

to the bill H.R. 4016, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4057. Mr. THUNE (for Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. SCHMITT)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 355, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, to publish a final rule relating to nonclinical testing methods.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3999. Mr. SANDERS 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 Cemetery, Texas, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ PROTECTING AMERICA'S WORKFORCE.

(a) NULLIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS RELATING TO EXCLUSIONS FROM FEDERAL LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS PROGRAMS.—Executive Order 14251 (90 Fed. Reg. 14553; relating to exclusions from Federal labor-management relations programs) and Executive Order 14343 (90 Fed. Reg. 42683; relating to further exclusions from the Federal labor-management relations program) shall have no force or effect, and no Federal funds may be obligated or expended to carry out either such Executive order.

(b) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.—Any collective bargaining agreement in effect as of March 26, 2025, between any agency in the executive branch of the Federal Government and any labor organization that is an exclusive representative of Federal employees shall have full force and effect through the stated term of the applicable agreement.

SA 4000. Ms. HASSAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her 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, insert the following:

DIVISION ____—SENTENCING ENHANCEMENTS FOR CERTAIN CRIMINAL OFFENSES DIRECTED BY OR COORDINATED WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

SEC. ____101. SHORT TITLE.

This division may be cited as the “Detering External Threats and Ensuring Robust Responses to Egregious and Nefarious Criminal Endeavors Act” or the “DETERRENCE Act”.

SEC. ____102. KIDNAPPING.

Section 1201 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (h) as subsection (i);

(2) by inserting after subsection (g) the following:

“(h) SENTENCE ENHANCEMENTS FOR OFFENSES DIRECTED BY OR COORDINATED WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The sentence of a person convicted of an offense under subsection (a) may be increased by up to 10 years if such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government.

“(2) CONSPIRACY.—The sentence of a person convicted of conspiring to commit a violation of subsection (a) as part of a conspiracy under the elements specified in subsection (c) may be increased by up to 10 years if—

“(A) 1 or more of the persons involved in such conspiracy were knowingly acting in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government; and

“(B) the person convicted of conspiring to commit a violation of subsection (a) knew that 1 or more of the persons involved in such conspiracy were knowingly acting in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government.

“(3) ATTEMPT.—The sentence of a person convicted of an attempt to violate subsection (a) may be increased by up to 5 years if such attempt was knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government.”; and

(3) in subsection (i), as so designated, by inserting “DEFINITION.—” before “As used in this section”.

SEC. ____103. USE OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE FACILITIES IN THE COMMISSION OF MURDER-FOR-HIRE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1958 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c);

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

“(b) SENTENCE ENHANCEMENTS FOR OFFENSES DIRECTED BY OR COORDINATED WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.—The sentence of a person convicted of an offense under subsection (a)—

“(1) may be increased by up to 5 years, if such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government; and

“(2) may be increased by up to 10 years—

“(A) if such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government; and

“(B) personal injury results.”; and

(3) in subsection (c), as so redesignated, by inserting “DEFINITIONS.—” before “As used in this section”.

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 2322b(g)(2) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “section 1958(b)(2)” and inserting “section 1958”.

(2) Section 1010A(d) of the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. 960a(d)) is amended by striking “section 1958(b)(1)” and inserting “section 1958”.

SEC. ____104. INFLUENCING, IMPEDING, OR RETALIATING AGAINST A FEDERAL OFFICIAL BY THREATENING OR INJURING A FAMILY MEMBER.

Section 115(b) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(5) The sentence of a person convicted of an offense under subsection (a), if such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government—

“(A) may be increased by up to 5 years if the offense committed was an assault involving physical contact with the victim of that assault or the intent to commit another felony;

“(B) may be increased by up to 10 years if—

“(i) the offense committed was an assault resulting in bodily injury (including serious bodily injury (as that term is defined in section 1365 of this title));

“(ii) the offense involved any conduct that, if the conduct occurred in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the

United States, would violate section 2241 or 2242 of this title; or

“(iii) a dangerous weapon was used during and in relation to the offense; and

“(C) may be increased by up to 10 years if the offense committed was a murder, attempted murder, or conspiracy to murder.”.

SEC. ____105. STALKING.

