H.R. 4016, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3967. Mr. SULLIVAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3385, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the enhancement of the health care premium tax credit; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3968. Mr. SULLIVAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3386, to provide a health savings account contribution to certain enrollees, to reduce health care costs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3969. Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. CRUZ) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1071, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Texas, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3970. Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Ms. CANT-WELL, Mr. MORAN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. MAR-SHALL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. WARNOCK, and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1071, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3971. Mr. THUNE (for Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 640, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the Navajo Nation Water Resources Development Trust Fund, to amend the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 to make technical corrections to the Taos Pueblo Water Development Fund and Aamodt Settlement Pueblos' Fund, and for other purposes.

### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3961. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1071, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end add the following.

'This Act shall take effect 1 day after the date of enactment."

SA 3962. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3961 proposed by Mr. Thune to the bill S. 1071, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike "1 day" and insert "2 days"

SA 3963. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1071, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end add the following.

"This Act shall take effect 3 days after the date of enactment."

SA 3964. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3963 proposed by Mr. Thune to the bill S. 1071, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston

National Cemetery, Texas, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike "3 days" and insert "4 days"

SA 3965. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3964 proposed by Mr. Thune to the amendment SA 3963 proposed by Mr. Thune to the bill S. 1071, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike "4 days" and insert "5 days'

SA 3966. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4016, making appropriations for the Department of Defense 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:

#### STRIKE OF EARMARKS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds provided under division B, C, D, or E of this Act may be used for any Congressionally Directed Spending project specified in any provision of any such division or in a report referenced in subsection (b), (c), (d), or (e) of section 3 of the matter preceding division A of this Act.

SA 3967. Mr. SULLIVAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3385, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the enhancement of the health care premium tax credit; which was ordered to lie on the table: as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Strengthening Transparency, Affordability, and Budget Integrity for Your Insurance Act of 2025" or the "STABILITY Act of 2025".

#### SEC. 2. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF EN-HANCED PREMIUM TAX CREDITS.

- (a) HOUSEHOLD INCOME LIMITATION.—Section 36B(c)(1)(E) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended-
- (1) by striking "2025.—In the case of" and inserting the following: "2025.—
- "(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of"
- (2) by adding at the end the following new clause:
- "(ii) SPECIAL RULE FOR 2026 AND 2027.-In the case of any taxable year beginning after December 31, 2025, and before January 1, 2028, subparagraph (A) shall be applied by substituting '600 percent' for '400 percent'.", and
- (3) in the heading-
- (A) by striking "RULE" and inserting "RULES", and
- (B) by striking "2025" in the heading and inserting "2027"
- APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—Section 36B(b)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended-
  - (1) in clause (iii)-
- (A) by striking "January 1, 2026" and inserting "January 1, 2028, except as provided in clauses (iv) and (v)", and
- (B) by striking "2025" in the heading and inserting "2027", and
- (2) by adding at the end the following new clauses:
- "(iv) SPECIAL RULE FOR 2026 AND 2027.-In the case of any taxable year beginning after De-

cember 31, 2025, and before January 1, 2028, the table contained in clause (iii)(II) shall be applied by adjusting the premium percentages such that applicable taxpayers whose household income (expressed as a percent of poverty line) is less than 150 percent receive a premium assistance amount with respect to any coverage month which is equal to the monthly premiums described in paragraph (2)(A) with respect to the taxpayer, reduced

"(v) SPECIAL RULES FOR 2027.—In the case of any taxable year beginning after December 31, 2026, and before January 1, 2028, the table contained in clause (iii)(II) shall be applied as provided in clause (iv) and by adjusting the premium percentages such that—

"(I) for applicable taxpayers whose household income (so expressed) is 400 percent up to 500 percent, the final premium percentage

is 10 percent, and

- "(II) for applicable taxpayers whose household income (so expressed) is 500 percent up to 600 percent, the initial premium percentage is 10 percent and the final premium percentage is 12 percent.
- (c) COVERAGE FOR ALIENS NOT LAWFULLY PRESENT.—Clause (i) of section 36B(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended-
- (1) by striking "shall not include a qualified health plan" and inserting "shall not include-
  - "(I) a qualified health plan",
- (2) by striking the period at the end and inserting ", and", and
- (3) by adding at the end the following new subclause:
- "(II) any health plan that offers coverage to aliens not lawfully present in the United States."
- (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

#### SEC. 3. ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AGAINST LEAD AGENTS FOR FEDERAL EXCHANGE AGENTS AND BROKERS.

Section 1312(e) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18032(e)) is

- (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly;
- (2) by striking "The Secretary" and inserting the following:
  - "(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary"; and
  - (3) by adding at the end the following:
- "(2) Enforcement with respect to lead AGENTS FOR FEDERAL EXCHANGE AGENTS AND BROKERS.-
- "(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines that an agent or broker has failed to comply with the requirements applicable to agents and brokers engaged in the activities described in paragraph (1) with respect to an Exchange operating pursuant to section 1321(c), in addition to any remedies available with respect to the agent or broker as an entity, any lead agent of such agent or
- "(i) may be disqualified from serving as a lead agent with respect to any subsequent agreement between an agent or broker and any such Exchange; and
- "(ii) may be subject to civil money penalties as described in section 155.285 of title 45, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulations).
- "(B) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'lead agent' means an executive or other individual with a leadership role with an agent or broker described in paragraph (1)."

#### SEC. 4. STANDARD FOR TERMINATION OF AGREE-MENTS BETWEEN FEDERAL CHANGES AND AGENTS AND BRO-KERS.

Section 1312(e) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18032(e)),

as amended by section 3, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

"(3) TERMINATION OF AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERAL EXCHANGES.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may terminate an agreement between an Exchange operating pursuant to section 1321(c) and an agent or broker described in paragraph (1) for cause if the Secretary determines, by the preponderance of the evidence, that the agent or broker violated—

"(i) any standard established by regulation and applicable to the agent or broker;

"(ii) any term or condition of the agreement with the Exchange; or

"(iii) any Federal or State law applicable to agents and brokers.

