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#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 3039.** Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. WARNER) 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; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

#### **SEC. \_\_\_\_ DRINKING WATER WELL REPLACEMENT FOR CHINCOTEAGUE, VIRGINIA.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration may enter into an agreement, as appropriate, with the Town of Chincoteague, Virginia, for a period of up to five years, for reimbursement of the Town of Chincoteague's costs directly associated with—

(1) the development of a plan for removal of drinking water wells currently situated on property administered by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and

(2) the establishment of alternative drinking water wells on property under the administrative control, through lease, ownership, or easement, of the Town of Chincoteague.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—An agreement under subsection (a) shall include, to the extent practicable—

(1) a provision for the removal and relocation of the three remaining wells described in that subsection;

(2) a description of the location of the site to which such wells will be relocated or are planned to be relocated; and

(3) a current estimated cost of such relocation, including for the purchase, lease, or use of additional property, engineering, design, permitting, and construction.

(c) **SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, in coordination with the heads or other appropriate representatives of relevant entities, shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress any agreement entered into under subsection (a).

(d) **APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(1) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives.

**SA 3040.** Mr. HAWLEY 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 title I, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** None of the amounts made available under this title under the heading “MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY” may be obligated if the status of the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, is downgraded or the resources, personnel, or scope of care associated with that hospital are reduced.

**SA 3041.** Mrs. SHAHEEN 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; as follows:

On page 163, line 24, strike “programs.” and insert “programs; and, \$36,879,000 shall be made available for the Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program.”.

**SA 3042.** Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY) 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; as follows:

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

#### **SEC. 2 \_\_\_\_ REPORT ON THE USE OF THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTORS TO CONDUCT MEDICAL DISABILITY EXAMINATIONS OF VETERANS FOR PURPOSES OF OBTAINING DISABILITY COMPENSATION.**

(a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on the use of third-party contractors to conduct medical disability examinations of veterans for purposes of obtaining disability compensation.

(b) **CONTENTS.**—The report submitted pursuant to subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) The number of contractors used in each State to conduct disability compensation examinations.

(2) Contract performance and quality measures.

(3) The average miles a veteran is required to travel to attend a contract medical disability examination, disaggregated by State.

(4) The average wait time for an individual to receive an examination.

(5) A description of the process at the Department for handling complaints of veterans about their experience with a contracted medical disability examiner.

**SA 3043.** Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2977 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:

Strike division C.

**SA 3044.** Mr. KENNEDY 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:

Strike division C.

**SA 3045.** Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3038 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:

On page 2, after line 19, add the following:  
**SEC. 4. ACROSS THE BOARD 2 PERCENT REDUCTION.**

For each division of this Act, each amount made available under such division is reduced, on a pro rata basis, by the amount necessary to reduce the amount made available under such division, but for this section, by 2 percent.

**SA 3046.** Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3038 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:

On page 2, after line 19, add the following:  
**SEC. 4. REDUCTION IN SPENDING TO BE 2 PERCENT LESS THAN FISCAL YEAR 2025.**

The amounts made available under this Act are reduced, on a pro rata basis—

(1) for division A, by the amount necessary to reduce the amount made available under such division to be 2 percent less than the amount made available under section 1101(a)(10) of the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119-4; 139 Stat. 9);

(2) for division B, by the amount necessary to reduce the amount made available under such division to be 2 percent less than the amount made available under section 1101(a)(1) of the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119-4; 139 Stat. 9); and

(3) for division C, by the amount necessary to reduce the amount made available under such division to be 2 percent less than the amount made available under section 1101(a)(2) of the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119-4; 139 Stat. 9).

**SA 3047.** Ms. HIRONO 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; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

**SEC. 2. REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS REPROGRAMMING OR REALLOCATION OF FUNDS.**

Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress a report that details all reprogramming or reallocations of funds within the Department of Veterans Affairs since January 20, 2025, including—

(1) the amount and account from which funds were reprogrammed or reallocated;

(2) the amount and account to which funds were reprogrammed or reallocated; and

(3) the office within the Department that approved the reprogramming or reallocation.

