

# FAIRNESS FOR SERVICEMEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ACT OF 2023

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 1299 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1299) to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to periodically review the automatic maximum coverage under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program and the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the Cornyn substitute amendment at the desk be considered and 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 amendment (No. 3341) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

## SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Fairness for Servicemembers and their Families Act of 2024".

## SEC. 2. PERIODIC REVIEW OF AUTOMATIC MAXIMUM COVERAGE UNDER SERVICEMEMBERS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE AND VETERANS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 19 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

### "§ 1980B. Periodic review of automatic maximum coverage

"(a) IN GENERAL.—On January 1, 2025, and every five years thereafter, the Secretary shall—

"(1) complete a review of how the amount specified in section 1967(a)(3)(A)(i) compares to the amount described in subsection (b); and

"(2) submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate the results of the review, which may serve as a guide for coverage increases within the existing administrative incremental structure.

"(b) AMOUNT DESCRIBED.—The amount described in this subsection is the amount equal to—

"(1) \$500,000; multiplied by

"(2) the average percentage by which the Consumer Price Index changed during the five fiscal years preceding the review under subsection (a).

"(c) CONSUMER PRICE INDEX DEFINED.—In this section, the term 'Consumer Price Index' means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 19 of such title is amended by inserting after the

item relating to section 1980A the following new item:

"1980B. Periodic review of automatic maximum coverage."

The bill (S. 1299), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

## PATSYE CRITES FOREST

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 5575, introduced earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 5575) to designate the Patsy Crites forest.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I further ask that the bill be considered read three times 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 bill (S. 5575) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 5575

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

## SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF PATSYE CRITES FOREST.

(a) DESIGNATION.—On acquisition by the United States, the approximately 2,693.31 acres of land within the Monongahela National Forest identified on the map prepared by the Forest Service entitled "Blackwater Canyon" and dated August 5, 2024, shall be known and designated as the "Patsy Crites Forest".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the land acquired under subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Patsy Crites Forest".

## OPIOID OVERDOSE DATA COLLECTION ENHANCEMENT ACT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. 5130 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 5130) to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Grant Program, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and 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. 5130) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 5130

*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 "Opioid Overdose Data Collection Enhancement Act".

## SEC. 2. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to expand the adoption and implementation of, and provide interoperability of, data collection tools used to track fatal and nonfatal overdoses and opioid overdose reversal medication administration in near real-time through a web-based, mobile-friendly software platform.

## SEC. 3. COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID ABUSE GRANT PROGRAM.

Section 3021 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10701) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (G), by striking "and" at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (H), by striking the period at the end and inserting "and"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(I) an overdose data collection program described in subsection (g)(1)."; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(g) OVERDOSE DATA COLLECTION PROGRAM.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—An overdose data collection program described in this paragraph is a program under which a State, unit of local government, coalition of law enforcement agencies, or Indian tribe develops and implements a data collection tool, including mobile data mapping applications, with which the State, unit of local government, coalition of law enforcement agencies, or Indian tribe can easily and quickly track the locations of—

"(A) suspected fatal and nonfatal overdoses; and

"(B) the administration of opioid overdose reversal medication by first responders, including law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical service technicians.

"(2) ELIGIBILITY OF COALITIONS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1), a coalition of law enforcement agencies shall be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (a) only for the purpose of implementing an overdose data collection program described in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

"(B) REQUIREMENTS.—A coalition of law enforcement agencies seeking a grant under subsection (a) to implement an overdose data collection program described in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be subject to the same requirements and authorizations to which a State, units of local government, and Indian tribes are subject under this section, including the requirement to submit an application under section 3022.

"(3) REQUIREMENTS.—A State, unit of local government, coalition of law enforcement agencies, or Indian tribe implementing an overdose data collection program described in paragraph (1) shall—

"(A) support the development of coordinated public safety, behavioral health, and public health responses to the data collected by the tool described in paragraph (1);

"(B) focus on areas in which fatal and nonfatal overdoses occur and trends of concern;

“(C) provide for interoperability with existing Federal, State, local, and Tribal overdose data collection tools and overdose data collection tools of coalitions of law enforcement agencies; and

“(D) make data collected through the program available to Federal, State, Tribal, and territorial governments and coalitions of law enforcement agencies.