"(B) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'preponderance of the evidence' means proof by evidence that, compared with evidence opposing it, leads to the conclusion that the fact at issue is more likely true than not."

#### SEC. 5. VERIFYING ELIGIBILITY OF ENROLLEES.

Section 1311(d) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18031(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(8) QUARTERLY VERIFICATION AGAINST DEATH MASTER FILE.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—An Exchange shall, not less frequently than quarterly, conduct a check of the Death Master File (as such term is defined in section 203(d) of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013) to determine whether any individual enrolled in a qualified health plan through the Exchange is deceased.

"(B) REQUIRED ACTIONS.—If the Exchanges determines through a check conducted pursuant to subparagraph (A) that any such individual is deceased, the Exchange shall—

"(i) in the case of such an individual enrolled in an individual plan, disenroll the individual; and

"(ii) in the case of such an individual enrolled in a family plan, contact the estate of the deceased individual to provide for the disenrollment of such individual while ensuring that other qualified individuals enrolled in the same family plan are not disenrolled.

"(C) NOTIFICATION TO THE SECRETARY.—The Exchange shall report any disenrollment of an individual pursuant to clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (B) to the Secretary. The Secretary shall provide a process for appeals of disenrollment determinations under this paragraph."

SA 3968. Mr. SULLIVAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3386, to provide a health savings account contribution to certain enrollees, to reduce health care costs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

## TITLE IV—STABILITY ACT OF 2025 SEC. 401. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF EN-HANCED PREMIUM TAX CREDITS.

- (a) HOUSEHOLD INCOME LIMITATION.—Section 36B(c)(1)(E) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—
- (1) by striking "2025.—In the case of" and inserting the following: "2025.—
  - "(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of"
- (2) by adding at the end the following new clause:

"(ii) SPECIAL RULE FOR 2026 AND 2027.—In the case of any taxable year beginning after December 31, 2025, and before January 1, 2028, subparagraph (A) shall be applied by substituting '600 percent' for '400 percent'.", and

(3) in the heading—

(A) by striking "RULE" and inserting "RULES", and

- (B) by striking "2025" in the heading and inserting "2027".
- (b) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—Section 36B(b)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—
  - (1) in clause (iii)-

(A) by striking "January 1, 2026" and inserting "January 1, 2028, except as provided in clauses (iv) and (v)", and

(B) by striking "2025" in the heading and inserting "2027", and

(2) by adding at the end the following new clauses:

"(iv) SPECIAL RULE FOR 2026 AND 2027.—In the case of any taxable year beginning after December 31, 2025, and before January 1, 2028, the table contained in clause (iii)(II) shall be applied by adjusting the premium percentages such that applicable taxpayers whose household income (expressed as a percent of poverty line) is less than 150 percent receive a premium assistance amount with respect to any coverage month which is equal to the monthly premiums described in paragraph (2)(A) with respect to the taxpayer, reduced by \$5.

"(v) SPECIAL RULES FOR 2027.—In the case of any taxable year beginning after December 31, 2026, and before January 1, 2028, the table contained in clause (iii)(II) shall be applied as provided in clause (iv) and by adjusting the premium percentages such that—

"(I) for applicable taxpayers whose household income (so expressed) is 400 percent up to 500 percent, the final premium percentage is 10 percent, and

"(II) for applicable taxpayers whose household income (so expressed) is 500 percent up to 600 percent, the initial premium percentage is 10 percent and the final premium percentage is 12 percent."

(c) COVERAGE FOR ALIENS NOT LAWFULLY PRESENT.—Clause (i) of section 36B(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended.—

(1) by striking "shall not include a qualified health plan" and inserting "shall not include—

"(I) a qualified health plan".

(2) by striking the period at the end and inserting ", and", and
(3) by adding at the end the following new

subclause:
"(II) any health plan that offers coverage

to aliens not lawfully present in the United States.".

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

# SEC. 402. ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AGAINST LEAD AGENTS FOR FEDERAL EXCHANGE AGENTS AND BROKERS.

Section 1312(e) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18032(e)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly;

(2) by striking "The Secretary" and inserting the following:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

 $\lq\lq(2)$  Enforcement with respect to lead agents for federal exchange agents and brokers.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines that an agent or broker has failed to comply with the requirements applicable to agents and brokers engaged in the activities described in paragraph (1) with respect to an Exchange operating pursuant to section 1321(c), in addition to any remedies available with respect to the agent or broker as an entity, any lead agent of such agent or broker—

"(i) may be disqualified from serving as a lead agent with respect to any subsequent agreement between an agent or broker and any such Exchange; and

"(ii) may be subject to civil money penalties as described in section 155.285 of title 45, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulations).

"(B) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'lead agent' means an executive or other individual with a leadership role with an agent or broker described in paragraph (1).".

# SEC. 403. STANDARD FOR TERMINATION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN FEDERAL EXCHANGES AND AGENTS AND BROKERS.

Section 1312(e) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18032(e)), as amended by this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

"(3) TERMINATION OF AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERAL EXCHANGES.—

"(A) In general.—The Secretary may terminate an agreement between an Exchange operating pursuant to section 1321(c) and an agent or broker described in paragraph (1) for cause if the Secretary determines, by the preponderance of the evidence, that the agent or broker violated—

"(i) any standard established by regulation and applicable to the agent or broker;

"(ii) any term or condition of the agreement with the Exchange; or

"(iii) any Federal or State law applicable to agents and brokers.

"(B) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'preponderance of the evidence' means proof by evidence that, compared with evidence opposing it, leads to the conclusion that the fact at issue is more likely true than not."

#### SEC. 404. VERIFYING ELIGIBILITY OF ENROLL-EES.

Section 1311(d) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18031(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(8) QUARTERLY VERIFICATION AGAINST DEATH MASTER FILE.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—An Exchange shall, not less frequently than quarterly, conduct a check of the Death Master File (as such term is defined in section 203(d) of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013) to determine whether any individual enrolled in a qualified health plan through the Exchange is deceased.