**SA 3048.** Ms. HIRONO 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; as follows:

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

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress a report describing—

(1) clinical trials facilitated by or funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs that have been cancelled, suspended, or disrupted since January 20, 2025;

(2) the number of veterans estimated to participate in or enrolled in each trial cancelled, suspended, or disrupted since January 20, 2025;

(3) clinical trials cancelled, suspended, or disrupted since January 20, 2025, due to researchers participating in the deferred resignation program or voluntary early retirement authority program of the Department or being terminated;

(4) staff terminated or suspended due to the cancellation, suspension, or disruption of a clinical trial since January 20, 2025; and

(5) costs incurred by the Department due to the cancellation, suspension, or disruption of a clinical trial since January 20, 2025, including costs associated with the restarting of suspended or disrupted trials.

**SA 3049.** Ms. HIRONO 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; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

**SEC. 2. REPORT ON COST OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS RETURN TO IN-OFFICE WORK POLICY.**

Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress a report that details—

(1) the costs incurred by the Department of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Department's return to in-office work policy, including past and projected costs associated with obtaining additional office space and modifications to existing space, provision of relocation incentives, and transit subsidies and reimbursements;

(2) the number of staff commuting two or more hours each way to comply with the Department's return to in-office work policy; and

(3) the number of staff working in Federal facilities not owned or leased by the Department as a result of the Department's return to in-office work policy.

**SA 3050.** Mr. HEINRICH 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; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following:

**SEC. 718. REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATING TO SPECIALTY CARE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND DEPENDENTS.**

Section 1074i of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “In any case” and inserting “Except as provided in subsection (b), in any case”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking the heading and inserting “SPECIAL RULES FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS AND DEPENDENTS.—”;

(B) by striking “The Secretary of Defense” and inserting “(1) The Secretary of Defense”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) With respect to members of the armed forces on active duty and their dependents, the Secretary shall administer subsection (a) by substituting ‘50 miles’ for ‘100 miles.’”.

**SA 3051.** Mr. HEINRICH 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; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title XXVIII, add the following:

**SEC. 2850. HISTORICAL MARKERS AT HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE AND WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE COMMEMORATING EFFECTS OF RADIATION EXPOSURE.**

(a) HISTORICAL MARKERS REQUIRED.—

(1) HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE.—The Secretary of the Air Force shall place a historical marker in a publicly accessible location at the Holloman Air Force Base to commemorate the effects of radiation exposure on communities in New Mexico as a result of the Manhattan Project and the nuclear test conducted at the Trinity Site.

(2) WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE.—The Secretary of the Army shall place a historical marker in a publicly accessible location at the White Sands Missile Range to commemorate the effects of radiation exposure on communities in New Mexico as a result of the Manhattan Project and the nuclear test conducted at the Trinity Site.

(3) INFORMATION REQUIRED.—The historical markers required by paragraphs (1) and (2) shall include the following:

(A) An unclassified description of the history of the Manhattan Project and its purpose, including a description of the nuclear test conducted at the Trinity Site.

(B) A description of how the classified nature of the Manhattan Project and the nuclear test conducted at the Trinity Site led to the unknowing exposure of individuals in communities located downwind from such testing to radiological byproducts and how such communities have experienced the associated consequences of such byproducts.

(4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

(A) MANHATTAN PROJECT.—The term “Manhattan Project” means the Federal military program to develop an atomic bomb that ended on December 31, 1946.

(B) TRINITY SITE.—The term “Trinity Site” means the location in the Jornada del Muerto desert near Alamogordo, New Mexico, where a nuclear weapon was detonated on July 16, 1945.

(b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of the Army shall jointly provide

to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing on the implementation of the requirements of subsection (a).

**SA 3052.** Mr. PADILLA 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 title II, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act or any other Act making appropriations available for the Department of Veterans Affairs shall be used to deny or otherwise prohibit access to care to any veteran based on their immigration status.

**SA 3053.** Mr. PADILLA 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 title II, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Not less frequently than monthly, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall publicly publish average wait times for care under the Veterans Community Care Program under section 1703 of title 38, United States Code, for primary care, outpatient mental health care, inpatient mental health care, and inpatient substance use disorder care.

**SA 3054.** Mr. PADILLA 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, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **RECOMMENDATIONS TO STREAMLINE INCOME VERIFICATION PROCESS UNDER HUD-VASH PROGRAM.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Commissioner of Social Security, and such other heads of relevant entities as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs considers relevant shall submit to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives a report that includes recommendations to streamline the annual income verification process for veterans participating in the HUD-VASH program to reduce the burden on veterans.