Section 2261A of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “Whoever—” and inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), whoever—”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.—The sentence of a person convicted of an offense under paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a), if such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government—

“(1) may be increased by up to 5 years if—

“(A) serious bodily injury (including permanent disfigurement or life threatening bodily injury) to the victim results;

“(B) the offender uses a dangerous weapon during the offense; or

“(C) the victim of the offense is under the age of 18 years;

“(2) may be increased by up to 10 years if death of the victim results; and

“(3) may be increased by up to 30 months in any other case.”.

SEC. ____106. PROTECTION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED STATES.

Section 1114 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

“(b) SENTENCE ENHANCEMENTS FOR OFFENSES DIRECTED BY OR COORDINATED WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.—The sentence of a person convicted of an offense under subsection (a) may be increased by up to 10 years if such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government.”.

SEC. ____107. PRESIDENTIAL AND PRESIDENTIAL STAFF ASSASSINATION, KIDNAPING, AND ASSAULT.

Section 1751 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (f) through (k) as subsections (g) through (l), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (e) the following:

“(f)(1) The sentence of a person convicted of an offense under subsection (a), (b), or (c) may be increased by up to 10 years if such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government.

“(2) The sentence of a person convicted of conspiring to kill or kidnap any individual designated in subsection (a) as part of a conspiracy under the elements specified in subsection (d) may be increased by up to 10 years if—

“(A) 1 or more of the persons involved in such conspiracy were knowingly acting in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government; and

“(B) the person convicted of conspiring to kill or kidnap an individual designated in subsection (a) knew that 1 or more of the persons involved in such conspiracy were knowingly acting in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government.

“(3) The sentence of a person convicted of an offense under subsection (e) may be increased by up to 10 years if—

“(A) the victim was any person designated in subsection (a)(1); and

“(B) such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government.

“(4) The sentence of a person convicted of an offense under subsection (e) may be increased by up to 10 years if—

“(A) the victim was any person designated in subsection (a)(2); and

“(B) such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government.

“(5) The sentence of a person convicted of an offense under subsection (e) may be increased by up to 10 years if—

“(A)(i) the offense involved the use of a dangerous weapon; or

“(ii) personal injury resulted; and

“(B) such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government.”

SA 4001. Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. KIM, Mr. KAINE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed 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, insert the following:

SEC. ____ PROHIBITION ON USE OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES TO CONDUCT HOSTILITIES WITH RESPECT TO VENEZUELA.

(a) **PROHIBITION.**—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense, or for any other department or agency of the United States Government, may be used to conduct hostilities with respect to Venezuela, except—

(1) pursuant to a specific statutory authorization enacted after the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(2) pursuant to a congressional authorization consistent with section 2(c) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541(c)).

(b) **RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the United States from—

(1) acting to defend itself or its citizens from an armed attack or the threat of an imminent armed attack;

(2) acting to defend the United States Armed Forces or United States personnel from an armed attack;

(3) conducting lawful counternarcotics operations that do not constitute hostilities; or

(4) providing humanitarian assistance to the people of Venezuela.

(c) **HOSTILITIES DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “hostilities” means any situation involving any use of lethal or potentially lethal force by United States forces, whether such force is deployed remotely and irrespective of the intermittency thereof.

(d) **RELATION TO THE WAR POWERS RESOLUTION.**—Nothing in this section supersedes any requirement of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.).

SA 4002. Mr. MERKLEY 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 Sep-

tember 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ PROHIBITION ON LAST-MINUTE REVISIONS.

Notwithstanding any provision of the Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 681 et seq.), a special message transmitted under section 1012 or 1013 of such Act may not propose to rescind or defer any budget authority that expires on or before the date that is 90 days after the date on which such special message is transmitted.

SA 4003. Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Ms. ERNST) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her 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:

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“(A) the victim was any person designated in subsection (a)(2); and

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“(5) The sentence of a person convicted of an offense under subsection (e) may be increased by up to 10 years if—

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“(ii) personal injury resulted; and

“(B) such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government.”.

SA 4004. Ms. DUCKWORTH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4016, making ap-

propriations 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 division A, insert the following:

SEC. FERTILITY TREATMENT PROGRAM UNDER TRICARE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act for the Defense Health Program shall be used to provide, or cover under TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Select, the provision of assisted reproductive technology services (including intrauterine insemination and in vitro fertilization) provided according to guidelines of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, to beneficiaries under chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code.

