

(2) commends and thanks the countless skilled employees, past and present, who have been the bedrock of the success of Pratt & Whitney, including machinists, engineers, technicians, and veterans; and

(3) encourages all citizens to join in honoring the extraordinary contributions of this iconic company to the State of Connecticut, the United States, and the world.

SENATE RESOLUTION 337—RECOGNIZING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POSTAL SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

S. RES. 337

Whereas, on July 26, 1775, the Second Continental Congress founded the first national postal service to facilitate secure communication between the Continental Army, Congress, and citizens during the American Revolution;

Whereas the importance of a postal service is recognized in the Constitution, which gave Congress the power to establish post offices and post roads;

Whereas the postal service has grown from 75 post offices in the original 13 colonies to more than 30,000 locations in every corner of the United States;

Whereas the postal service holds a unique place in the history of the United States and in the hearts of the people;

Whereas the postal service embodies the spirit of innovation, determination, longevity, and resilience of the United States;

Whereas the postal service has facilitated commerce and united the United States;

Whereas the United States Postal Service was established as an independent establishment of the Federal Government in 1971;

Whereas the United States Postal Service provides all people in all parts of the United States with universal and open access to its delivery network; and

Whereas the United States Postal Service remains a vital part of the critical infrastructure of the United States through the delivery of mail and package services 6 days each week to 168,600,000 delivery points: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the historic significance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the postal service;

(2) honors the men and women who served and continue to serve as employees of the postal service;

(3) celebrates 250 years of service by the postal service to the people of the United States and looks forward to another 250 years of service; and

(4) invites the people of the United States to join in the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the postal service by writing a letter, buying stamps, or recognizing a postal employee.

SENATE RESOLUTION 338—RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF INDEPENDENT LIVING AND ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES MADE POSSIBLE BY THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 AND CALLING FOR FURTHER ACTION TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND HEALTH CARE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO WORK AND LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. REED, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COONS, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. PADILLA, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. KING, Mr. WELCH, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. GALLEG0) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 338

Whereas, in enacting the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), Congress recognized that “historically, society has tended to isolate and segregate individuals with disabilities, and, despite some improvements, such forms of discrimination against individuals with disabilities continue to be a serious and pervasive social problem”;

Whereas the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 recognizes the rights of individuals with disabilities to fully participate in their communities through independent living, equality of opportunity, and economic self-sufficiency;

Whereas, 35 years after the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and 26 years after the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999), many individuals with disabilities continue to live in segregated institutional settings because of an institutional bias in the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) (referred to in this preamble as “Medicaid”) and a lack of resources for community support services;

Whereas, 35 years after the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990—

(1) more than one-third of individuals with disabilities rely on Medicaid for health insurance;

(2) Medicaid makes it possible for individuals with disabilities to live in their own homes rather than in institutions;

(3) children with disabilities access school-based health services through Medicaid; and

(4) Medicaid is an essential support for individuals with disabilities to obtain and maintain work;

Whereas the continuation of segregated institutional settings has hindered the inclusion of individuals with disabilities in communities, schools, and workplaces, undermining the promise of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;

Whereas individuals with disabilities, especially those of color, have been disparately impacted by the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the number of individuals with disabilities has increased due to Long COVID;

Whereas individuals with disabilities are at a greater risk of loss of life, loss of inde-

pendence, or violation of civil rights than the general population during the increasing number of natural disasters in the United States and the response to and recovery from such disasters;

Whereas individuals of color with disabilities experience disproportionately greater barriers to high quality and accessible healthcare, education, housing, and competitive integrated employment opportunities, infringing on the right of individuals to fully participate in their communities under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;

Whereas the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 represents the floor, not the ceiling, of efforts needed to dismantle barriers to full participation, equal opportunity, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for individuals with disabilities; and

Whereas fulfilling the promise of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 requires individuals, families, communities, and government to work together to guarantee that individuals with disabilities have the opportunity to thrive in their communities throughout their lives: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the importance of independent living, equal opportunity, full participation, and economic self-sufficiency for individuals with disabilities made possible by the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.);

(2) encourages the people of the United States to celebrate the advancement of inclusion and equality of opportunity made possible by the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;

(3) pledges to continue to work on a bipartisan basis to identify and address the remaining barriers that undermine the national goals of equality of opportunity, independent living, economic self-sufficiency, and full participation for individuals with disabilities, including by focusing on individuals with disabilities who remain segregated in institutions;

(4) pledges to work with States to improve funding for and access to home and community-based services for individuals with disabilities, with a focus on increasing access to employment;

(5) admonishes against recent cuts, and any future cuts, to the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.), including the establishment of burdensome work-reporting requirements and other barriers, which puts the health of individuals with disabilities at risk and hinders the progress made since the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;

(6) calls on the Department of Labor to develop policies and practices, and to provide technical assistance, to increase the number and quality of competitive integrated employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities that enable such individuals to become economically self-sufficient;

(7) calls on the Federal Communications Commission to provide information, resources, and technical assistance to enable individuals with disabilities to have full and equitable access to communications and telecommunications services and technologies;

(8) calls on the Department of Health and Human Services to fully staff and support the Administration for Community Living and to champion independent living by providing information, resources, and technical assistance related to home- and community-based services;

(9) calls on the Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide accessible and inclusive homes and communities that increase the options available for accessible,

inclusive, and equitable housing for individuals with disabilities;

(10) calls on the Department of Transportation to create accessible transit and airports and increase the hiring, promotion, and retention of individuals with disabilities in the transportation workforce; and

(11) calls on the Federal Emergency Management Agency to continue to implement a whole community approach and to increase inclusivity and accessibility in emergency preparedness.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3019. Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. LUJÁN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3944, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3020. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2976 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 3944, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3021. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2976 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 3944, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3022. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2976 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 3944, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3023. Ms. DUCKWORTH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3944, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3024. Ms. DUCKWORTH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3944, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3025. Ms. SMITH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3944, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3026. Ms. DUCKWORTH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3944, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3027. Ms. DUCKWORTH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3944, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3028. Ms. DUCKWORTH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3944, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3029. Ms. DUCKWORTH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3944, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3030. Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. DUCKWORTH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2296, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 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.

SA 3031. Ms. ROSEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2976 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 3944,

making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3032. Mr. WARNOCK (for himself, Mr. BUDD, and Mr. CORNYN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2296, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 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.

SA 3033. Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. LUJÁN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3944, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3034. Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2296, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 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.

SA 3035. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. KING, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. WELCH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2296, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3036. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3944, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3037. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3944, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3038. Ms. COLLINS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3944, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3019. Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. LUJÁN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3944, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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

SEC. ____ LIMITATION ON RESCISSIONS AND DEFERRALS.

For each department or agency funded in this or any other appropriations Act for fiscal year 2026, authorities provided in sections 1012 through 1017 of the Impoundment Control Act, Title X of P.L. 93-344, as amended, shall not apply and any such rescissions or deferrals of the funds shall only be considered through annual Congressional appropriations legislation.

SA 3020. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2976 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 3944, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title II, insert the following:

SEC. 2 ____ LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT REDUCTIONS IN FORCE AT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this title for the Department of Veterans Affairs may be obligated or expended to carry out a reduction in force at the Department of Veterans Affairs unless such reduction in force is carried out in full accordance with the policies, procedures, and guidance set forth in part 351 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act, including all four phases of the reduction in force procedure set forth under such part.

SA 3021. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2976 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 3944, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ Chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 801(a)(1)(A)—

(A) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at the end;

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

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(iv) if the rule relates to a reduction in force at the Federal agency that is authorized under subchapter I of chapter 35, a detailed justification for the reduction in force, which shall include—

“(I) the specific reasons for the reduction in force;

“(II) the anticipated impact of the reduction in force on the employees and operations of the Federal agency;

“(III) any alternatives to the reduction in force that the Federal agency considered, including the reasons that the Federal agency rejected those alternatives;

“(IV) a summary of the consultations that the Federal agency has held with—

“(aa) employees of the Federal agency who will be affected by the reduction in force; and

“(bb) representatives of the employees described in item (aa); and

“(V) a summary of how the reduction in force will impact employees of the Federal agency who are veterans.”; and

(2) by amending section 804(3) to read as follows:

“(3) The term ‘rule’—

“(A) has the meaning given the term in section 551; and

“(B) includes—

“(i) a rule or order relating to a reduction in force at a Federal agency that is authorized under subchapter I of chapter 35; and