"(B) REQUIRED ACTIONS.—If the Exchanges determines through a check conducted pursuant to subparagraph (A) that any such individual is deceased, the Exchange shall—

"(i) in the case of such an individual enrolled in an individual plan, disenroll the individual; and

"(ii) in the case of such an individual enrolled in a family plan, contact the estate of the deceased individual to provide for the disenrollment of such individual while ensuring that other qualified individuals enrolled in the same family plan are not disenrolled.

"(C) NOTIFICATION TO THE SECRETARY.—The Exchange shall report any disenrollment of an individual pursuant to clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (B) to the Secretary. The Secretary shall provide a process for appeals of disenrollment determinations under this paragraph."

SA 3969. Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. CRUZ) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1071, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 373.

SA 3970. Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. Moran. Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. MARSHALL, Ms. KLO-BUCHAR. Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. WARNOCK, and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1071, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetary, Texas, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In title III of division A, insert after subtitle E the following new subtitle:

### Subtitle F—ROTOR Act

#### SEC. 391. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the "Rotor-craft Operations Transparency and Oversight Reform Act" or the "ROTOR Act".

#### SEC. 392. DEFINITIONS.

- In this subtitle:
- (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.
- (2) ADS-B IN.—The term "ADS-B In" means onboard avionics equipment that receives and processes Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast transmissions that are broadcast in accordance with sections 91.225 and 91.227 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulations), and other aviation advisory information from ground stations, that provides the aircraft with awareness to the location of other aircraft and traffic advisories.
- (3) ADS-B OUT.—The term "ADS-B Out"-
- (A) has the meaning given such term in section 91.227 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations; and
- (B) broadcasts information from the aircraft in accordance with sections 91.225 and 91.227 of such title 14 (or any successor regulations)
- (4) AFFECTED AIRCRAFT.—The term "affected aircraft" means any aircraft that is required to operate in accordance with section 91.225 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation.
- (5) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term "appropriate committees of Congress" means the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.
- (6) CABINET MEMBER.—The term "Cabinet Member" means an individual who is the head (including an acting head) of the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Defense, the Department of Education, the Department of Energy, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Justice, the Department of Labor, the Department of State, the Department of Transportation, the Department of the Treasury, or the Department of Veterans Affairs, or any other individual who occupies a position designated by the President as a Cabinet-level position.
- (7) FAA.—The term "FAA" means the Federal Aviation Administration.
- (8) NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION; NCR.—The terms "National Capital Region" and "NCR" mean the geographic area located within the boundaries of—
  - (A) the District of Columbia;
- (B) Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties in the State of Maryland;
- (C) Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William Counties and the City of Al-

- exandria in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and
- (D) all cities and other units of government within the geographic areas described in subparagraphs (A) through (C).
- (9) POWERED-LIFT.—The term "powered-lift"—
- (A) has the meaning given such term in section 1.1 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation); and
- (B) includes vertical-lift flight mode and wing-borne flight mode, as such terms are defined in section 194.103 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation).
- (10) ROTORCRAFT.—The term "rotorcraft" has the meaning given such term in section 1.1 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation).
- (11) TRANSPORT AIRPLANE.—The term "transport airplane" has the meaning given such term in section 44741(i) of title 49, United States Code.
- (12) UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM.—The term "unmanned aircraft system" has the meaning given such term in section 44801 of title 49. United States Code.

# SEC. 393. REVISION TO EXCEPTION FOR ADS-B OUT TRANSMISSION.

- (a) ADS-B OUT REFORMS.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—
- (A) SENSITIVE GOVERNMENT MISSION.—Beginning on the date of enactment of this section, in applying section 91.225(f)(1) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, the term "sensitive government mission" shall be narrowly construed and shall not include routine flights, non-classified flights, proficiency flights, or flights of Federal officials below the rank of Cabinet Member or the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- (B) NOTIFICATION.—For the purposes of interpreting section 91.225(f)(1) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, the operating agency shall—
- (i) when operating a sensitive government mission during which the aircraft will not be transmitting ADS-B Out, notify Air Traffic Control; and
- (ii) when operating a sensitive government mission within Class B airspace, notify the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on the Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on the Armed Services of the House of Representatives not later than 72 hours after the conclusion of such operation.
- (2) Rulemaking and administrative action.—
- (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall—
- (i) issue or revise regulations to update section 91.225(f) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, to comply with the requirements of this section; and
- (ii) revise any memorandum of agreement between the FAA and any other Federal, State, local, or Tribal agency to conform with the revised regulations described in clause (i), including any agreement pursuant to section 1046 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (49 U.S.C. 40101 note).
- (B) REPORT.—If the Administrator fails to issue or revise regulations pursuant to subparagraph (A) or revise any memorandum of agreement between the FAA and any other agency pursuant to such subparagraph, the Administrator shall, within 30 days, submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the status of such regulations, including the reasons that the Administrator has failed to issue or revise such regulations within the period required under such subparagraph.