(b) INAPPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVISIONS.—The requirement under section 1079(a) of title 10, United States Code, and any other provision of law or regulation requiring a service-connected condition for fertility treatment, shall not apply with respect to the provision of services authorized under subsection (a).

SA 4005. Mr. BUDD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed 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 end of title II of division D, insert the following:

SEC. _____. The Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall collect data relating to the amount of Federal and State expenditures under the Medicaid program established under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) that are attributable to costs incurred for providing medical assistance for inpatient hospital services, outpatient hospital services, and for services received at a hospital emergency room (without regard to whether such services are emergency services (as defined by the Secretary)) related to marijuana use (as defined by the Secretary). Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this division, the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress that includes such data and recommendations for such legislation and administrative action as the Secretary determines appropriate.

SA 4006. Mr. COONS 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:

On page 874, line 12, insert “*Provided further*, That if the Secretary does not meet the timelines established in the preceding proviso, the Secretary shall renew for a period of 12 months all existing continuum of care grants and youth homelessness demonstration projects expiring during calendar year 2027:” after “December 1, 2026:”.

SA 4007. Ms. SMITH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 4016, making appropriations for the Department of De-

fense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. With respect to amounts made available under this Act under the heading “Homeless Assistance Grants” for the continuum of care program authorized under subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.), the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may not limit the type of project or program component for which a collaborative applicant applies or that is awarded by the Secretary.

SA 4008. Mr. PADILLA 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, insert the following:

SEC. _____. For fiscal years 2026, 2027 and 2028, in allocating and awarding available amounts provided under the heading “Homeless Assistance Grants” for the continuum of care program, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall select projects totaling not less than 94 percent of the annual renewal demand for each collaborative applicant, based on rankings based on the degree to which they improve the continuum of care’s system performance, as determined by the local continuum of care: *Provided*, That the percentage established by the preceding proviso shall be reduced as necessary in any year that appropriations are insufficient to address 94 percent of the annual renewal demand: *Provided further*, That none of the funds provided under this Act for the continuum of care program may be used to require people experiencing homelessness to receive treatment or perform any other prerequisite activities as a condition for receiving assistance: *Provided further*, That when awarding projects, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may only consider whether the project or project applicant meets criteria explicitly required in subtitle C of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) or its implementing regulations.

SA 4009. Mr. KIM 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, insert the following:

SEC. _____. Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Attorney General submits to Congress the report required under section 3 of the Epstein Files Transparency Act (Public Law 119-38; 139 Stat. 657), the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General shall testify before the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives about the substance of the report.

SA 4010. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms.

COLLINS and intended to be proposed 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 end of title VIII of division A of the amendment, insert the following:

SEC. 8. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all amounts made available for the Sentinel Intercontinental Ballistic Missile program under section 20008(a)(1) of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14”, approved July 4, 2025 (commonly known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”) (Public Law 119-21; 139 Stat. 121) and available for obligation as of the date of the enactment of this Act are hereby rescinded.

SA 4011. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed 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, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO RE-NAME THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

(a) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act for the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended to change the name of the Department of Defense to the “Department of War” or any substantially similar designation, unless such change is expressly authorized by an Act of Congress.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—The prohibition under subsection (a) shall apply to—

(1) any rebranding, renaming, or relabeling of official documents, signage, websites, communications, or materials;

(2) any administrative, logistical, or contractual actions taken to implement such a name change; and

(3) any public communications or directives that refer to the Department of Defense by a name other than that established under section 111 of title 10, United States Code.

(c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the informal or colloquial use of the term “Pentagon” to refer to the Department of Defense or its headquarters building in public communications, press materials, or commentary.

(d) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report detailing any expenditures incurred or anticipated in connection with efforts to rename or rebrand the Department of Defense.

(2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on the Budget, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on the Budget, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

SA 4012. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4016, making appropriations for the Department of De-

fense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be used to freeze, delay, or cancel funding for programs, including ongoing grants, authorized under chapter 1 of subpart 2 of part A of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–11 et seq.). The Secretary of Education shall fully award and disburse all balances made available by this Act and any other Act appropriating funds for fiscal year 2026 for programs authorized under chapter 1 of subpart 2 of part A of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, not later than June 1, 2026.

