

(A) a brief description of the covered project, including—

- (i) the purpose of the covered project;
- (ii) each location in which the covered project is carried out;
- (iii) the contract or award number of the covered project, where applicable;
- (iv) the year in which the covered project was initiated;
- (v) the Federal share of the total cost of the covered project; and
- (vi) each primary contractor, subcontractor, grant recipient, and subgrantee recipient of the covered project;

(B) an explanation of any change to the original scope of the covered project, including by the addition or narrowing of the initial requirements of the covered project;

(C) the original expected date for completion of the covered project;

(D) the current expected date for completion of the covered project;

(E) the original cost estimate for the covered project, as adjusted to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics;

(F) the current cost estimate for the covered project, as adjusted to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics;

(G) an explanation for a delay in completion or an increase in the original cost estimate for the covered project, including, where applicable, any impact of insufficient or delayed appropriations; and

(H) the amount of and rationale for any award, incentive fee, or other type of bonus, if any, awarded for the covered project.

(2) **REPORT.**—The Director shall submit to Congress and post on the website of the Office of Management and Budget an annual report containing the information submitted under paragraph (1) for the relevant year.

DISASTER RELATED EXTENSION OF DEADLINES ACT

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1491 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1491) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the postponement of certain deadlines by reason of disasters applicable to the limitation on credit or refund, and to take postponements into account for purposes of sending collection notices.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed, and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (H.R. 1491) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

ACQUISITION REFORM AND COST ASSESSMENT ACT OF 2025

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 277, S. 1591.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1591), to amend title 38, United States Code, to reorganize the acquisition structure of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to establish the Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation in the Department, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic, as follows:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “Acquisition Reform and Cost Assessment Act of 2025” or the “ARCA Act of 2025”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Department of Veterans Affairs acquisition organization.

Sec. 3. Department of Veterans Affairs major acquisition program managers.

Sec. 4. Department of Veterans Affairs acquisition and procurement reorganization matters.

Sec. 5. Independent verification and validation of major acquisition programs of Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sec. 6. Department of Veterans Affairs cost assessment and program evaluation.

Sec. 7. Improvements to hiring of entry-level acquisition positions in Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sec. 8. Independent analysis of acquisition process of Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sec. 9. Requirements development process.

Sec. 10. Conforming amendments.

Sec. 11. Clerical amendments.

SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ACQUISITION ORGANIZATION.

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—Chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after subchapter VI the following new subchapter:

“Subchapter VII—Acquisition Organization, Cost Assessment, and Program Evaluation “SEC. 8181. DEFINITION OF MAJOR ACQUISITION PROGRAM.

“In this subchapter, the term ‘major acquisition program’ means a program of the Department to acquire services, supplies, technology, systems, or a combination thereof, with an estimated total program cost, estimated by the Secretary, that exceeds—

“(1) \$1,000,000,000 (adjusted pursuant to section 1908 of title 41) for the total life cycle cost of the program; or

“(2) \$200,000,000 (adjusted pursuant to section 1908 of title 41) annually.”.

(b) **ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ACQUISITION.**—Section 308 of such title is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “seven” and inserting “eight”; and

(2) in subsection (b)(10), by striking “Procurement functions” and inserting “Acquisition functions”.

(c) **ACQUISITION ORGANIZATION.**—Subchapter VI of chapter 81 of such title, as added by subsection (a), is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 8182. ACQUISITION ORGANIZATION.

“(a) **ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ACQUISITION; CHIEF ACQUISITION OFFICER.**—(1) The Secretary

shall designate one of the Assistant Secretaries specified in subsection (a)(1) of section 308 of this title as the Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Acquisition, who shall focus solely on the administration of functions specified in subsection (b)(10) of such section.

“(2) Pursuant to section 1702(a) of title 41, the Secretary shall designate the Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Acquisition as the Chief Acquisition Officer of the Department.

“(b) **OFFICE OF ACQUISITION.**—(1) There is in the Department an Office of Acquisition.

“(2) The head of the Office of Acquisition shall be the Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Acquisition designated pursuant to subsection (a).

“(3) The Secretary shall take such actions as may be necessary to ensure that major acquisition program offices of the Department align under the Office of Acquisition and report directly to the Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Acquisition.

“(4) The budget of the Office of Acquisition, including budgets for major acquisition programs, shall be established in the budget justification materials submitted to Congress in support of the budget of the Department (as submitted with the budget of the President under section 1105(a) of title 31).

“(c) **DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LOGISTICS.**—(1) Pursuant to section 308(d) of this title, the Secretary shall appoint a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Logistics, who shall report to the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition.

“(2) The Deputy Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Logistics shall be responsible for administration of logistics and supply chain operations of the Department.