- (b) GAO REVIEW AND REPORT.—Not later than the date that is 2 years after the date of enactment of this section, the Comptroller General of the United States shall—
- (1) review the utilization of exceptions under section 91.225(f) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation), as revised under subsection (a), to determine—
- (A) whether the Department of Defense and other relevant Federal agencies or other applicable operators have utilized such exceptions in accordance with relevant laws and regulations; and
  - (B) the extent of such utilization;
- (2) compare the utilization of exceptions specified in such section 91.225(f) before and after the issuance of revised regulations under subsection (a); and
- (3) submit to the Administrator and the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the findings of the review conducted under paragraph (1) and the comparison conducted under paragraph (2).
- (c) FAA REVIEW OF NON-COMPLIANT OPERATORS.—Upon submission of the report under subsection (b)(3), the Administrator shall—
- (1) determine whether any Federal agency or other applicable operator that has been found to have not utilized the exceptions under section 91.225(f) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation), as revised under subsection (a), in accordance with relevant laws and regulations shall be permitted to continue to utilize such exceptions; and
- (2) not later than 30 days after the date on which the Comptroller General submits the report under subsection (b)(3), brief the appropriate committees of Congress on such determination.
  - (d) Reports.—
- (1) To the administrator.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this section, and on a quarterly basis thereafter, each Federal, State, local, and Tribal agency that performs sensitive government missions as described in section 91.225(f)(1) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation), as revised under subsection (a), shall submit to the Administrator a report that includes—
- (A) an attestation that such operations are regularly transmitting ADS-B Out and are conducted with proper consideration to aviation safety:
- (B) a list of operations delineated by flight in which the ADS-B Out equipment is not in transmit mode because the aircraft was performing a sensitive government mission, including the airport, airspace location, date, time, duration, and mission type of each such operation; and
- (C) with respect to any classified operation, a classified annex.
  - (2) To congress.-
- (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this section, and biannually thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the frequency and nature of the ADS-B Out exceptions granted to Federal, State, local, and Tribal agencies under section 91.225(f)(1) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation), as revised under subsection (a). Such report—
  - (i) shall include—
- (I) aggregated data on the operations in which ADS-B Out equipment is not in transmit mode by each agency described in paragraph (1); and
- (II) a determination from the Administrator as to whether each operation described in paragraph (1)(B) jeopardizes aviation safety; and
  - (ii) may include a classified annex.

- (B) SPECIAL NOTIFICATION.—If an agency described in paragraph (1) operates a flight using an exception granted under section 91.225(f)(1) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation), as revised under subsection (a), 5 or more times in a calendar month, or fails to provide to the Administrator the attestation required under paragraph (1)(A), the Administrator shall notify the appropriate committees of Congress of such use within 14 days of being notified of such use. For the purposes of this subparagraph, a flight shall be interpreted as the period beginning when an aircraft moves under its own power for the purpose of flight and ending when the aircraft lands.
  - (e) ANNUAL INSPECTOR GENERAL AUDITS.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date that is 3 years after the date of enactment of this section, the Inspector General of the Department of Transportation (in this section referred to as the "Inspector General") shall conduct an annual audit of FAA oversight of all operations that utilize an exception under section 91.225(f) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation), as revised under subsection (a), including Federal agency operations.
- (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting an audit under paragraph (1), the Inspector General shall assess the efficacy of FAA oversight related to the following:
- (A) Ensuring exceptions under such section 91.225(f)(1) (or any successor regulation) are strictly utilized by operators in accordance with relevant laws and regulations.
- (B) Ensuring exceptions under such section 91.225(f)(1) (or any successor regulation) are not routinely used by operators.
- (C) Identifying and engaging with any operator not in compliance with relevant laws and regulations relating to exceptions under such section 91.225(f)(1) (or any successor regulation).
- (D) Any other factor determined appropriate by the Inspector General.
- (3) BRIEFINGS TO CONGRESS.—The Inspector General shall brief the appropriate committees of Congress on an annual basis after the completion of each annual audit.

#### SEC. 394. ADS-B IN REQUIREMENTS.

- (a) REQUIREMENT FOR ADS–B IN OPERATION.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall issue a final rule in accordance with section 553 of title 5, United States Code, to require any person operating an aircraft (other than an unmanned aircraft, as defined in section 44801 of title 49, United States Code) required to be equipped with ADS-B Out in accordance with section 91.225 of title 14. Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation), to be equipped with and operating with ADS-B In equipment that provides the aircraft with awareness to the location of other aircraft and traffic advisories, unless otherwise authorized by air traffic control.
- (2) COMPLIANCE DEADLINES.—In issuing a final rule under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall—
- (A) include an effective date of not later than 60 days after the date on which such final rule is published in the Federal Register; and
- (B) require aircraft described in paragraph (1) to be equipped with ADS-B In not later than December 31, 2031.
- (3) FINAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.—In issuing a final rule under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall, at a minimum, do the following:
- (A) PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.—The Administrator shall establish appropriate performance requirements for ADS-B In equipment to provide integrated safety-enhancing capa-

- bilities for a pilot or other flight crew, including by increasing situational awareness to the location of other aircraft and providing traffic advisories with alerting sufficient to provide traffic advisory indications while airborne and on the airport surface, such as visual and aural advisories.
- (B) ALTERNATIVE EQUIPMENT OR TECHNOLOGY.—With respect to aircraft with a maximum certificated takeoff weight of less than 12,500 pounds when operating under part 91 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, the Administrator shall establish performance requirements for alternative equipment or technology that the Administrator determines acceptable in satisfying the ADS-B In requirement. The performance requirements shall, at a minimum—
- (i) provide similar or improved situational awareness to the location of other airborne traffic, as well as traffic advisory information; and
- (ii) leverage the use of portable ADS-B In receivers or equipment that allow display on an existing or future electronic flight bag or panel mounted display, provided that the installation or use of such equipment does not adversely affect other required avionics or the airworthiness of the aircraft.
- (C) GUIDANCE.—The Administrator shall issue relevant guidance for aircraft operators and other appropriate stakeholders regarding the types of equipment that satisfy the performance requirements described in this paragraph.
- (4) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—In issuing a final rule under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall include—
- (A) requirements for ADS-B In equipment and the use of such equipment;
- (B) technical assistance to facilitating ADS-B In equipage across the entire fleet of affected aircraft, including, as appropriate, guidance under part 26 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, to provide support for affected transport airplane operators in complying with the requirements of this section:
- (C) any other associated guidance necessary to assist operators and other stakeholders in identifying equipment that satisfies the ADS-B In performance standards described in paragraph (3) prior to the compliance deadline described in paragraph (2)(B);
- (D) a determination of alternative equipment or technology described in subsection (e); and
- (E) a presumption, absent clear and compelling evidence to the contrary, that ADS-B In equipment is cost beneficial and improves aviation safety.
- (5) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this section, and every 90 days thereafter, the Administrator shall brief the appropriate committees of Congress, as well as publish a publicly available report, on the status of—
- (A) the ADS-B In rulemaking required under paragraph (1); and
- (B) after the compliance deadline described in paragraph (2)(A), the implementation and oversight of such ADS-B In requirement.
- (b) NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING COMMITTEE.-
- (1) COMMITTEE.—
- (A) In GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator may establish a negotiated rulemaking committee (in this section referred to as the "committee") pursuant to section 565 of title 5, United States Code, to negotiate proposed regulations to implement the requirements described in subsection (a).
- (B) MEMBERSHIP.—If the Administrator elects to establish a committee under this subsection, the committee shall be composed of—
  - (i) representatives of—
  - (I) the FAA;