SA 4013. Mr. MERKLEY 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, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be used to freeze, delay, or cancel funding for programs, including ongoing grants, authorized under section 418A of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070d–2). The Secretary of Education shall fully award and disburse all awards for all new and non-competing continuation grants for all programs authorized under section 418A for fiscal year 2026 not later than July 1, 2026. The Secretary of Education shall issue notices inviting applications for awards under section 418A and provide priority to all prior grantees under such section.

SA 4014. Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL) 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, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUCTION ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OFF THE COAST OF CALIFORNIA, OREGON, AND WASHINGTON.

(a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds made available under any division of this Act may be used to issue a lease or any other authorization for the exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas in the planning areas described in paragraph (2).

(b) PLANNING AREAS.—The planning areas referred to in paragraph (1) are the following, as depicted in the 2024–2029 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program published on September 29, 2023, by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (as announced in the notice of availability of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management entitled “Notice of Availability of the 2024–2029 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement” (88 Fed. Reg. 67798 (October 2, 2023))):

- (1) The Washington/Oregon Planning Area.
- (2) The Northern California Planning Area.
- (3) The Central California Planning Area.
- (4) The Southern California Planning Area.

SA 4015. Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. REED, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. WYDEN) 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, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUCTION IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.

(a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds made available under any division of this Act may be used to issue a lease or any other authorization for the exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas in the planning areas described in paragraph (2).

(b) PLANNING AREAS.—The planning areas referred to in paragraph (1) are the following, as depicted in the 2024–2029 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program published on September 29, 2023, by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (as announced in the notice of availability of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management entitled “Notice of Availability of the 2024–2029 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement” (88 Fed. Reg. 67798 (October 2, 2023))):

- (1) The Washington/Oregon Planning Area.
- (2) The Northern California Planning Area.
- (3) The Central California Planning Area.
- (4) The Southern California Planning Area.
- (5) The North Atlantic Planning Area.
- (6) The Mid-Atlantic Planning Area.
- (7) The South Atlantic Planning Area.
- (8) The Straits of Florida Planning Area.

SA 4016. Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF) 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, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . SCIENCE PROGRAMS OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION.

(a) EXPLORATION AND PLANETARY SCIENCE CAPABILITIES.—

(1) FINDING.—Congress finds that the technological capabilities being developed in the Mars Sample Return program are not only critical to the success of future science missions but also to human exploration of the Moon and Mars.

(2) FUNDING.—Of the amounts made available by this Act for the Science programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, \$300,000,000 is provided to support radar, spectroscopy, entry, descent, and landing systems, and commercializable precursor technologies that will enable science missions for the next decade, including lunar and Mars missions.

(3) COORDINATION.—The Administrator of National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall coordinate efforts between the

Science Mission Directorate and the Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorate on the advancement of the technologies described in paragraph (2).

(b) MARS TECHNOLOGY.—

(1) FUNDING.—Of the amounts made available by this Act for the Exploration programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, \$350,000,000 is provided for Mars technology to accelerate the development of high-priority technologies, such as radar, spectroscopy, entry, descent, and landing systems for crewed missions first to the Moon and then to Mars.

(2) COORDINATION.—The Administrator of National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall coordinate efforts among the Science Mission Directorate, the Space Technology Mission Directorate, and the Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorate on the advancement of the technologies described in paragraph (1).

SA 4017. Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF) 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, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON REDUCTIONS IN FORCE AT THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION.

The Administrator of National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall not carry out reductions of force at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

SA 4018. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her 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, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY ENHANCED PREMIUM CREDITS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Clause (iii) of section 36B(b)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) by striking “January 1, 2026” and inserting “January 1, 2029”, and

(2) by striking “2025” in the heading and inserting “2028”.

(b) TAXPAYERS WHOSE HOUSEHOLD INCOME EXCEEDS 400 PERCENT OF THE POVERTY LINE.—Section 36B(c)(1)(E) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) by striking “January 1, 2026” and inserting “January 1, 2029”, and

(2) by striking “2025” in the heading and inserting “2028”.

