

the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(y)(2)) is amended by striking “April 1, 2025” and inserting “April 12, 2025”.

(3) MENTAL HEALTH VISITS FURNISHED BY FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS.—Section 1834(o)(4)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(o)(4)(B)) is amended by striking “April 1, 2025” and inserting “April 12, 2025”.

(e) ALLOWING FOR THE FURNISHING OF AUDIO-ONLY TELEHEALTH SERVICES.—Section 1834(m)(9) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(9)) is amended by striking “ending on March 31, 2025” and inserting “ending on April 11, 2025”.

(f) EXTENDING USE OF TELEHEALTH TO CONDUCT FACE-TO-FACE ENCOUNTER PRIOR TO RE-CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HOSPICE CARE.—Section 1814(a)(7)(D)(i)(II) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395f(a)(7)(D)(i)(II)) is amended by striking “ending on March 31, 2025” and inserting “ending on April 11, 2025”.

(g) PROGRAM INSTRUCTION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services may implement the amendments made by this section through program instruction or otherwise.

SEC. 2118. EXTENDING ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME WAIVER AUTHORITIES.

Section 1866G(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395cc-7(a)(1)) is amended by striking “March 31, 2025” and inserting “April 11, 2025”.

SEC. 2119. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY INCLUSION OF AUTHORIZED ORAL ANTIVIRAL DRUGS AS COVERED PART D DRUGS.

Section 1860D-2(e)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-102(e)(1)(C)) is amended by striking “March 31, 2025” and inserting “April 11, 2025”.

SEC. 2120. MEDICARE IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Section 1898(b)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395iii(b)(1)) is amended by striking “\$1,251,000,000” and inserting “\$1,018,000,000”.

Subtitle C—Human Services

SEC. 2131. SEXUAL RISK AVOIDANCE EDUCATION EXTENSION.

Section 510 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 710) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “March 31, 2025” and inserting “April 11, 2025”; and

(2) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “March 31, 2025” and inserting “April 11, 2025”.

SEC. 2132. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION EXTENSION.

Section 513 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 713) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “March 31, 2025” and inserting “April 11, 2025”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “March 31, 2025” and inserting “April 11, 2025”; and

(2) in subsection (f), by striking “March 31, 2025” and inserting “April 11, 2025”.

SEC. 2133. EXTENSION OF FUNDING FOR FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HEALTH INFORMATION CENTERS.

Section 501(c)(1)(A)(viii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 701(c)(1)(A)(viii)) is amended—

(1) by striking “\$3,000,000” and inserting “\$3,200,000”; and

(2) by striking “April 1, 2025” and inserting “April 12, 2025”.

Subtitle D—Medicaid

SEC. 2141. ELIMINATING CERTAIN DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITAL PAYMENT CUTS.

Section 1923(f)(7)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396f-4(f)(7)(A)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking “April 1” and inserting “April 12”; and

(2) in clause (ii), by striking “April 1” and inserting “April 12”.

TITLE II—MISCELLANEOUS EXTENSIONS
SEC. 2201. COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION WHISTLEBLOWER PROGRAM.

Section 1(b) of Public Law 117-25 (135 Stat. 297; 136 Stat. 2133; 136 Stat. 5984) is amended, in paragraphs (3) and (4), by striking “March 14, 2025” each place it appears and inserting “April 11, 2025”.

SEC. 2202. PROTECTION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES AND ASSETS FROM UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.

Section 210G(i) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 124n(i)) is amended by striking “March 14, 2025” and inserting “April 11, 2025”.

SEC. 2203. ADDITIONAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

Section 3014 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “March 14, 2025” and inserting “April 11, 2025”.

SEC. 2204. NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY PROTECTION SYSTEM AUTHORIZATION.

Section 227(a) of the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015 (6 U.S.C. 1525(a)) is amended by striking “March 14, 2025” and inserting “April 11, 2025”.

TITLE III—BUDGETARY EFFECTS

SEC. 2301. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

(a) STATUTORY PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary effects of this division shall not be entered on either PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010.

(b) SENATE PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary effects of this division shall not be entered on any PAYGO scorecard maintained for purposes of section 4106 of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress).

(c) CLASSIFICATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.—Notwithstanding Rule 3 of the Budget Scorekeeping Guidelines set forth in the joint explanatory statement of the committee of conference accompanying Conference Report 105-217 and section 250(c)(8) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the budgetary effects of this division shall not be estimated—

(1) for purposes of section 251 of such Act;

(2) for purposes of an allocation to the Committee on Appropriations pursuant to section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974; and

(3) for purposes of paragraph (4)(C) of section 3 of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 as being included in an appropriation Act.

SA 1270. Mr. KAINÉ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1968, making further continuing appropriations and other extensions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. (a) None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by a Federal agency, during the 30-day period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, to remove more than 1 percent of the employees of the agency.

(b) After the 30-day period described in subsection (a), any Federal agency that seeks to restructure the agency shall, before carrying out that restructuring, submit to the congressional committees of jurisdiction with respect to the agency a plan that outlines how the agency plans to execute the statutory missions of the agency with a greatly reduced workforce.

SA 1271. Mr. KAINÉ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by

him to the bill H.R. 1968, making further continuing appropriations and other extensions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to involuntarily relocate, reclassify, or remove any Federal employee who is a veteran.

SA 1272. Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, and Mr. KAINÉ) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1968, making further continuing appropriations and other extensions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division A, insert the following:

SEC. _____. LIMITATION ON USE OF AMOUNTS FOR DOGE.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, appropriations and funds made available and authority granted pursuant to this Act may not be used by—

- (1) the United States DOGE Service, or any successor agency;
- (2) the U.S. DOGE Service Temporary Organization, or any successor agency; or
- (3) a detailee of an agency described in paragraph (1) or (2) working at any other agency.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. COTTON, Mr. 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 in executive session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 13, 2025, to consider legislation.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 1:45 p.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 4:15 p.m., to consider a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 9:15 a.m., to conduct an executive business meeting.

AFFIRMING THAT HAMAS CANNOT RETAIN ANY POLITICAL OR MILITARY CONTROL IN THE GAZA STRIP

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 72.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 72) affirming that Hamas cannot retain any political or military control in the Gaza Strip.

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

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 72) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of February 11, 2025, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII, and at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the Democratic leader, on Friday, March 14, the Senate resume consideration of Calendar No. 18, S. 331; further, that all postcloture time on the bill be expired and the Grassley amendment No. 1237 be withdrawn; further, that the bill be read a third time and the Senate vote on passage of the bill; finally, that if passed, 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.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m., Friday, March 14, 2025; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed, and notwithstanding rule XXII, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of Calendar No. 35; further, that at 10:45 a.m., the Senate vote on cloture on the Feinberg nomination and if cloture is invoked, the postcloture time expire at 1:15 p.m. and the Senate vote on confirmation of the Feinberg nomination; further, that the Senate resume consideration of Calendar No. 18, S. 331, as under the previous order; and following disposition of the bill, the Senate vote

on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 26, H.R. 1968; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Friday's session, the motions 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.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:13 p.m., adjourned until Friday, March 14, 2025, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate March 13, 2025:

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

WILLIAM PULTE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JEFFREY KESSLER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INDUSTRY AND SECURITY.

WITHDRAWAL

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on March 13, 2025 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

DAVID WELDON, OF FLORIDA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION. (NEW POSITION), WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 20, 2025.