- (II) air carriers;
- (III) avionics manufacturers;
- (IV) aircraft manufacturers; and
- (V) general aviation organizations;
- (ii) the exclusive bargaining representative of air traffic controllers of the FAA certified under section 7511 of title 5, United States Code;
- (iii) organizations representing certified collective bargaining representatives of airline pilots, including the principal organization representing the largest certified collective bargaining representative of airline pilots;
- (iv) a viation safety experts outside of the  ${\rm FAA}$ ; and
- (v) any other representatives determined appropriate by the Administrator.
- (C) REQUIRED CONSULTATION.—In establishing a committee under this subsection, the Administrator—
- (i) shall consult with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security; and
- (ii) may consult with other Federal agencies as appropriate.
- (2) REQUIREMENTS.—If the Administrator elects to establish a committee under this subsection, the Administrator shall do the following:
- (A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall direct the committee to make recommendations relating to—
  - (i) ADS-B In equipment and its use;
- (ii) ADS-B In equipment performance standards pursuant to subsection (a)(3);
- (iii) the consideration of effective approaches to facilitating ADS-B In equipage across the entire fleet of affected aircraft, including requirements under part 26 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, to provide support for affected transport category airplane operators in complying with the requirements of this section; and
- (iv) with respect to aircraft with a maximum certificated takeoff weight of less than 12,500 pounds when operating under part 91 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, a recommendation for low cost alternative equipment or technology in accordance with subsection (e).
- (B) LACK OF COMMITTEE CONSENSUS.—In the event the committee does not reach a consensus regarding a recommendation for low cost alternative equipment or technology under subparagraph (A)(iv), the Administrator shall, after the submission of the committee under paragraph (3), consider prescribing a low cost alternative that includes the criteria described in subsection (e).
- (3) SUBMISSION TO THE ADMINISTRATOR.—If the Administrator elects to establish a committee under this subsection, not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, the committee shall submit to the Administrator—
- (A) a consensus proposal of regulations to implement the requirement described in subsection (a)(1); or
- (B) in the event the committee does not reach a consensus, a report identifying any points of agreement and disagreement with respect to such proposed regulations.
- (4) PROPOSED RULE.—If the Administrator elects to establish a committee under this subsection, not later than 180 days after receiving the submission of the committee under paragraph (3), the Administrator shall issue a proposed rule, in accordance with section 553 of title 5, United States Code, that either—
- (A) to the maximum extent possible consistent with the legal obligations of the FAA, uses the consensus proposal of the committee under paragraph (3)(A) as the basis for the proposed rule for notice and comment, including with respect to any

standards or requirements described in subsection (a)(3); or

(B) in the event the committee does not reach a consensus, considers the points of agreement and disagreement submitted by the committee under paragraph (3)(B).

- (c) CONSULTATION REQUIRED WITHOUT NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING COMMITTEE.—If the Administrator does not establish a committee under subsection (b), prior to issuing a final rule, the Administrator shall consult with appropriate stakeholders in conducting the rulemaking required under subsection (a)(1), including at a minimum the representatives described in subsection (b)(1)(B).
  - (d) Phased-in Retrofit.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—In issuing a final rule under subsection (a)(1), the Administrator shall—
- (A) establish a process by which the operator of an affected aircraft, in service as of the date on which the final rule under subsection (a)(1) is published in the Federal Register in accordance with subsection (a)(2)(A), may apply to the Administrator to request additional time, not to exceed a period of 1 year after the deadline described in subsection (a)(2)(B), to finalize equipage of its fleet and make ADS-B In operational, provided that—
- (i) an aircraft operator, owner, or their agent submits an application deemed acceptable to the Administrator for additional time for compliance, including a justification for such request and an attestation of actions to date demonstrating progress toward achieving compliance;
- (ii) the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, determines additional time is required to mitigate a significant disruption to air transportation; and
- (iii) the Administrator determines the aircraft operator or owner does not have any uncorrected violations of subchapters F and G of chapter I of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations; and
- (B) notify the appropriate committees of Congress not later than 14 days after making a determination under clause (ii) or (iii) of subparagraph (A).
- (2) SPECIAL RULE FOR AGENTS.—With the exception of an agent representing an owner or operator of transport airplanes, for the purposes of this subsection, an agent may represent more than 1 aircraft operator or owner of the same type, model, or manufacturer and may submit 1 or more applications under paragraph (1)(A)(i), each of which may contain multiple aircraft operators or owners.
- (e) Low Cost Alternative Method of Compliance.—In issuing a final rule under subsection (a)(1), the Administrator shall determine low cost equipment or technologies that provide similar or improved situational awareness to the location of other airborne traffic, as well as traffic advisory information, that satisfy the ADS-B in equipage requirement for aircraft with a maximum certificated takeoff weight of less than 12,500 pounds when operated under part 91 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations. In making such a determination, the Administrator shall consider the use of—
  - (1) portable ADS-B In receivers; and
- (2) equipment that allows display on an existing or future electronic flight bag or panel mounted display, provided the installation or use does not adversely affect other required avionics or the airworthiness of the aircraft.
- (f) PROACTIVE EQUIPAGE.—With respect to any aircraft for which ADS-B In equipment is available and complies with the requirements of the final rule issued under subsection (a)(1), the operator of any such aircraft shall take all appropriate actions nec-