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

SA 4019. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed 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:

On page 394, line 5, strike the period at the end and insert “: *Provided further*, That of

the amounts made available under this heading, sufficient funding shall be used to ensure the continuation of data collection and publication of research at long-term experimental areas (commonly referred to as ‘Experimental Forests and Ranges’): *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this heading, sufficient funding shall be used to restore staff to positions of lead researchers at long-term experimental areas with vacancies in those positions.”.

SA 4020. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed 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 end of title IV of division C, add the following:

PROHIBITION OF USE OF FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT CERTAIN ORDERS OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

SEC. 4 ____ . Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds made available under any division of this Act or any other Act shall be used—

(1) to implement section 4(c) of Secretarial Order 3442, issued by the Secretary of the Interior on September 4, 2025 (relating to Land and Water Conservation Fund Implementation by the U.S. Department of the Interior); or

(2) to develop or implement an order of the Secretary of the Interior that imposes limitations on the use of allocations to Federal land management agencies of amounts from the Land and Water Conservation Fund established under section 200302 of title 54, United States Code.

SA 4021. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her 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, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . In accordance with section 111 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12711), none of the funds made available by this Act or any other appropriations Act may be used to establish any criteria for allocating or denying funds made available under programs administered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development based on the adoption, continuation, or discontinuation by a jurisdiction of any public policy, regulation, or law that is (1) adopted, continued, or discontinued in accordance with the jurisdiction’s duly established authority, and (2) not in violation of any Federal law.

SA 4022. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. CRAPO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her 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, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . LABORATORY ANALYSTS AND BIOMETRIC PERSONNEL.

(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “laboratory workforce at the Drug Enforcement Administration” means—

(1) positions in the Drug Enforcement Administration at forensic laboratories of the Drug Enforcement Administration, including—

- (A) forensic chemists;
- (B) fingerprint specialists;
- (C) digital forensic examiners; and
- (D) any other positions in the Drug Enforcement Administration at such forensic laboratories; and

(2) other positions in the Drug Enforcement Administration at locations other than such a forensic laboratory that will be relocated to such a forensic laboratory that, as of the date of the enactment of this Act, is being constructed or otherwise finalized.

(b) PROHIBITION ON REDUCING THE LABORATORY WORKFORCE AT THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The laboratory workforce at the Drug Enforcement Administration shall be exempt from any hiring freezes or workforce reductions related to spending cuts, reprogramming of funds, or the probationary status of employees.

(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection may be construed to restrict the authority of the Attorney General to manage the workforce of the Department of Justice under existing procedures in cases of misconduct or poor performance.

SA 4023. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her 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, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . Section 586(b) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking the first sentence and inserting “The United States trustee for such region shall appoint 1 or more individuals who are residents of a State to serve as standing trustee for that State.”.

SA 4024. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her 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, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be used to implement any prohibition on the ability of the Forensic Sciences Laboratories of the Drug Enforcement Administration to appoint individuals to positions within the Forensic Sciences Laboratories, furlough or remove any employee of the Forensic Sciences Laboratories, implement a reduction in force at Forensic Sciences Laboratories, or otherwise reduce the number of employees of the Forensic Sciences Laboratories.

SA 4025. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her 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, insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds appropriated by this Act shall be used to implement or support the appointment of a standing trustee under section 586(b) of title 28, United States Code, to serve more than 1 bankruptcy court in Region 1 unless those courts are in the same State.

SA 4026. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her 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, insert the following:

SEC. _____. **SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS' RIGHTS.**

(a) **TIERED FUNDING FOR STATE INCENTIVES.**—Section 5903(a) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (34 U.S.C. 10441 note; Public Law 117-263) is amended—

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

“(2) **GRANT INCREASE.**—The Attorney General shall increase the amount of the covered formula grant provided to a State in accordance with this subsection if the State has in effect—

“(A) a law that provides to sexual assault survivors the rights, at a minimum, under section 3772 of title 18, United States Code;

“(B) any combination of laws, regulations, practices, and policies that provides to sexual assault survivors the rights, at a minimum, under section 3772 of title 18, United States Code; or

