRIBED.—The amount described in this subsection with respect to a covered individual is the amount of a copayment that would be charged to the covered individual under the TRICARE program for an outpatient visit for primary care services during the year in which the covered individual is being charged pursuant to subsection (a).

“(c) COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘covered individual’ means an individual enrolled under the TRICARE program, regardless of the beneficiary category of the individual with respect to such program or the duty status of the individual.”

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1075a the following new section:

“1075b. TRICARE program: limitation on copayments for certain mental or behavioral health visits.”

(3) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply with respect to outpatient visits for mental or behavioral health occurring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) TEMPORARY LIMITATION ON OTHER SPECIALTY CARE COPAYMENTS.—

(1) TEMPORARY LIMITATION.—During the one-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense may not increase the amount of a copayment charged to a covered individual for any service described in paragraph (2) beyond the amount that the Secretary would have charged to the covered individual for such service during fiscal year 2021.

(2) SERVICES DESCRIBED.—A service described in this paragraph is a service—

(A) that is furnished to a covered individual by a specialty care provider under the TRICARE program; and

(B) that is not covered under section 1075b of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a).

(3) APPLICABILITY.—The limitation on copayments specified in paragraph (1) shall

apply with respect to specialty care received on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) REPORT ON EFFECTS OF LIMITATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives a report on how the limitation under section 1075b of title 10, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)), has affected, or may affect, the health care system of the Department of Defense.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) any findings by the Secretary as to whether the limitation under section 1075b of title 10, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)), may result in an increase in copayments charged for services described in subsection (b)(2) after the period specified in subsection (b)(1) concludes; and

(B) recommendations by the Secretary on how to avoid such an increase, as applicable.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “covered individual” has the meaning given that term in section 1075b of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a).

(2) TRICARE PROGRAM.—The term “TRICARE program” has the meaning given that term in section 1072 of such title.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Madam President, I have six 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 during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet in open executive session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., to consider nominations.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 11 a.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 2 p.m., to conduct a business meeting.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CARPER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that privileges of the floor be granted to the following member of my staff, Kelly Powers, during the pendency of today, July 25, 2024.

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

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that privileges of the floor be granted to the following members of Senator MERKLEY's staff: Christina Suggs and Cheryl Anderson, during the pendency of today's session.

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

Mr. PAUL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the following interns in my office be granted floor privileges until August 9, 2024: Krrishh Kamal, Haley Leipzig, Daniel James, William DuVall, and Chad Schumacher.

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

Mr. CRUZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the following intern and law clerk be granted floor privileges until August 2, 2024: Eugenie Davis and Michael Lettieri.

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

WORLD ELDER ABUSE
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MONTH

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 774, which is at the desk.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 774) designating June 15, 2024, as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day" and the month of June 2024 as "Elder Abuse Awareness Month".

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

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made laid and upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 774) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JULY 29,
2024

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, July 29; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that following the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Neumann nomination; further, that at 5:30 p.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the Landy nomination as provided under the order of July 23, 2024, and that if the nomination is confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order, following the remarks of Senator LANKFORD on this historic day.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The senior Senator from the State of Oklahoma.

ISRAEL

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, we all had the opportunity yesterday to be able to hear Binyamin Netanyahu speak to a joint session of Congress. It is the fourth time Binyamin Netanyahu has spoken in Congress.

This particular invitation was different, though. During a time of war, it is much more heightened than it has been for a long time. He came in a very serious tone to be able to tell America and Americans: Thank you for standing with us as Israel.

And the second thing we heard from him over and over again is: Don't forget why we are in this war.

He introduced hostages that have been released. He introduced families whose loved ones are still hostages. He introduced members of the IDF who lost limbs or fought against terrorism. And he reminded Americans that more than 1,200 people died on October 7 of last year, and 253 people were taken hostage at that time.

This war would be over right now if Hamas would release their hostages. This is not a war that Israel started. There is a barrier and a fence between Israel and Gaza. Gaza was there; Israel was there.

But thousands of terrorists from Hamas crossed through that barrier early on Saturday morning on October

7, on a Jewish holiday, and slaughtered children in their beds, killed moms and dads, and carried out the worst act of terrorism that Israel has ever seen. So Israel is responding.

Prime Minister Netanyahu committed again that they will continue to fight until they bring every single one of those hostages home, even as they continue the negotiations to try to stop the war.

Currently, Israel is literally surrounded by enemies coming at them. It is something we lose track of in the United States. Israel now faces Hamas actively attacking them through terrorist actions and continuing to threaten, as Hamas leaders, even in the past month, have said that if given the opportunity, they would come back and do an October 7 all over again. They never relented. And they continue to put civilians between them and harm to try to protect the lives of the militants by using civilians as shields.

But many Americans forget that Hezbollah from the north in Lebanon continues to launch rockets consistently into Israel every day. And 80,000 Israelis currently are internally displaced inside Israel, fleeing from their own homes; and they have been away from their homes now for 10 months because 10 or more rockets a day are coming into northern Israel as they continue to launch at them over and over.

While American media has ignored that, the people of Israel cannot, because they live under that threat every single day. From the West Bank, there continues to be attacks that are happening on a weekly basis. From Syria, there continues to be attacks from Iranian-backed militants there. The same with Iraq.

And just in the past 2 weeks, Yemen has landed one of their attack drones inside a neighborhood in Tel Aviv. Now, they have launched hundreds at Israel, but this was the first time they actually struck one of their targets. And Houthi leaders inside Yemen celebrated by saying: We have finally killed some Israelis.

Israel is literally surrounded every single day. All of those militant groups are all funded by the Iranian regime—all of them. We as Americans sometimes point at Iran and say: They are the problem. And we lose track of the simple fact it is not the Iranian people. The people of Iran live under the oppression of the Iranian regime that they would like to be free from as well.

But the entire region is destabilized by the actions and the terrorist activities of just that Iranian leadership and that regime. They are funding Hezbollah. They are funding Hamas. They are funding the militants in Syria and in Iraq. They are funding and providing all the trajectory for the Houthis and attacking ships in the Red Sea, as well as launching at Israel on a regular basis. It is Iran that is doing that.