- essary to equip such aircraft with ADS-B In prior to the compliance deadline described in subsection (a)(2).
- (g) SEPARATION STANDARDS; RELEVANT CONTROLLER TRAINING.—
- (1) Rulemaking.—
- (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after the effective date of the final rule described in subsection (a), the Administrator shall issue a notice of proposed rulemaking to establish separation standards, as appropriate, that leverage ADS-B Out or ADS-B In equipment, and all other available technological capabilities in the air traffic control system, to achieve safety and efficiency benefits throughout the national airspace system, including on an airport surface and within Class E airspace (as defined in section 71.71 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation).
- (B) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the rule-making under this subsection, the Administrator shall consult with appropriate stake-holders, including, at a minimum—
  - (i) representatives of-
  - (I) air carriers;
  - (II) original equipment manufacturers; and (III) general aviation organizations;
- (ii) organizations representing certified collective bargaining representatives of airline pilots, including the principal organization representing the largest certified collective bargaining representative of airline pilots:
- (iii) the exclusive bargaining representative of air traffic controllers of the FAA certified under section 7111 of title 5, United States Code:
- (iv) aviation safety experts from outside the FAA; and
- (v) any other stakeholder deemed appropriate by the Administrator.
- (2) REQUIRED UPDATES TO FAA ORDERS.—Not later than 18 months after the issuance of the notice of proposed rulemaking under paragraph (1)(A), the Administrator shall complete revisions, as appropriate, to FAA Order 7110.65 and other relevant FAA Orders, to increase safety and efficiency benefits in the national airspace system.
  - (3) RELEVANT CONTROLLER TRAINING.—
- (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the compliance deadline described in subsection (a)(2), the Administrator shall revise initial and recurrent air traffic controller training, as appropriate, in accordance with FAA Orders 3000.22 and 3120.4 and revise associated orders and directives, as appropriate, to ensure such controllers are trained to apply any new separation standards and procedures.
- (B) REQUIREMENTS.—In revising training under subparagraph (A), the Administrator shall—
- (i) consider human factors impacts, appropriate phraseology adjustments, and surface movement applications; and
- (ii) consult with the exclusive bargaining representative of air traffic controllers of the FAA certified under section 7111 of title 5, United States Code.
  - (h) ACAS-X ACTION PLAN.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress an action plan for advancing the deployment of the Airborne Collision Avoidance System-X (in this section referred to as "ACAS-X"), or any variant or successor technology, in the national airspace system. The Administrator shall publish the action plan in a publicly available format not later than 10 days after submitting such action plan to Congress.
- (2) CONTENTS.—In developing the action plan under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall include—

- (A) a strategic roadmap for the deployment of ACAS-X technology, including steps required for widespread adoption among aircraft operators (including rotorcraft operators):
- (B) actions and funding necessary to complete any applicable research, development, testing, evaluation, and standards development needed to support the certification of such technology:
- (C) plans for engagement with appropriate stakeholders, including—
- (i) aircraft operators, including those in the Department of Defense;
- (ii) aviation safety experts outside the FAA:
- (iii) avionics manufacturers;
- (iv) aircraft manufacturers;
- (v) general aviation organizations;
- (vi) the exclusive bargaining representative of air traffic controllers of the FAA certified under section 7511 of title 5, United States Code;
- (vii) organizations representing certified collective bargaining representatives of airline pilots, including the principal organization representing the largest certified collective bargaining representative of airline pilots; and
- (viii) any other stakeholders determined appropriate by the Administrator;
- (D) engagement with foreign civil aviation authorities to harmonize international standards for certification of such technology:
- (E) ACAS-X interoperability considerations for aircraft operators (including rotorcraft operators) equipped with ADS-B Out and ADS-B In equipment;
- (F) an assessment of safety benefits for aircraft operators equipping with such technology, including civil and military operators; and
- (G) any recommendations for administrative or legislative action, as determined appropriate by the Administrator, to advance such technology deployment.
- (3) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Administrator may take actions, as appropriate, to implement the action plan developed under paragraph (1).
- (4) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Administrator submits the action plan under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall brief the appropriate committees of Congress on the contents of such action plan and any prospective actions to implement such plan.
  - (i) ARAC TASKING.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall task the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (in this section referred to as the "ARAC") with reviewing and assessing the need for aircraft operating in Class D airspace to be equipped with ADS-B Out and ADS-B In equipment.
- (2) REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after initiating the review and assessment under this section, the ARAC shall submit to the Administrator—
- (A) a report on the findings of the review and assessment under paragraph (1); and
- (B) any recommendations for legislative or regulatory action the ARAC determines appropriate.
- (3) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the ARAC submits the report under paragraph (2), the Administrator shall brief the appropriate committees of Congress on—
- (A) the findings and recommendations included in such report; and
- (B) any plan to implement such recommendations, including a justification for any recommendations the Administrator determines should not be implemented.

# SEC. 395. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE ARMY AUDIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Inspector General of the Army shall initiate an audit to evaluate the Army's coordination with the FAA, pilot training, and qualification standards, and the Army's use of ADS-B Out and whether it adheres to Army policy, regulation, and law.

