

from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3287 intended to be proposed to S. 2296, an original bill 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 3592

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3592 intended to be proposed to S. 2296, an original bill 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 3773

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3773 intended to be proposed to S. 2296, an original bill 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 3810

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3810 intended to be proposed to S. 2296, an original bill 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.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. WELCH, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. KELLY, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 2759. A bill to enhance our Nation's nurse and physician workforce by recapturing unused immigrant visas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. DURBIN. 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. 2759

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 "Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act".

SEC. 2. RECAPTURING UNUSED IMMIGRANT VISAS FOR PROFESSIONAL NURSES AND PHYSICIANS.

Section 106(d) of the American Competitiveness in the Twenty-first Century Act of 2000 (title I of Public Law 106-313; 8 U.S.C. 1153 note) is amended to read as follows:

"(d) RECAPTURE OF UNUSED EMPLOYMENT-BASED IMMIGRANT VISAS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), and notwithstanding any other provision of law, the number of employment-based visas made available under section 203(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(b)) shall be increased by the number calculated under paragraph (3).

"(2) LIMITATIONS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Visas may only be made available under this subsection for up to 40,000 employment-based immigrants (and their family members accompanying or following to join under section 203(d) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(d))) whose immigrant worker petitions are filed not later than 3 years after the date of the enactment of the Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act.

"(B) RESERVATIONS.—Of the visas authorized under subparagraph (A)—

"(i) 25,000 shall be reserved for professional nurses; and

"(ii) 15,000 shall be reserved for physicians.

"(C) EXEMPTION FROM COUNTRY CAPS.—Visas made available under this subsection—

"(i) shall not be subject to the per country numerical limitation set forth in section 202(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1152(a)(2)); and

"(ii) shall be issued in order of the priority date assigned at the time the visa petition was filed.

"(D) ADDITIONAL LIMITATION.—Visas may only be made available under this subsection to a beneficiary and such beneficiary's dependents if visas are not otherwise immediately available to such individuals pursuant to the worldwide and per country allocations set forth in sections 202(a)(2) and 203(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1152(a)(2) and 1153(b)).

"(3) NUMBER AVAILABLE.—

"(A) UNUSED VISAS.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the number calculated under this paragraph is the difference between—

"(i) the total number of employment-based visas that were made available for fiscal years 1992 through 2024; and

"(ii) the total number of such visas that were used in such fiscal years.

"(B) REDUCTION AND LIMITATION.—The number described in subparagraph (A) shall be reduced, for each fiscal year following the fiscal year during which the Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act is enacted, by the cumulative number of immigrant visas used pursuant to paragraph (1).

"(C) FAMILY MEMBERS.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—Family members described in section 203(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(d)) who are accompanying or following to join a principal beneficiary seeking admission under this subsection shall be entitled to an unreserved visa in the same status and in the same order of consideration as such principal beneficiary.

"(ii) EXEMPT FROM SKILL-BASED NUMERICAL LIMITATION.—Visas described in clause (i)—

"(I) shall be made available from the pool of recaptured unused immigrant visas calculated under subparagraph (A); and

"(II) shall not be counted against the total number of immigrant visas reserved for professional nurses and physicians under paragraph (2).

"(D) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this paragraph may be construed as affecting the application of section 201(c)(3)(C) of the

Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(c)(3)(C)).

"(4) PREMIUM PROCESSING; EXPEDITED PROCESSING.—

"(A) PREMIUM PROCESSING.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Secretary of State, shall provide premium processing procedures, as provided for under section 286(u) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356(u)), for reviewing and acting upon petitions and applications for immigrants described in paragraph (2). Notwithstanding such section, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services may not charge a premium fee for such services.

"(B) SHIPPING PETITIONS.—The Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services shall expedite the shipping of each petition described in subparagraph (A) requiring consular processing to the Department of State immediately after—

"(i) the completed petition has been resolved; and

"(ii) the petitioner has replied to any request from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for additional evidence.

"(C) EXPEDITED PROCESSING.—The Secretary of State shall expedite the processing of applications for immigrants described in paragraph (2) after receiving a petition on behalf of such immigrants from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

"(5) LABOR ATTESTATION.—Before an immigrant visa reserved under paragraph (2)(B)(i) is issued to an alien, the petitioner shall attest, in the job offer letter presented by the alien to a consular officer during the consular interview or to the Department of Homeland Security as an application for an adjustment of status, that the hiring of the alien has not displaced and will not displace a United States worker."

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 382—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT ASHLI BABBITT IS DISQUALIFIED FROM ELIGIBILITY FOR MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS UNDER SECTION 985 OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE

Mr. GALLEGO submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

S. RES. 382

Whereas Ashli Babbitt, an Air Force veteran, died on January 6, 2021, while illegally attempting to breach the United States Capitol during the violent insurrection intended to overturn the certification of the 2020 Presidential election;

Whereas law enforcement officers responded courageously to defend the Capitol, risking and, in some cases, sacrificing their lives to uphold democratic institutions;

Whereas United States Capitol Police repeatedly ordered Ashli Babbitt, who was carrying a weapon, and other insurrectionists to step back from the locked and barricaded door leading to the House Speaker's Lobby, but the mob continued pressing forward, pounding on the door until its glass shattered;

Whereas Ashli Babbitt then attempted to force her way inside by climbing through the door's broken window, where a Capitol Police Officer intervened to protect dozens of House members and staff cornered nearby;