**SA 3055.** Mr. PADILLA 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, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **REPORT ON CASE MANAGEMENT FOR HUD-VASH PROGRAM PROVIDED BY PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in coordination with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, shall submit to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives a report on the implementation of guidelines that allow public housing authorities to provide temporary, transitional case management in place of the Department of Veterans Affairs in areas where HUD-VASH vouchers are available and allocated but underutilized due to a lack of referrals from the Department.

(b) **RECOMMENDATIONS.**—The report required by subsection (a) shall include recommendations to improve the temporary case management process for eligible veterans in order to prevent the underutilization of HUD-VASH vouchers.

**SA 3056.** Mr. PADILLA 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, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS REPORT ON STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES.**

Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and not less frequently than once each quarter thereafter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall provide a quarterly report to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives a quarterly report on the status of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Comptroller General of the United States in Government Accountability Office report GAO-25-107182 (June 2, 2025).

**SA 3057.** Mr. PADILLA 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, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **EFFORTS TO IMPROVE HUD-VASH PROGRAM AND REPORT.**

Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in coordination with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, shall—

- (1) conduct additional boot camps for improving the HUD-VASH program;
- (2) continue to provide targeted technical assistance based on action plans and learning from the HUD-VASH boot camps; and
- (3) submit to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representa-

tives a report on the extent to which communities have deployed alternative methods to expand HUD-VASH case management capacity.

**SA 3058.** Mr. PADILLA 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 title I, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act or any other Act making appropriations available for the Department of Defense for military construction purposes may be used to construct, renovate, or expand any facility for the purposes of detention of migrants by the Department of Defense or to facilitate detention of migrants by the Department of Homeland Security, including by housing personnel of the Department of Homeland Security.

**SA 3059.** Mr. PADILLA 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 title II, insert the following:

**SEC. 2 \_\_\_\_.** **PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR REDUCING STAFFING, LIMITING HOURS OF OPERATION, DECREASING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, CURBING ACCESS, OR REDUCING CAPACITY OF CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS.**

None of the funds appropriated by this title shall be obligated or expended to reduce staffing, limit hours of operation, decrease training opportunities, curb access to relevant information technology systems, or otherwise reduce the capacity of the offices and programs funded under the amounts made available for mental health and suicide prevention outreach programs described in section 250.

**SA 3060.** Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. KIM, and Mr. DAINES) 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; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **CREDIT MONITORING.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 605A(k) (15 U.S.C. 1681c-1(k))—

(A) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

“(1) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this subsection:

“(A) **ARMED FORCES.**—The term ‘armed forces’ has the meaning given the term in section 101(a) of title 10, United States Code.

“(B) ARMED FORCES MEMBER CONSUMER.—The term ‘armed forces member consumer’ means a consumer who, regardless of duty status, is a member of the armed forces.”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “active duty military consumer” and inserting “armed forces member consumer”; and

(2) in section 625(b)(1)(K) (15 U.S.C. 1681t(b)(1)(K)), by striking “active duty military consumers” and inserting “armed forces member consumers”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

**SA 3061.** Mr. KING 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 title II, insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. Of the amounts appropriated by this title to the Department of Veterans Affairs, \$4,000,000 shall be used to carry out the Governor’s Challenge program of the Department for cooperative agreements with States to establish suicide mortality review committees.

**SA 3062.** Ms. BALDWIN 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; as follows:

At the end of subtitle H of title V, add the following:

**SEC. 586. ELIGIBILITY OF VETERANS OF OPERATION END SWEEP FOR VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL.**

The Secretary of the military department concerned may, upon the application of an individual who is a veteran who participated in Operation End Sweep, award that individual the Vietnam Service Medal.

