

vote in such elections through State motor vehicle authorities, to permit automatic voter registration through such authorities for eligible citizens of the United States who do not complete voter registration applications, and for other purposes.

S. 1888

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1888, a bill to establish the United States Foundation for International Food Security to leverage private sector investments in order to improve and scale economically viable agricultural production, build food systems to mitigate food shock, reduce malnutrition, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 212

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 212, a resolution affirming the acceptable outcome of any nuclear deal between the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 227

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 227, a resolution condemning Hamas for its premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks on October 7, 2023, against Israel and demanding that Hamas immediately release all remaining hostages and return them to safety, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2242

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2242 intended to be proposed to S. 1582, a bill to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2270

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2270 intended to be proposed to S. 1582, a bill to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2287

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2287 intended to be proposed to S. 1582, a bill to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself,
Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. KIM):

S. 1929. A bill to establish programs to reduce rates of sepsis; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1929

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 “Securing Enhanced Programs, Systems, and Initiatives for Sepsis Act” or the “SEPSIS Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds as follows:

(1) 1,700,000 individuals in the United States are diagnosed with sepsis annually and 350,000 individuals in the United States are killed by sepsis each year.

(2) There is a need for increased Federal investment in research related to sepsis to build on research supported by the National Institutes of Health, including research with a pediatric focus supported by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

(3) The infectious disease workforce, which plays a key role in reducing the burden of sepsis, needs additional support to recruit and retain health care professionals engaged in infection prevention and related patient care.

(4) Sepsis is one of the most expensive conditions to treat in hospitals in the United States, with high spending compounded by frequent hospital re-admissions, including 1 in 5 patient re-admissions within 30 days of discharge and 1 in 3 patient re-admissions within 180 days of discharge.

(5) According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 80 percent of sepsis cases begin outside of the hospital.

(6) Most sepsis fatalities are preventable with early recognition, diagnosis, and treatment.

(7) The sepsis protocols for hospitals in New York State, called “Rory’s Regulations” for Rory Staunton who died from preventable, treatable sepsis at 12 years of age, have been proven to save lives through rapid identification and treatment of sepsis.

(8) Providers and public health experts should study and learn from Rory’s Regulations to find ways to end preventable deaths from sepsis on a national scale.

SEC. 3. SEPSIS PROGRAMS.

Title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 317V the following:

“SEC. 317W. SEPSIS PROGRAMS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (referred to in this section as the ‘Director’), shall maintain a sepsis team for purposes of—

“(1) leading an education campaign on best practices for addressing sepsis in hospitals, such as the practices outlined in the Hospital Sepsis Program Core Elements set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

“(2) improving data collection on pediatric sepsis;

“(3) sharing information with the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to inform the development and implementation of sepsis quality measures to improve outcomes for patients;

“(4) updating data elements with respect to sepsis used by the United States Core

Data for Interoperability, in coordination with the heads of other relevant agencies and offices of the Department of Health and Human Services, including the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology and the Director of the Office of Public Health Data, Surveillance, and Technology;

“(5) facilitating efforts across the Department of Health and Human Services to develop outcome measures with respect to sepsis; and

“(6) carrying out other activities related to sepsis, as the Director determines appropriate.

“(b) REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF OUTCOME MEASURES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Securing Enhanced Programs, Systems, and Initiatives for Sepsis Act, the Director shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report on the development and implementation of outcome measures for sepsis, for both adult and pediatric populations, that take into consideration the social and clinical factors that affect the likelihood a patient will develop sepsis.

“(c) ANNUAL BRIEFING ON SEPSIS ACTIVITIES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Securing Enhanced Programs, Systems, and Initiatives for Sepsis Act, and annually thereafter, the Director shall present to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a briefing on—

“(1) aggregate data on the adoption by hospitals of sepsis best practices, including the Hospital Sepsis Program Core Elements, as reported by hospitals to the Director, using the hospital sepsis program assessment tool of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and State sepsis reporting requirements;

“(2) rates of pediatric sepsis and efforts to reduce cases of pediatric sepsis, including how the Hospital Sepsis Program Core Elements can be effective at supporting efforts to reduce cases of pediatric sepsis;

“(3) the coordination of sepsis reduction efforts across the Department of Health and Human Services;

“(4) in partnership with the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, an evaluation of the impact of the Hospital Sepsis Program Core Elements on quality of care for patients;

“(5) data sharing from the National Healthcare Safety Network with other agencies and offices of the Department of Health and Human Services with respect to sepsis; and

“(6) a report on the latest datasets on sepsis, as provided to the Director by the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

“(d) HONOR ROLL PROGRAM.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may establish a voluntary program for recognizing hospitals that maintain effective sepsis programs or improve their sepsis programs over time, including in the areas of early detection, effective treatment, and overall progress in the reduction of the burden of sepsis.

“(2) APPLICATIONS; SELECTION.—In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

“(A) solicit applications from hospitals; and

“(B) establish public benchmarks by which the Secretary will select hospitals for recognition under such paragraph, including with respect to each area described in such paragraph.

“(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030.”.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2293. Mr. BUDD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2294. Mr. HAWLEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2295. Mr. HAWLEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2296. Mr. MORAN (for Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mr. COTTON)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 201, to provide for a study by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on the prevalence and mortality of cancer among individuals who served as active duty aircrew in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2293. Mr. BUDD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON RESTRICTING THE USE OF A SELF-HOSTED WALLET.