Whereas military funeral honors are a solemn recognition reserved for those who both served in uniform and upheld their oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas under section 985 of title 10, United States Code, persons whose conduct would bring discredit upon the Armed Forces may be denied eligibility for military funeral honors;

Whereas extending such honors to persons who actively participated in the January 6 attack undermines the integrity of those honors and the sacrifices of millions of veterans who have defended the United States; and

Whereas the Air Force's August 15, 2025, decision to grant Ashli Babbitt military honors was indefensible, shameful, and a disservice to the men and women who have honorably worn the uniform: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) Ashli Babbitt's actions on January 6, 2021, constitute disqualifying conduct under section 985 of title 10, United States Code, the rendering of military funeral honors to her would bring discredit upon the Air Force, and she is not eligible for such honors; and

(2) the Senate reaffirms its gratitude to the law enforcement officers and other personnel who defended the Capitol on January 6, 2021, and rejects efforts to glorify or legitimize the actions of those who sought to overturn the Constitution of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 383—COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONCLUSION OF WORLD WAR II WITH THE SURRENDER OF IMPERIAL JAPAN AND HONORING VETERANS OF BOTH THE PACIFIC AND EUROPEAN THEATERS

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 383

Whereas, after the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese on December 7, 1941, the United States declared war on Japan, and later declared war on Germany and Italy after their declarations of war on the United States, fully entering the United States into World War II and joining the Allies to fight the Axis Powers in a war in which over 16,300,000 citizens of the United States served in the military;

Whereas, during World War II, approximately 415,000 United States servicemembers were killed, another 670,000 were seriously wounded, and 130,000 were held as prisoners of war; and

Whereas September 2, 1945, marked the official end of World War II, with representatives of the Allied and Japanese governments signing the Instrument of Surrender, prepared by the Department of War and approved by President Harry S. Truman: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors all veterans, living and deceased, of the Pacific and European theaters of World War II on the 80th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II;

(2) expresses the deep appreciation and gratitude of the United States for the valor and selfless service of the veterans of World War II;

(3) calls on the people of the United States to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the signing of the Instrument of Surrender aboard the USS Missouri (BB-63) on September 2, 1945, as a day of appreciation for the members of the "Greatest Generation" who, through their sacrifices both in the

Armed Forces and on the home front, preserved liberty for future generations;

(4) mourns the more than 200,000 people, including more than 12,000 United States servicemembers and up to 150,000 Japanese civilians, who died from April 1 to June 22, 1945, in the Battle of Okinawa, which was the only land battle on the home islands of Japan and the costliest ground combat of the Asia-Pacific War, and which led President Harry S. Truman to re-examine the costs of invading mainland Japan;

(5) reaffirms the Treaty of Peace with Japan, done at San Francisco September 8, 1951 (commonly known as the "Treaty of San Francisco"), which formally ended the "state of war"; and

(6) recognizes the alliances and partnerships formed in the Indo-Pacific region following World War II, including those with Japan, Australia, the Philippines, Singapore, the Republic of Korea, and Thailand, as well as critical defense sites developed on Okinawa, Guam, Wake Island, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, and elsewhere, have contributed immeasurably to the continued peace and prosperity enjoyed throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3847. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the resolution S. Res. 377, authorizing the en bloc consideration in Executive Session of certain nominations on the Executive Calendar; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3848. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3847 submitted by Mr. THUNE and intended to be proposed to the resolution S. Res. 377, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3849. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment 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.

SA 3850. Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2296, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3851. Mr. GRAHAM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3748 proposed by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. REED) to the bill S. 2296, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3852. Mr. TUBERVILLE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2296, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3853. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3748 proposed by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. REED) to the bill S. 2296, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3854. Mr. SCHATZ proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3849 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill S. 2296, supra.

SA 3855. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2296, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3856. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3748 proposed by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. REED) to the bill S. 2296, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3857. Ms. LUMMIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to

amendment SA 3748 proposed by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. REED) to the bill S. 2296, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3858. Mr. PADILLA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3748 proposed by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. REED) to the bill S. 2296, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3859. Mr. TUBERVILLE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3748 proposed by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. REED) to the bill S. 2296, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3860. Mr. GALLEG0 submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3748 proposed by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. REED) to the bill S. 2296, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3861. Mr. KELLY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3748 proposed by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. REED) to the bill S. 2296, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3862. Mr. BENNET submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3748 proposed by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. REED) to the bill S. 2296, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3863. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3427 proposed by Ms. ERNST to the amendment SA 3748 proposed by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. REED) to the bill S. 2296, supra.

SA 3864. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3748 proposed by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. REED) to the bill S. 2296, supra.

SA 3865. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3864 proposed by Mr. THUNE to the amendment SA 3748 proposed by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. REED) to the bill S. 2296, supra.

SA 3866. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2296, supra.

SA 3867. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3866 proposed by Mr. THUNE to the bill S. 2296, supra.

SA 3868. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3867 proposed by Mr. THUNE to the amendment SA 3866 proposed by Mr. THUNE to the bill S. 2296, supra.

SA 3869. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. MULLIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2296, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3870. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. MULLIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2296, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3871. Mrs. MOODY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3748 proposed by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. REED) to the bill S. 2296, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3872. Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. PADILLA) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3748 proposed by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. REED) to the bill S. 2296, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3847. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the resolution S. Res. 377, authorizing the en bloc consideration in Executive Session of certain nominations on the Executive Calendar; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 6, beginning on line 9, strike the following: