

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

SEC. 1219. CAPACITY BUILDING FOR DEFENSE FORCES.

The Secretary of Defense is authorized to provide counter-ISIS support and training assistance to the Syrian authorities—

(1) to build their capacity to contribute to counterterrorism needs in Syria; and

(2) to support core United States national security objectives.

SA 3870. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. MULLIN) 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:

SECTION 1. REPEALS.

(a) SYRIA ACCOUNTABILITY AND LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY RESTORATION ACT OF 2003.—The Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-175; 22 U.S.C. 2151 note) is repealed.

(b) SYRIA HUMAN RIGHTS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2012.—The Syria Human Rights Accountability Act of 2012 (title VII of Public Law 112-158; 22 U.S.C. 8701 et seq.) is repealed.

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, 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 E of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1265. IMPOSING, MAINTAINING, AND ENFORCING SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) EFFECT OF SANCTIONS.—The United States sanctions provided for in Executive Order 14203 (90 Fed. Reg. 9369; relating to imposing sanctions on the International Criminal Court) shall remain in effect, continue to apply, and have the force and effect of law; and

(2) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—The President shall impose, maintain, and enforce sanctions with respect to a foreign person provided for in Executive Order 14203 (90 Fed. Reg. 9369; relating to imposing sanctions on the International Criminal Court).

(b) WAIVER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The President or the Secretary of State may, on a case-by-case basis and for periods not to exceed 180 days each, waive the application of sanctions imposed or maintained with respect to a foreign person under Executive Order 14203 (90 Fed. Reg. 9369; relating to imposing sanctions on the International Criminal Court) or under subsection (a) if the President or Secretary of State submits to the appropriate congressional committees 15 days before the waiver is to take effect a report that contains a de-

termination that the waiver is vital to the national security interests of the United States.

(2) CONTENTS.—Each report required by paragraph (1) with respect to a waiver of the application of sanctions imposed or maintained with respect to a foreign person under this section, or the renewal of such a waiver, shall include—

(A) a specific and detailed rationale for the determination that the waiver is vital to the national security interests of the United States;

(B) a description of the activity that resulted in the foreign person being subject to sanctions;

(C) a detailed description and list of actions the United States has taken to stop and seek to facilitate a permanent end to the International Criminal Court engaging in any effort including to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute all protected persons; and

(D) a detailed description and list of actions the International Criminal Court has taken to permanently close, withdraw, end, or otherwise terminate any preliminary examination, investigation, or any other effort to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute all protected persons.

(3) FORM.—A report submitted in accordance with paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—The terms in this section shall have the same meaning given those terms in Executive Order 14203 (90 Fed. Reg. 9369; relating to imposing sanctions on the International Criminal Court).

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, 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 V, add the following:

SEC. 515. REQUIREMENT OF CONSENT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR CERTAIN FULL-TIME NATIONAL GUARD DUTY PERFORMED IN A STATE, TERRITORY, OR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Subsection (f) of section 502 of title 32, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Under” and inserting “Subject to paragraph (2) and under”; and

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

“(A) Support of operations or missions undertaken by the member’s unit at the request of the President or Secretary of Defense, with the consent of—

“(i) the chief executive officer of each State (as that term is defined in section 901 of this title) in which such operations or missions shall take place; and

“(ii) if such operations or missions shall take place in the District of Columbia, the Mayor of the District of Columbia.”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have 10 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 BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a subcommittee hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday September 10, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans’ Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 4 p.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 3 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND CENSUS

The Subcommittee on Disaster Management, District of Columbia, and

Census of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM AND HYPOXIA RESEARCH AND CONTROL AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2025

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 109, S. 93.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 93) to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to address harmful algal blooms, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. THUNE. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed; that the committee-reported title amendment be considered and agreed to; that the title, as amended, be agreed to; and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The bill (S. 93) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 93

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 “Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2025”.

SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM AND HYPOXIA RESEARCH AND CONTROL ACT OF 1998.

(a) ASSESSMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 603 of the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 4001) is amended—

(A) in the section heading, by striking “ASSESSMENTS” and inserting “TASK FORCE, ASSESSMENTS, AND ACTION STRATEGY”;

(B) in subsection (a)—

(i) by redesignating paragraphs (13) and (14) as paragraphs (14) and (15), respectively; and

(ii) by inserting after paragraph (12) the following:

“(13) the Department of Energy;”;

(C) by striking subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), (g), (h), and (i) and redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (b);

(D) in subsection (b), as so redesignated—

(i) in paragraph (1), in the first sentence, by striking “coastal waters including the Great Lakes” and inserting “marine, estuarine, and freshwater systems”; and

(ii) in paragraph (2)—

(I) by amending subparagraph (A) to read as follows:

“(A) examine—

“(i) the causes and ecological consequences of hypoxia on marine and aquatic species in their environments; and

“(ii) the costs of hypoxia, including impacts on food safety and security;”;

(II) by redesignating subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) as subparagraphs (D), (E), and (F), respectively;

(III) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following:

“(B) examine the effect of other environmental stressors on hypoxia;

“(C) evaluate alternatives for reducing, mitigating, and controlling hypoxia and its environmental impacts;”;

(IV) in subparagraph (E), as redesignated by subclause (II), by striking “hypoxia modeling and monitoring data” and inserting “hypoxia modeling, forecasting, and monitoring and observation data”; and

(E) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) ACTION STRATEGY AND SCIENTIFIC ASSESSMENT FOR MARINE AND FRESHWATER HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently than once every 5 years, the Task Force shall complete and submit to Congress an action strategy for harmful algal blooms in the United States.