“(d) **DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PROCUREMENT.**—(1) Pursuant to section 308(d) of this title, the Secretary shall appoint a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Procurement, who shall report to the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition.

“(2) The Deputy Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Procurement shall be responsible for all procurement and contracting organizations of the Department.

“(e) **DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ACQUISITION, PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, AND PERFORMANCE.**—(1) Pursuant to section 308(d) of this title, the Secretary shall appoint a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Acquisition, Program Management, and Performance, who shall report to the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition.

“(2) The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Program Management, and Performance shall be responsible for the following:

“(A) Lifecycle management.

“(B) Requirements planning.

“(C) Programming and budgeting.

“(D) Policy.

“(E) Performance standards.

“(F) Governance.

“(G) Enhancing the capabilities of the acquisition workforce.

“(f) **PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.**—(1) The Assistant Secretary for Acquisition shall appoint no fewer than four Program Executive Officers, each responsible for overseeing major acquisition programs in one of the following areas:

“(A) Medical.

“(B) Information technology.

“(C) Professional services.

“(D) Other areas not included in subparagraphs (A) through (C).

“(2) Each Program Executive Officer shall report directly to the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and shall supervise the managers of major acquisition programs within their respective area, as appointed under section 8183 of this title.

“(3) Each Program Executive Officer shall be—

“(A) certified in project management at level three by—

“(i) the Department;
 “(ii) the Federal Acquisition Institute pursuant to section 1201 of title 41; or
 “(iii) the Department of Defense pursuant to section 1701a of title 10; or
 “(B) hold an equivalent certification by a private sector project management certification organization, as determined appropriate by the Secretary.”.

SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MAJOR ACQUISITION PROGRAM MANAGERS.

Subchapter VI of chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code, as added by section 2, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§8183. Major acquisition program managers

“(a) **APPOINTMENTS.**—Not later than 30 days after any date on which the Secretary approves a major acquisition program to commence, the applicable Program Executive Officer shall appoint a manager to be responsible for administering such program.

“(b) **QUALIFICATIONS.**—Each manager appointed pursuant to subsection (a) shall be—

“(1) certified in project management at level three by—

“(A) the Department;

“(B) the Federal Acquisition Institute pursuant to section 1201 of title 41; or

“(C) the Department of Defense pursuant to section 1701a of title 10; or

“(2) hold an equivalent certification by a private sector project management certification organization, as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

“(c) **DUTIES.**—Each manager appointed pursuant to subsection (a) for a major acquisition program shall—

“(1) report to the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition through the Program Executive Officer responsible for the major acquisition program; and

“(2) shall be responsible for, with respect to the major acquisition program—

“(A) developing, in coordination with the Program Executive Officer, a plan to administer major acquisition program, which shall be known as the ‘program baseline’ for the major acquisition program, that includes—

“(i) a description of each acquisition phase of the major acquisition program;

“(ii) for each such acquisition phase, requirements for advancing the major acquisition program to a subsequent acquisition phase; and

“(iii) estimates of the cost, schedule, and performance of the major acquisition program that account for the entire life cycle of the major acquisition program;

“(B) ensuring the major acquisition program is in compliance with such requirements and providing all program documentation, including program baseline documentation, cost, schedule, performance and risk assessments, and other relevant materials, to designated officials and relevant governance boards;

“(C) developing resource requests and justifications necessary to satisfy such requirements; and

“(D) on a continuous basis, assessing and managing risks to satisfying the requirements of such program baseline relating to cost and schedule.

“(d) **PROGRAM DECISION AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary shall ensure that—

“(1) program decision authority for oversight of a major acquisition program is the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition; and

“(2) program management offices for major acquisition programs are independent of the Veterans Benefits Administration, the Veterans Health Administration, the National Cemetery Administration, and staff offices of the Department by reporting directly to the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition.

“(e) **PROGRAM DECISION AUTHORITY NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.**—Not later than 30 days after any date on which a major acquisition program

concludes an acquisition phase, the manager of such program appointed pursuant to subsection (a) shall notify the program decision authority under subsection (c).”.

SEC. 4. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ACQUISITION AND PROCUREMENT REORGANIZATION MATTERS.

(a) **ORGANIZATIONAL CONSOLIDATION.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall organizationally consolidate under the Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Acquisition every activity of the Department of Veterans Affairs, including the Veterans Benefits Administration, the Veterans Health Administration, and the National Cemetery Administration, that relates to—

- (1) acquisition;
- (2) procurement and contracting; or
- (3) logistics and supply chain.

(b) **RELOCATION.**—Subsection (a) shall not be construed to require the physical relocation of employees of the Department.