“(C) any combination of laws, regulations, practices, and policies that provides to sexual assault survivors rights that are substantially similar to the rights under section 3772 of title 18, United States Code.”;

(2) in paragraph (3), by inserting “, regulation, practice, or policy, as applicable,” after “law”;

(3) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (6); and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following:

“(5) **ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.**—

“(A) **FUNDING TIERS.**—Of the amounts made available to carry out this subsection—

“(i) 60 percent shall be allocated to States that have in effect a law described in paragraph (2)(A);

“(ii) 25 percent shall be allocated to States that have in effect a law, regulation, practice, or policy described in paragraph (2)(B); and

“(iii) 15 percent shall be allocated to States that have in effect a law, regulation, practice, or policy described in paragraph (2)(C).

“(B) **ELIGIBILITY FOR SINGLE TIER ONLY.**—A State may not receive an allocation under more than 1 of the 3 funding tiers described in subparagraph (A).”.

(b) **PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE KITS.**—Section 3772(a)(2)(A) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “for the duration of the maximum applicable statute of limitations or 20 years, whichever is shorter” and inserting “for not less than 20 years”.

(c) **MANNER OF REQUEST FOR NOTIFICATION BEFORE DISPOSAL OF EVIDENCE KIT OR FOR FURTHER PRESERVATION.**—Section 3772(a)(3) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “written request” each place that term appears and inserting “request”.

SA 4027. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to

amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed 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 division B, insert the following:

SEC. _____. **FUNDING FOR HOLLINGS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP.**

(a) **PROHIBITION.**—None of the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act or any other Act for fiscal year 2026 may be used to freeze, delay, or cancel funding for programs or activities of the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

(b) **AWARD AND DISBURSEMENT OF BALANCES.**—The Secretary of Commerce shall ensure that, of the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by this division for the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership for fiscal year 2026, all of the amounts for financial assistance to be provided under section 25(e) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278k(e)) in fiscal year 2026 are disbursed before the date that is 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 4028. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed 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 title I of division B, insert the following:

SEC. _____. The Secretary of Commerce shall obligate funds for grants awarded by the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in a timely manner, following the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s historical timelines for the obligation of such funds.

SA 4029. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed 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 title I of division B, insert the following:

SEC. _____. Not fewer than 3 business days before the termination of any grant, cooperative agreement, or contract award totaling \$100,000 or more issued by the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration from funds made available in this Act or any previous Act, the Secretary of Commerce shall provide written notification of such termination to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives. Each such notification shall include the recipient of the award, the amount of the award, the fiscal year for which the funds for the award were appropriated, the account and program, project, or activity from which the funds are being drawn, the title of the award, and a detailed justification for the termination.

SA 4030. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to

amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed 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 division D, insert the following:

SEC. _____. In addition to amounts appropriated for primary health care under title II, out of unobligated amounts in the account appropriated for purposes of the Provider Relief Fund under the first paragraph under the heading “Department of Health and Human Services—Office of the Secretary—Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund” in division B of the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (Public Law 116-139; 134 Stat. 622), there is transferred to the Community Health Center Fund established under section 10503 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 254b-2), \$340,000,000.

SA 4031. Mr. MURPHY 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, insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used in a manner that would enable the transfer of a presidential air transport aircraft that has been under foreign registry to a nongovernmental entity.

SA 4032. Mr. MURPHY 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, insert the following:

SEC. _____. (a) Notwithstanding section 430 of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1231), section 415 or section 419 of the Department of Education Organization Act (20 U.S.C. 3475, 3479), section 1501 or 1535 of title 31, United States Code, or any other provision of law, none of the funds appropriated in this Act or any other appropriations Act may be used to transfer or delegate statutory responsibilities of the Department of Education to another Federal agency or to consolidate offices of the Department of Education that are established by statute.

(b) The Department of Education shall support staffing levels at the Department of Education, including staffing levels at each office within the Department of Education, that are necessary to fulfill its statutory responsibilities including carrying out programs, projects, and activities funded under this Act in a timely and effective manner.

SA 4033. Mr. MURPHY 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, insert the following:

SEC. _____. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds appropriated by this Act may be used to support or engage in hostilities by the Armed Forces of the United States against any organization designated on or after February 20, 2025, as a foreign terrorist organization, or any states in which those organizations operate, unless such hostilities are expressly authorized by a declaration of war or authorization for use of military force.