“(4) AUDIT; APPLICATION.—A State, unit of local government, coalition of law enforcement agencies, or Indian tribe seeking to use a grant received under subsection (a) for a program described in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall—

“(A) conduct an audit of available data and resources; and

“(B) in order to avoid duplication, submit the audit conducted under subparagraph (A) as a part of the application for the grant of the State, unit of local government, coalition of law enforcement agencies, or Indian tribe.

“(5) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this subsection, the Attorney General shall consult with the heads of agencies that maintain overdose data collection tools, including the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.”

#### INVEST TO PROTECT ACT OF 2023

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. 1144 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1144) to establish a grant program to provide assistance to local law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the Cortez Masto substitute amendment at the desk 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 amendment (No. 3342) in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The bill (S. 1144), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### NATIVE AMERICAN CHILD PROTECTION ACT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 663, which was received from the House and is at the desk.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 663) to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act.

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (H.R. 663) was passed.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask 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.

#### IHS WORKFORCE PARITY ACT OF 2024

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 553, S. 3022.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3022) to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to allow Indian Health Service scholarship and loan recipients to fulfill service obligations through half-time clinical practice, 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 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 "IHS Workforce Parity Act of 2024".

##### SEC. 2. INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN RECIPIENTS.

(a) INDIAN HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIPS.—Section 104(b)(3) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1613a(b)(3)) is amended by striking the paragraph designation and all that follows through the end of subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(3)(A) The active duty service obligation under a written contract with the Secretary under section 338A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254l) that an individual has entered into under that section shall, if that individual is a recipient of an Indian Health Scholarship—

“(i) be met by full-time (as defined in section 331(j) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254d(j))) practice—

“(I) in the Service;

“(II) in a program conducted under a contract entered into under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.);

“(III) in a program assisted under title V; or

“(IV) in the private practice of the applicable profession if, as determined by the Secretary, in accordance with guidelines issued by the Secretary, the practice—

“(aa) is situated in a physician or other health professional shortage area; and

“(bb) addresses the health care needs of a substantial number of Indians; or

“(ii) be met by half-time (as defined in section 331(j) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254d(j))) practice in a program described

in any of subclauses (I) through (IV) of clause (i) if the individual agrees, in writing—

“(I) to double the period of obligated service that would otherwise be required if the individual were satisfying the period of obligated service through full-time (as so defined) practice; and

“(II) that if the individual fails to begin or complete the period of obligated service described in subclause (I), the procedures described in section 108(l)(2) for determining damages for breach of contract will be used after converting that period of obligated service or service performed into its full-time equivalent.”.

(b) INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.—Section 108 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1616a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (f)(1)(B), by striking clause (iii) and inserting the following:

“(iii) to serve for a period of time (referred to in this section as the ‘period of obligated service’) equal to—

“(I) 2 years, or a longer period of time as the individual may agree to serve, in the full-time (as defined in section 331(j) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254d(j))) clinical practice of the profession of the individual in an Indian health program to which the individual may be assigned by the Secretary;

“(II) 4 years, or a longer period of time as the individual may agree to serve, in the half-time (as defined in that section) clinical practice of the profession of the individual in an Indian health program to which the individual may be assigned by the Secretary, subject to the condition that if the individual has agreed to serve for a period longer than 2 years of full-time (as so defined) service, as described in subclause (I), the half-time (as so defined) service obligation shall be the amount of time required for the individual to complete an equivalent amount of service on a half-time (as so defined) basis; or

“(III) 2 years in the half-time (as so defined) clinical practice of the profession of the individual in an Indian health program to which the individual may be assigned by the Secretary with a loan payment amount equal to 50 percent of the amount that would otherwise be payable for full-time (as so defined) service for that same period of obligated service; and

“(iv) in the case of an individual completing a period of obligated service through half-time (as so defined) clinical practice, that if the individual fails to begin or complete that period of obligated service, the procedures described in subsection (l)(2) for determining damages for breach of contract under this section will be used after converting the period of obligated service or service performed into its full-time (as so defined) equivalent;”.

(2) in subsection (l)(2), in the undesignated matter following subparagraph (D), by inserting the following before “Amounts”: “Periods of obligated service completed in half-time (as defined in section 331(j) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254d(j))) clinical practice shall be converted to their full-time (as defined in that section) equivalents for purposes of determining damages for breach of contract under this paragraph.”.

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

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

The committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I know of no further debate on the bill, as amended.