(c) **PLAN AND BRIEFING.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after commencing organizational consolidation under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

(A) submit to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a written plan to carry out such organizational consolidation; and

(B) provide such committees a briefing on such plan.

(2) **CONTENTS.**—The plan submitted pursuant to paragraph (1)(A) shall include the following:

(A) A timeline.

(B) A plan for communication and training activities for relevant Department personnel.

(C) A plan for modification of relevant Department policy and guidance.

(D) Such other matters as the Secretary considers relevant and appropriate.

SEC. 5. INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION AND VALIDATION OF MAJOR ACQUISITION PROGRAMS OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) **CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.**—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall seek to enter into one or more contracts using competitive procedures with one or more entities to carry out the functions described in subsection (c).

(b) **ELIGIBILITY.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—An entity is not eligible to be awarded a contract under this section unless the Chief Acquisition Officer of the Department of Veterans Affairs determines, at the time of evaluation of offers submitted under subsection (a), that the entity is currently performing or has performed, during the preceding three-year period, not fewer than three prime contracts from either governmental or commercial health care organizations for—

(A) the independent verification and validation services or equivalent services, including systems engineering and technical advisory (SETA) support of major acquisition programs; or

(B) the independent verification and validation or systems engineering and technical advisory (SETA) support of the development or acquisition of major acquisition programs or defense systems, in accordance with guidance of the Department of Defense relating to such acquisition programs or such business systems.

(2) **PAST PERFORMANCE.**—For any contract used to demonstrate eligibility under paragraph (1), an entity must have performed the work at a satisfactory or better level as indicated by the past performance information in the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System, or successor system.

(3) **DEMONSTRATION OF LACK OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST.**—The Secretary shall revoke the eligibility of an entity under this subsection if an entity does not demonstrate clear and

unmitigable evidence that the entity does not have a conflict of interest with respect to the effective performance of functions under subsection (c).

(4) **NO MITIGATION PLANS ACCEPTABLE.**—The Secretary may not accept from an entity a plan to mitigate a conflict of interest in order to ameliorate any limitation or prohibition under this subsection.

(c) **FUNCTIONS.**—The functions specified in this subsection are the following:

(1) The independent verification and validation of each major acquisition program project—

(A) when such major acquisition program is initiated, with respect to its design and the development of its requirements and acquisition;

(B) at the conclusion of such program; and

(C) at any other intervals during such program selected by the Chief Acquisition Officer of the Department.

(2) The independent verification and validation of other programs or projects of the Department selected by the Chief Acquisition Officer of the Department, at intervals selected by the Chief Acquisition Officer.

(d) **FUNDING.**—The Chief Financial Officer of the Department shall ensure that each organizational subdivision of the Department that enters into a contract under subsection (a) proportionally contributes amounts to fund each such contract.

(e) **INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION VALIDATION DEFINED.**—The term “independent verification and validation” means a comprehensive inspection, a review, analysis, and testing, or an assessment of systems, software, or hardware, as applicable, performed by an entity awarded a contract under subsection (a)—

(1) to verify that the requirements of a program, project or system, or a development phase of such a program or project, are correctly defined; and

(2) to validate cost, schedule, and performance baselines of current programs and measure program effectiveness.

SEC. 6. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COST ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subchapter VI of chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code, as added by section 2 and amended by section 3, is further amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§8184. Cost assessment and program evaluation

“(a) **DIRECTOR OF COST ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION.**—There is in the Department a Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, who shall report directly to the Secretary.

“(b) **RESPONSIBILITIES.**—The responsibilities of the Director are as follows:

“(1) To develop policies and procedures for cost estimation and analysis of major acquisition programs of the Department.

“(2) To conduct independent cost estimates and analyses for major acquisition programs to support acquisition decisions, or any other acquisitions as directed by the Secretary,

“(3) To provide an independent cost estimate to the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition in advance of a decision to proceed with full-scale acquisition for a major acquisition program or any other program as directed by the Director.

“(4) To evaluate the effectiveness of major acquisition programs in meeting Department objectives.

“(5) Not less frequently than once each year, to submit to the Secretary and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives an annual report on cost estimation and program evaluation activities, including recommendations to improve acquisition efficiency. Such report shall include a list of all acquisitions where the independent cost estimate for a major acquisition program exceeded the

budget request for the program by more than 5 percent.

“(c) **SUPPORT AND RESOURCES.**—The Chief Financial Officer of the Department shall provide to the Secretary such support and resources as may be necessary for the Secretary to ensure the effective establishment and functioning of the Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation.”.

(b) **REPORT ON MONITORING OF OPERATING AND SUPPORT COSTS FOR MAJOR ACQUISITION PROGRAMS.**—

(1) **REPORT TO SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and not less frequently than once each year thereafter until December 31, 2028, the Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs a report on systems and methods for tracking and assessing operating and support costs of major acquisition programs (as defined in section 8181 of title 38, United States Code, as added by section 2), including recommendations for establishing cost baselines.