**SA 3063.** Mr. MURPHY 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; as follows:

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

**SEC. 10. QUARTERLY REPORT ON MENTALLY INCAPACITATED AND MENTALLY INCOMPETENT VETERANS AND DEATH BY FIREARM SUICIDE.**

Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and not less frequently than once every quarter thereafter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives a quarterly report that sets forth—

(1) the number of persons who, in any case arising out of the administration by the Secretary of laws and benefits under such title 38, United States Code, have been deemed within the previous 90 days to be mentally incapacitated, mentally incompetent, or to be experiencing an extended loss of consciousness, who were not subject to an order or finding of a judge, magistrate, or other judicial authority of competent jurisdiction that such person is a danger to himself or herself or others; and

(2) of the persons described in paragraph (1), the number who died by firearm suicide.

**SA 3064.** Mr. MURPHY 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; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. INCREASE IN TRANSFER AND MANUFACTURING TAXES FOR FIREARMS REGULATED UNDER THE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.**

(a) TRANSFER TAX.—Subsection (a) of section 5811 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by section 70436(a) of Public Law 119–21, is amended to read as follows:

“(a) RATE.—There shall be levied, collected, and paid on firearms transferred a tax at the rate of \$4,709 for each firearm transferred.”.

(b) MAKING TAX.—Section 5821(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by section 70436(b) of Public Law 119–21, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$200” and inserting “\$4,709”, and

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$0” and inserting “\$55”.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 4182(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by section 70436(c) of Public Law 119–21, is amended by striking the second sentence.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to calendar quarters beginning more than 90 days after the date of the enactment of Public Law 119–21.

**SA 3065.** Mr. MURPHY 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; as follows:

At the end of subtitle H of title V, add the following:

**SEC. 586. PROHIBITION ON EXPANSION OF ARMY DETACHMENT 201 USE OF DIRECT COMMISSIONING BILLETS.**

The Secretary of the Army may not expand the use of allocated reserve billets for direct commissioning officers supporting Army Detachment 201 beyond those filled as of July 15, 2025, until the Secretary certifies to the congressional defense committees, and provides supporting documentation, on—

(1) the process for identifying, vetting and recruiting candidates into the direct commissioning programs;

(2) the proposed charter for such detachment, including scope of tasks, how operational tasking will be made, proposed deliverables, and measures of performance and effectiveness for both individuals and for the Detachment as a unit;

(3) the specific intended impacts and goals of the Detachment in advancing technological adoption, military innovation, or other areas of focus for the Army and the Department of Defense;

(4) the timeline for direct commissioned officers to complete all minimum training, including all required training necessary prior to being determined to be fully position qualified;

(5) processes for notifying the congressional defense committees when participants in the Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) program are mobilized for periods beyond their 14-day minimum service obligation;

(6) safeguards and oversight mechanisms in place to ensure the preservation of the military chain of command, avoidance of loss of human control, and maintenance of safety procedures, amid the Detachment’s efforts incorporate artificial intelligence and advanced technologies into weapons systems and operations across the Army and the Department of Defense;

(7) processes for ensuring the Detachment’s officers fully comply with Department of Defense standards of conduct and ethical requirements, including taking all necessary steps to prevent any conflicts of interest from inappropriately influencing Army and Department operations and decisionmaking towards the financial interests of officers, their families, or business associates; and

(8) processes to ensure officers recuse themselves from business dealings with the Department of Defense for which their simultaneous military service and private employment are likely to create unavoidable conflicts of interest.

**SA 3066.** Mr. MURPHY 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; as follows:

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

**SEC. 15. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR SPACE-BASED INTERCEPTOR DEVELOPMENT.**

(a) LIMITATION.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for space-based interceptor development may be obligated or expended to carry out any space-based interceptor development until the Secretary of Defense submits to the congressional defense committees the report described in subsection (b).

(b) REPORT.—The report described in this subsection is a report that—

(1) outlines the specific elements, goals, procurement and research and development plans, and comprehensive cost estimates for the architecture of the Golden Dome missile defense system;

(2) provides an analysis of the technical feasibility of a comprehensive missile defense shield to protect the entire United States homeland;

(3) sets forth the expected impact of the Golden Dome missile defense system for the United States Government budget, national

debt, and national fiscal health over the short- and long-term; and

(4) details the recusal requirements, contracting safeguards, and oversight and accountability mechanisms in place to ensure the program's rapid rollout does not allow for conflicts of interest, corrupt business dealings, or biased decisionmaking processes.

