

“(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

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#### 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—

(1) identify exposures associated with military occupations of covered individuals, including relating to chemicals, compounds, agents, and other phenomena;

(2) review the literature to determine associations between exposures referred to in paragraph (1) and the incidence or prevalence of overall cancer morbidity, overall cancer mortality, and increased incidence or prevalence of—

(A) brain cancer;  
(B) colon and rectal cancers;  
(C) kidney cancer;  
(D) lung cancer;  
(E) melanoma skin cancer;  
(F) non-Hodgkin lymphoma;  
(G) pancreatic cancer;  
(H) prostate cancer;  
(I) testicular cancer;  
(J) thyroid cancer;  
(K) urinary bladder cancer; and  
(L) other cancers as determined appropriate by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the National Academies; and

(3) determine, to the extent possible, the prevalence of and mortality from the cancers specified in paragraph (2) among covered individuals by using available sources of data, which may include—

(A) health care and other administrative databases of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense, and the individual Services, respectively;

(B) the national death index maintained by the National Center for Health Statistics of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

(C) the study conducted under section 750 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283; 134 Stat. 3716).

(c) **REPORT.**—At the conclusion of the study required under subsection (a), the National Academies shall submit to the Secretary, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a report containing the results of the study described in subsection (b).

(d) **COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “covered individual” means an individual who served on active duty in the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps as an aircrew member of a fixed-wing aircraft, including as a pilot, navigator, weapons systems operator, aircraft system operator, or any other crew member who regularly flew in a fixed-wing aircraft.

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT TO PROCEEDING

I, Senator ALEX PADILLA intend to object to proceeding to the nomination of John Busterud, of California, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency, dated June 3, 2025.

I, Senator ALEX PADILLA intend to object to proceeding to the nomination of Usha-Maria Turner, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, dated June 3, 2025.

I, Senator ALEX PADILLA intend to object to proceeding to the nomination of Jeffrey Hall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, dated June 3, 2025.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I have five 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 AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing and a business meeting.

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

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The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 10:30 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 Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

#### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 2:50 p.m., to conduct a closed hearing.

#### ACES ACT

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 201 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The assistant bill clerk read as follows:

A 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.

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

Mr. MORAN. I ask unanimous consent that the Kelly substitute amendment at the desk be considered and 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.

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

The amendment (No. 2296) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

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