“(2) ELEMENTS.—Each Action Strategy shall—

“(A) examine, and include a scientific assessment of, marine and freshwater harmful algal blooms, including such blooms—

“(i) in the Great Lakes;

“(ii) in the upper reaches of estuaries;

“(iii) in freshwater lakes and rivers;

“(iv) in coastal and marine waters; and

“(v) that originate in freshwater lakes or rivers and migrate to coastal waters;

“(B) examine the causes, ecological consequences or physiological consequences on wildlife function, and economic or cultural impacts, including food safety and security and subsistence use, of harmful algal blooms;

“(C) examine the effect of other environmental stressors on harmful algal blooms;

“(D) examine potential methods to prevent, control, and mitigate harmful algal blooms and the potential ecological, subsistence use, and economic costs and benefits of such methods;

“(E) identify priorities for research needed to advance techniques and technologies to detect, predict, monitor, respond to, and minimize the occurrence, duration, and severity of harmful algal blooms, including recommendations to eliminate significant gaps in harmful algal bloom forecasting, monitoring, and observation data;

“(F) evaluate progress made by, and the needs of, activities and actions of the Task Force to prevent, control, and mitigate harmful algal blooms;

“(G) identify ways to improve coordination and prevent unnecessary duplication of effort among Federal agencies with respect to research on harmful algal blooms; and

“(H) include regional chapters relating to the requirements described in this paragraph in order to highlight geographically and ecologically diverse locations with significant ecological, subsistence use, cultural, and economic impacts from harmful algal blooms.

“(d) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out subsections (b) and (c), the Task Force shall consult with—

“(1) States, Indian tribes, and local governments; and

“(2) appropriate industries (including fisheries, agriculture, and fertilizer), academic institutions, and nongovernmental organizations with relevant expertise.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in section 2 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-383; 112 Stat. 3412; 136 Stat. 1268) is amended by striking the item relating to section 603 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 603. Task Force, assessments, and Action Strategy.”.

(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 102 of the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Amendments Act of 2004 (33 U.S.C. 4001a) is

amended by striking “In developing” and all that follows through “management.”.

(b) NATIONAL HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM AND HYPOXIA PROGRAM.—Section 603A of the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 4002) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking “predicting,” and inserting “monitoring, observing, forecasting,”; and

(ii) by striking “and” after the semicolon; and

(B) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) the scientific assessment submitted under section 603(b); and

“(3) the Action Strategy.”;

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (3), by striking “ocean and Great Lakes science and management programs and centers” and inserting “programs and centers relating to the science and management of marine, estuarine, and freshwater systems”; and

(B) in paragraph (5), by inserting “while recognizing each agency is acting under its own independent mission and authority” before the semicolon;

(3) in subsection (d), by striking “Except as provided in subsection (h), the” and inserting “The”;

(4) in subsection (e)—

(A) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) examine the causes, ecological consequences, and costs of harmful algal blooms and hypoxia;”;

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “, including the annual Gulf of Mexico hypoxia zone mapping cruise” after “Program”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and” after the semicolon; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(E) to identify opportunities to improve monitoring of harmful algal blooms and hypoxia, with a particular focus on waters that may affect fisheries, public health, or subsistence harvest;

“(F) to evaluate adaptation and mitigation strategies to address the impacts of harmful algal blooms and hypoxia;

“(G) to support the resilience of the seafood industry to harmful algal blooms and to expand access to testing for harmful algal bloom toxins, including for subsistence and recreational harvesters, through innovative methods that increase the efficiency and effectiveness of such testing in rural and remote areas;

“(H) to support sustained observations to provide State and local entities, Indian tribes, and other entities access to real-time or near real-time observations data for decision making to protect human and ecological health and local economies; and

“(I) to assess the combined effects of harmful algal blooms, hypoxia, and stressors such as runoff and infrastructure changes on marine, freshwater, or estuarine ecosystems and living resources;”;

(C) in paragraph (4), by striking “agencies” and inserting “entities, regional coastal observing systems (as defined in section 12303 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3602)),”;

(D) in paragraph (6), by inserting “and communities” after “ecosystems”;

(E) in paragraph (8), by inserting “and Indian tribes” after “managers”;

(F) in paragraph (9)(A), by striking “, tribal, and local stakeholders” and inserting “and local stakeholders and Indian tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”;

(G) by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), and (11) as paragraphs (4),