(a) IN GENERAL.—No covered entity may prohibit, restrict, or otherwise impair the ability of a covered user to—

- (1) use digital assets for such user's own purposes, such as to purchase real or virtual goods and services for the user's own use; or
- (2) self-custody digital assets using a self-hosted wallet or other means to conduct transactions for any lawful purpose.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered entity” means—

- (A) an appropriate Federal banking agency;
- (B) the Board;
- (C) the Comptroller;
- (D) the Corporation; and
- (E) a primary Federal payment stablecoin regulator.

(2) COVERED USER.—The term “covered user” means a person that obtains a digital asset to purchase goods or services on that person's own behalf, without regard to the method in which such covered user obtained such digital asset.

(3) SELF-HOSTED WALLET.—The term “self-hosted wallet” means a digital interface—

- (A) used to secure and transfer digital assets; and
- (B) under which the owner of the digital assets retains independent control over such digital assets that are secured by a digital interface.

SA 2294. Mr. HAWLEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 2, redesignate paragraphs (27) through (32) as paragraphs (32) through (37), paragraphs (22) through (26) as paragraphs (26) through (30), and paragraphs (10) through (21) as paragraphs (11) through (22).

In section 2, after paragraph (9), insert the following:

(10) EXCLUDED LARGE ONLINE PLATFORM.—The term “excluded large online platform”—

(A) means a social media platform, an online search engine, an online marketplace, or an online communication platform that—

(i) averages more than 25,000,000 unique users on a monthly basis; or

(ii) has more than 25,000,000 user accounts;

(B) includes all parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates of the excluded large online platform; and

(C) does not include a platform that only permits users to interact via a predetermined set of phrases, emoticons, or nonlinguistic symbols.

In section 2, after paragraph (22), as so redesignated, insert the following:

(23) ONLINE COMMUNICATION PLATFORM.—The term “online communication platform” means a service that allows users to communicate, connect, or collaborate via the internet and includes instant messaging, online video conferencing, online discussion forum, and online collaboration services.

(24) ONLINE MARKETPLACE.—The term “online marketplace” has the meaning given that term in section 2(f) of the Integrity, Notification, and Fairness in Online Retail Marketplaces for Consumers Act (15 U.S.C. 45f(f)).

(25) ONLINE SEARCH ENGINE.—The term “online search engine” means an internet intermediary service that allows users to input queries to perform searches of the World Wide Web and, in response, returns information related to the requested content.

In section 2(27)(A)(iii), as so redesignated, strike “and”.

In section 2(27)(B), as so redesignated, strike the period at the end and insert “; and”.

In section 2(27), as so redesignated, add at the end the following:

(C) is not an excluded large online platform.

In section 2, after paragraph (30), as so redesignated, insert the following:

(31) SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM.—The term “social media platform” has the meaning given that term in section 124(a) of the Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022 (42 U.S.C. 1862w(a)).

SA 2295. Mr. HAWLEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 2, redesignate paragraphs (16) through (32) as paragraphs (17) through (33), respectively.

In section 2, insert after paragraph (15) the following:

(16) INTERACTIVE COMPUTER SERVICE.—The term “interactive computer service” means any information service, system, or access software provider that—

(A) provides or enables computer access by multiple users to a computer server, including specifically a service or system that provides access to the Internet and such systems operated or services offered by libraries or educational institutions;

(B) averages more than 25,000,000 unique users on a monthly basis or has 25,000,000 user accounts; and

(C) includes any parent, subsidiary, and affiliate of the information service, system, or access software provider.

At the appropriate place in section 4, insert the following:

(____) LIABILITY FOR INTERACTIVE COMPUTER SERVICES.—An interactive computer service shall be excepted from the liability protection under section 230(c)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 230(c)(1)) for the promotion, marketing, or the facilitation of a transaction involving a payment stablecoin if the interactive computer service—

(1) fails to take reasonable steps to prevent material misrepresentation, market manipulation, or unauthorized promotion of such asset;

(2) materially edits or amplifies content relating to digital asset investment, including through algorithmic curation or boosting; or

(3) fails to take reasonable steps to prevent illegal activity transacted using such asset.

SA 2296. Mr. MORAN (for Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mr. COTTON)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 201, to provide for a study by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on the prevalence and mortality of cancer among individuals who served as active duty aircrew in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “ACES Act of 2025”.

SEC. 2. NATIONAL ACADEMIES STUDY ON PREVALENCE AND MORTALITY OF CANCER AMONG INDIVIDUALS WHO SERVED AS ACTIVE DUTY AIRCREW IN THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) AGREEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (in this section referred to as the “National Academies”), under which the National Academies shall conduct a study on the prevalence and mortality of cancers among covered individuals.

(2) DEADLINE.—

(A) DATE.—The Secretary shall finalize the agreement under paragraph (1) by not later than 60 days after the date on which the Secretary enters negotiations with the National Academies with respect to such agreement.

(B) REPORT; BRIEFINGS.—If the Secretary fails to satisfy the requirement under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall—

(i) submit to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a report that includes—

(I) an explanation of the reasons the Secretary failed to satisfy such requirement; and

(II) an estimate of the date on which the Secretary will finalize the agreement under paragraph (1); and

(ii) not less frequently than once every 60 days after the date on which the Secretary failed to satisfy such requirement, provide to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a briefing on the progress of the Secretary toward finalizing such agreement.

(b) STUDY.—The study required under subsection (a) shall—