(2) **TRANSMITTAL TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 30 days after receiving a report pursuant to paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives the report received by the Secretary.

SEC. 7. IMPROVEMENTS TO HIRING OF ENTRY-LEVEL ACQUISITION POSITIONS IN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) **PRIORITY USE OF INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS FOR HIRING INTO ENTRY-LEVEL POSITIONS IN ACQUISITIONS.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall prioritize the use of acquisition internship programs to hire employees to entry-level positions relating to acquisition in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(b) **ANNUAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN ACQUISITION INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than September 30 of the first fiscal year beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall take such actions as may be necessary to ensure that the annual number of participants in acquisition internship programs of the Department is—

(A) not fewer than twice the number of participants in such programs during fiscal year 2025; and

(B) not more than 4 times the number of participants in such programs during such fiscal year.

(2) **TERMINATION.**—The requirements of paragraph (1) shall terminate on the date on which the Secretary certifies to the appropriate committees of Congress that the projected number of graduates of acquisition internship programs is sufficient to satisfy the human capital needs of the Department with respect to acquisition, taking into account the rate of attrition and projected retirements of personnel.

(3) **APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.**—In this subsection, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives.

SEC. 8. INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS OF ACQUISITION PROCESS OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) **SYSTEMS ENGINEERING ANALYSIS.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs shall seek to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the acquisition research center established under section 4142(a) of title 10, United States Code, to conduct a systems engineering analysis of the acquisition process of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than one year after the date in which the Secretary enters into the memorandum of understanding required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to Com-

mittee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on the findings of the acquisition research center with respect to the analysis conducted under such subsection.

SEC. 9. REQUIREMENTS DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subchapter VI of chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code, as added by section 2 and amended by sections 3 and 6, is further amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 8185. REQUIREMENTS DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

“(a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCESS.**—(1) The Secretary shall establish a standardized requirements development process for major acquisition programs.

“(2) The process established pursuant to paragraph (1) shall—

“(A) define and validate mission-driven requirements for major acquisition programs exceeding \$200,000,000 annually or \$1,000,000,000 in lifecycle costs, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition;

“(B) incorporate data-driven needs assessments, stakeholder input from relevant administrations, staff offices, and other elements of the Department and veterans service organizations, and alignment with statutory mandates, such as section 8121 of this title; and

“(C) ensure iterative validation of requirements through independent verification and validation, as described in section 8185 of this title, to confirm cost, schedule, and performance baselines.

“(b) **LIMITATION ON PERSONNEL.**—The Secretary shall implement the process established pursuant to subsection (a) using staff within the Office of Acquisition and other relevant offices of the Department, as established under section 8182 of this title, without creating new positions, unless a subsequent cost-benefit analysis, validated by the Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, justifies additional resources.”.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a report detailing the process established pursuant to section 8185 of such title, as added by subsection (a), and a plan for implementation of such process, including timelines for integration with major acquisition program baselines.

SEC. 10. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

Subchapter VI of chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 8171, by striking paragraphs (5) and (6); and

(2) by striking section 8172.

SEC. 11. CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.

The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking the item relating to section 8172; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“SUBCHAPTER VII—ACQUISITION ORGANIZATION, COST ASSESSMENT, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION
 “8181. Definition of major acquisition program.
 “8182. Acquisition reorganization.
 “8183. Major acquisition program managers.
 “8184. Cost assessment and program evaluation.
 “8185. Requirements development process.”.

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

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

The committee-reported amendment, in the nature of a substitute, was agreed to.

The bill (S. 1591), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read a third time, and passed.

ENSURING VETSUCCESS ON CAMPUS ACT OF 2025

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 273, S. 610.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 610) to expand the VetSuccess on Campus program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed, and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (S. 610) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 610

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 “Ensuring VetSuccess On Campus Act of 2025”.

SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF VETSUCCESS ON CAMPUS PROGRAM TO AT LEAST ONE LOCATION IN EACH STATE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that the VetSuccess on Campus program of the Department of Veterans Affairs is located in every State.

(b) **COUNSELORS.**—In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary shall ensure that at least one counselor of the VetSuccess on Campus program is located in each State, notwithstanding the number of individuals in a State or at an educational institution who may qualify to participate in the program.

(c) **PREFERENCE.**—In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall give preference to educational institutions that have the largest populations of students who are pursuing programs of education at such institutions with educational assistance provided under laws administered by the Secretary.

(d) **STATE DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “State” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following resolutions: S. Res. 544 and S. Res. 545.

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

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