**SA 3067.** Mr. MURPHY 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; as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 1067. PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER OF EXECUTIVE AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT OF FOREIGN ORIGIN TO NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.**

No executive airlift aircraft of foreign origin may be transferred to a nongovernmental entity until the aircraft has served as an executive airlift aircraft for at least its entire service life.

**SA 3068.** Mr. MURPHY 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; as follows:

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

**SEC. 16. COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE GOVERNANCE PROCESSES FOR ADOPTION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TOOLS.**

(a) **REVIEW.**—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of the Department of Defense policies and governance relating to adoption of artificial intelligence tools for military needs.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—The review conducted under subsection (a) shall include the following matters:

(1) An analysis of Department organizational structure for overseeing, tracking, and responding to risks and opportunities arising from military uses of artificial intelligence, including—

(A) the responsibilities, functions, authorities, and actions of the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office and other relevant Department offices in the incorporation, implementation, and oversight of artificial intelligence;

(B) Department processes for development of lessons learned, adoption of best practices, and information sharing with other government agencies, industry, academia, and allies and partners;

(C) the development of metrics, policy guardrails, oversight mechanisms, and risk mitigation procedures for Department use of artificial intelligence tools;

(D) steps to ensure all Department engagement with artificial intelligence companies and industry leaders incorporate appropriate recusal requirements, safeguards, and oversight mechanisms to prevent conflicts of in-

terest, corrupt business dealings, and biased decisionmaking processes; and

(E) processes in place to ensure new contracting mechanisms for artificial intelligence provide for appropriate safeguards, transparency requirements, and oversight mechanisms to prevent conflicts of interest and to limit Department exposure to artificial intelligence industry-related risks.

(2) A full description and assessment of current Department of Defense policies and practices relating to current and potential military and civilian applications of artificial intelligence.

(3) Recommendations for improvements to standards, processes, procedures, and policy relating to the use of artificial intelligence in improving Department civilian and military operations, reducing associated risks, and increasing reliability, effectiveness, safety, and oversight of Department activities.

(c) **SUBMISSION OF REPORT.**—Not later than July 1, 2026, the Comptroller General shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the findings of the Comptroller General with respect to the review conducted pursuant to subsection (a).

**SA 3069.** Mr. MURPHY 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; as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 1067. SERVICES AND USE OF FUNDS FOR, AND LEASING OF, THE NATIONAL COAST GUARD MUSEUM.**

Section 316 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting “Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary”; and

(B) in paragraph (2) by striking “on the engineering and design of a Museum.” and inserting “on—”

“(A) the design of the Museum; and

“(B) engineering, construction administration, and quality assurance services for the Museum.”;

(2) in subsection (e), by amending paragraph (2)(A) to read as follows:

“(2)(A) for the purpose of conducting Coast Guard operations, lease from the Association—

“(i) the Museum; and

“(ii) any property owned by the Association that is adjacent to the railroad tracks that are adjacent to the property on which the Museum is located; and”;

(3) by amending subsection (g) to read as follows:

“(g) **SERVICES.**—With respect to the services related to the construction, maintenance, and operation of the Museum, the Commandant may, from nonprofit entities including the Association,—

“(1) solicit and accept services; and

“(2) enter into contracts or memoranda of agreement to acquire such services.”.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, I have one request for a committee to meet during today's session of the Senate. It has

the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committee is 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 Monday, July 28, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., to conduct a business meeting.

**PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. KELLY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privileges of the floor be granted to my following interns and fellows for today: Abriana Ballesteros, Hayden Darst, Mina Hicks, Jackson James, Jargo James, Isaac Navarrete, Connor Swenson, Ethan Tacheene, and Colter Thomas.

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

**ORDERS FOR TUESDAY JULY 29, 2025**

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, July 29; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar No. 110, Earl Matthews, postcloture; further, notwithstanding rule XXII, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the Matthews nomination, and if cloture has been invoked on Calendar No. 94, William Kimmitt, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly conference meetings; further, at 2:15 p.m., all postcloture time be expired and the Senate vote on confirmation of the Kimmitt nomination, and if confirmed, the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Calendar No. 274, Susan Monarez; finally, if any nominations are confirmed during Tuesday's session of the Senate, 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.

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, there will be two votes at 11:30 a.m., two votes at 2:15 p.m., and more votes expected throughout the afternoon and evening.

**ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW**

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the