(b) ASSESSMENT.—In conducting the audit required by subsection (a), the Inspector General of the Army shall assess practices and recommendations for the Army, including

ing—

- (1) whether Army policy and United States law was adhered to, and the Army's coordination with the FAA, during National Capital Region ("NCR") operations of pilot training and qualifications standards in the NCR.
- (2) the Army's policy on ADS-B Out equipage, usage, and activation;
- (3) maintenance protocols for UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters operated by the 12th Army Aviation Brigade including, but not limited to, the calibration of any system that transmits altitude and position information outside the aircraft and the calibration of systems that send altitude and position information to the pilots inside the aircraft, and the frequency with which such maintenance protocols occur;
- (4) compliance with the September 29, 2021, Letter of Agreement executed between the Pentagon Heliport Air Traffic Control Tower and the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport Air Traffic Control Tower regarding flight operations in the NCR; and
- (5) the Army's review of loss of separation incidents involving its rotorcraft in the NCR along with possible mitigations to prevent future mishaps.
- (c) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.—Not later than 14 days after the audit required by subsection (a) is concluded, the Secretary of the Army shall—
- (1) transmit a report on the results of the audit, without redactions, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives; and
- (2) publicly release the report without redactions, except to the extent required for national security reasons.
- (d) Interim Reporting.—Not later than 180 days after initiating the audit required by subsection (a), and every 180 days thereafter until such audit is concluded, the Inspector General of the Army shall brief the committees of Congress described in subsection (c)(1) regarding the progress of such audit.

#### SEC. 396. SAFETY REVIEWS OF AIRSPACE.

- (a) FAA-DOD COORDINATION.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall establish or designate an office within the FAA as the "Office of FAA-DOD Coordination" (in this section referred to as the "Office"), which shall—
- (1) coordinate airspace usage of military aircraft and rotorcraft with relevant FAA lines of business, including the Air Traffic Organization;
- (2) coordinate with the Office of Audit and Evaluation of the FAA to ensure employee complaints and whistleblower protections are considered:
- (3) consider opportunities to improve management and consolidation of aviation safety information system databases to enhance civil and military aviation incident reporting; and
- (4) carry out the safety review required by subsection (b).

- (b) SAFETY REVIEWS.—
- (1) REVIEW OF RONALD REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT.—
- (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Office is established or designated, the Administrator shall initiate a safety review of all military, law enforcement, and civilian rotary wing, powered lift, fixed wing, and unmanned aircraft system flight operations and flight routes in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area Special Flight Rules Area, including but not limited to flight operations conducted by the Department of Defense, emergency response providers, and air medical transport operators, to evaluate any associated safety risk to commercial transport airplane operations at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.
- (B) CONSULTATION.—In conducting a safety review under subparagraph (A), the Administrator shall consult with—
  - (i) the Secretary of Defense;
- (ii) Federal, State, and local agencies;
- (iii) law enforcement agencies;
- (iv) emergency response providers, including air medical transport operators;
- (v) air carriers;
- (vi) aviation labor organizations, including, at a minimum—
- (I) the exclusive bargaining representative of air traffic controllers of the FAA certified under section 7511 of title 5, United States Code; and
- (II) organizations representing certified collective bargaining representatives of airline pilots, including the principal organization representing the largest certified collective bargaining representative of airline pilots: and
- (vii) other stakeholders determined appropriate by the Administrator.
  - (2) Other airport reviews.—
- (A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall conduct safety reviews of all military, law enforcement and civilian rotary wing, powered lift, fixed wing, and unmanned aircraft system flight operations and flight routes at other Class B airports (as listed in section 1 of Appendix D to part 91 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation)) and within the lateral boundary of Class B airspace, at commercial service Class C airports (as listed in FAA Order JO 7400.11J (or any successor order)) and within the lateral boundary of Class C airspace in the national airspace system, and at Class D airports that provide passenger service under part 121 of title 14. Code of Federal Regulations, determined to meet the risk criteria set forth in subparagraph (C), including flight operations conducted by the Department of Defense, emergency response providers, and air medical transport operators, to evaluate any associated safety risk to commercial transport airplane operations.
- (B) CONSULTATION.—In conducting a safety review under subparagraph (A), the Administrator shall consult with—
- (i) the Secretary of Defense;
- (ii) Federal, State, local, and Tribal agencies;
- (iii) law enforcement agencies;
- (iv) emergency response providers;
- (v) air carriers;
- (vi) aviation labor organizations, including at a minimum—
- (I) the exclusive bargaining representative of air traffic controllers of the FAA certified under section 7511 of title 5, United States Code; and
- (II) organizations representing certified collective bargaining representatives of airline pilots, including the principal organization representing the largest certified collective bargaining representative of airline pilots; and

- (vii) other stakeholders determined appropriate by the Administrator.
- (C) PRIORITIZATION AND RISK CRITERIA.—In prioritizing the safety reviews of Class B, Class C, and Class D airports described in subparagraph (A) and conducting the safety reviews pursuant to subparagraph (A), the Administrator shall, at a minimum, consider the following risk criteria:
- (i) The type of airspace the airport is located in and the type of tower at the airport.
- (ii) Whether the airport has radar on the field.
- (iii) The total number of air traffic operations at the airport per calendar year, as reported in the Operations Network (OPSNET) data of the FAA, and the rate of growth measured over a 20-year period prior to the initiation of a safety review under this section
- (iv) The Traffic Collision Avoidance System (TCAS) resolution advisory rates at the airport compared to the number of arrivals at the airport.
  - (v) The presence of parallel runways.
- (vi) The presence of visual flights (in this subparagraph referred to as "VFR") corridors in proximity to the airport.
- (vii) The presence of a helicopter corridor in proximity to the airport or nearby helicopter operations.
- (viii) The presence of dense VFR operations at the airport.
- (ix) The presence of complex VFR procedures at the airport or in the adjacent airspace.
- (D) DEADLINE OF INITIATION OF REVIEWS.— The Administrator shall initiate the reviews under this paragraph by the following deadlines:
- (i) CLASS B AIRPORTS.—With respect to Class B airports, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this section.
- (ii) CLASS C AIRPORTS.—With respect to Class C airports, not later than 90 days after the initiation date of the Class B airport reviews.
- (iii) CLASS D AIRPORTS.—With respect to Class D airports, not later than 90 days after the initiation date of the Class C airport reviews.
- (3) REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting the safety reviews required by paragraphs (1) and (2), the Office shall do the following:
- (A) Analyze air traffic and airspace management.
- (B) Evaluate the level of coordination the Administrator exercises with the Secretary of Defense and the heads of any other Federal agencies, and emergency response providers as appropriate, to inform the designation and approval of airspace use and flight routes for non-transport airplane operations.
- (C) Assess any risks posed to transport airplanes from military aircraft and rotorcraft, civil rotorcraft, powered lift aircraft, and unmanned aircraft systems operating in Class B, Class C, or Class D airspace in proximity to Class B, Class C, or Class D airports.
- (D) Review relevant incidents submitted to the Administrator through Air Traffic Mandatory Occurrence reports (as documented via FAA Form 7210-13), Aviation Safety Reporting System reports, and Aviation Safety Action Program reports, and relevant reports submitted to the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration through the Aviation Safety Reporting System, to identify any safety trends regarding the operation of military aircraft and rotorcraft, civil rotorcraft, powered lift aircraft, and unmanned aircraft systems in Class B, Class C, or Class D airspace near Class B, Class C, or Class D airports.
- (4) DEADLINES FOR COMPLETION OF SAFETY REVIEWS.—
- (A) RONALD REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT.—The Administrator shall complete

the safety review required by paragraph (1) not later than 120 days after the date on which such review is initiated.

- (B) OTHER AIRPORTS.—The Administrator shall complete a safety review required by paragraph (2) not later than 180 days after such review is initiated.
  - (5) Reports.—
- (A) REVIEW OF RONALD REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT.-Not later than 60 days after completing the safety review required by paragraph (1), the Administrator shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report detailing the analyses and results of such review, together with relevant findings and recommendations, including any corrective action plans to address any risks identified, and recommendations for legislative or administrative action determined appropriate by the Administrator.
- (B) OTHER AIRPORT REVIEWS.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this section, and every 6 months thereafter. the Administrator shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report detailing the analyses and results of the safety reviews completed pursuant to paragraph (2) since the preceding report under this subparagraph (or, in the case of the first such report, since such date of enactment), together with relevant findings and recommendations, including any corrective action plans to address any risks identified, and recommendations for legislative or administrative actions determined appropriate by the Administrator.
- (6) Designation.—The Administrator shall designate a person within the Senior Executive Service of the FAA to be directly responsible for the completion of the requirements of this subsection.
- (7) STAFFING.—The Administrator shall ensure adequate staffing to conduct the safety reviews within the deadlines specified in this section.

#### SEC. 397. FAA-DOD SAFETY INFORMATION SHAR-ING.

(a) MOU WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.-Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretary of the Army to permit, as appropriate, the sharing of information from the Army's Safety Management Information System with the FAA, as well as the sharing of information from the FAA's Aviation Safety Information Analysis and Sharing System, Operational Analysis Reporting System, Safety Trend Analytics Dashboard, Aviation Risk Identification and Assessment Program, Comprehensive Electronic Data Analysis and Reporting Tool, and Falcon tool with the Army, to facilitate communications and analysis of any applicable impacts to the safety and efficiency of civil aviation operations and to mitigate risk in the national airspace system.

(b) OTHER DOD MOUS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the following military departments to permit, as appropriate, the sharing of information from applicable aviation safety information systems to facilitate communications and analvsis of any applicable impacts to the safety and efficiency of civil aviation operations and to mitigate risk in the national airspace system:

- (1) The Department of the Navy.
- (2) The Department of the Air Force.
- (3) The Coast Guard.
- CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 7 days after the date on which the Administrator enters into any Memorandum of Understanding under subsection (a) or (b), the Administrator shall notify the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-

tation and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

#### SEC. 398. TREATMENT OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEPART-MENT OF DEFENSE AND FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION.

- (a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection (b) of section 1046 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115-232; 49 U.S.C. 40101 note), the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Department of Defense and the FAA entered into on May 10. 2024, is deemed to be notice jointly submitted to the appropriate congressional committees for purposes of such subsection and subsection (a) of such section shall cease to be effective as of such date.
- (b) UPDATE AND EFFECT OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.—
- (1) UPDATE.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Transportation shall update the memorandum of understanding described in subsection (a) consistent with regulations issued by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration pursuant to section 393(a)(2).
- (2) EFFECT OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREE-MENT.—The memorandum of agreement described in subsection (a) shall remain in force subject to-
- (A) any modifications made jointly by the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Transportation;
- (B) termination by either such Secretary;
- (C) modification or termination by law.

#### SEC. 399. REPEAL OF MANNED ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT SAFETY PROVISIONS.

Section 373(a) of this Act is repealed, and Chapter 157 of title 10, United States Code, shall be applied as if the amendments made by such section had not been enacted.

SA 3971. Mr. THUNE (for Ms. Mur-KOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 640, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the Navajo Nation Water Resources Development Trust Fund, to amend the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 to make technical corrections to the Taos Pueblo Water Development Fund and Aamodt Settlement Pueblos' Fund, and for other purposes: as follows:

#### At the end, add the following: SEC. 6. INVESTMENT EARNINGS.

In addition to the deposits authorized under this Act, any investment earnings, including interest, credited to amounts held in the trust funds as provided for in this Act are authorized to be appropriated.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I have six 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 ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session

of the Senate on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hear-

#### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

#### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

#### COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

#### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct an executive business meeting.

#### COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 11 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privileges of the floor be granted to my intern Rachel Shaw for the month of December 2025 in the 119th Congress.

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

#### THE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the following bills en bloc: Calendar No. 177, H.R. 165; Calendar No. 138, S. 390; Calendar No. 174, S. 620; Calendar No. 186, S. 621; Calendar No. 187, S. 622; Calendar No. 175, S. 642; Calendar No. 76, S. 719; Calendar No. 148, S. 723; Calendar No. 261, S. 546; Calendar No. 260, S. 240; Calendar No. 262, S. 640; and Calendar No. 291, H.R. 504.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bills en bloc.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported amendments, where applicable, be considered and agreed to; that the Murkowski-Schatz amendment at the desk to Calendar No. 262, S. 640, be agreed to; that the bills, as amended, if amended, be considered read a third time and passed; and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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