SA 4034. Mr. MERKLEY 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, insert the following:

SEC. _____. RESCISSION LIMITATION.

No amounts may be rescinded from amounts provided under this Act or any other appropriation Act for fiscal year 2026, unless the rescission is made through an appropriation Act (as defined in section 3 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 622)).

SA 4035. Mr. MERKLEY 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:

On page 159, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

SEC. 8176. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act or by any other Act may be used to directly or indirectly facilitate, support, or effect an arrest or detention of a United States citizen for any crime of which a United States citizen cannot be lawfully convicted.

SA 4036. Mr. MERKLEY 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, insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be used to investigate third parties relating to Jeffrey Epstein based on membership or affiliations with any political party.

SA 4037. Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. LUJÁN) 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, insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be

used to implement, administer, or enforce the Executive order entitled “Ensuring a National Policy Framework for Artificial Intelligence”, issued on December 11, 2025.

SA 4038. Mr. HEINRICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed 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 division B, insert the following:

SEC. _____. REPEAL OF SECTION 213.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Anti-Cash Grab Act”.

(b) **REPEAL.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 213 of division C of the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026 (Public Law 119-37) is repealed, and section 10 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2005 (2 U.S.C. 6628) is restored as if such section 213 had not been enacted.

(2) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall take effect as if included in the enactment of division C of the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026 (Public Law 119-37).

SA 4039. Mr. REED 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, insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be used to promulgate any rule or policy that eliminates or alters the Demand Letter Program administered by the National Tracing Center at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

SA 4040. Mr. REED 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, insert the following:

SEC. _____. EMPLOYEES FOR NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds provided to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration by this Act or any other Act for any fiscal year shall be used to maintain not fewer than the number of full-time permanent Federal employees employed on September 30, 2024, for carrying out activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

SA 4041. Mr. REED 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 Sep-

tember 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. No funds appropriated under any division of this Act may be expended for expenses related to procurement of statues or other activities as described in Executive Order 13934 (85 Fed. Reg. 41165; relating to building and rebuilding monuments to American heroes), Executive Order 13978 (86 Fed. Reg. 6809; relating to building the National Garden of American Heroes), and Executive Order 14189 (90 Fed. Reg. 8849; relating to celebrating America’s birthday).

SA 4042. Mr. REED 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, insert the following:

SEC. _____. Of the amounts made available under section 86001 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14”, approved July 4, 2025 (Public Law 119-21; 139 Stat. 356), \$40,000,000 are permanently rescinded.

SA 4043. Mr. REED 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, insert the following:

SEC. _____. Not later than February 13, 2026, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall noncompetitively renew all existing continuum of care grants and youth homelessness demonstration projects expiring during calendar year 2026 for one 12-month period, notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions in subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.); *Provided*, That the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall make reasonable adjustments for cost-of-living adjustments for supportive services.

SA 4044. Ms. HIRONO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her 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, insert the following:

SEC. _____. Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to Congress a report describing—

(1) an assessment of staffing needs across the Forest Service required to maintain capacity in and ensure successful delivery of the programs for which amounts are made available by this Act; and

(2) the number of employees in the Forest Service as of—

(A) the date on which the report is submitted; and

(B) January 1 of the year in which the report is submitted and January 1 of each of the previous 9 calendar years.

SA 4045. Ms. DUCKWORTH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her 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, insert the following:

SEC. _____ . CITIZENS ARE AS IMPORTANT AS SENATORS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Citizens Are as Important as Senators Act”.

(b) **PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION.**—

(1) **DEFINITION.**—In this subsection, the term “covered individual” means a citizen or national of the United States (as defined in section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a))) who was—

(A) arrested or detained in the course of a Federal law enforcement operation—

(i) in Illinois under Operation Midway Blitz;

(ii) in North Carolina under Operation Charlotte’s Web; or

(iii) in connection with any Department of Homeland Security enforcement operation involving the deployment of a large number of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers or agents to a specific metropolitan area; and

(B) later released without charges and never formally accused of wrongdoing.

(2) **PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION.**—

(A) **CAUSE OF ACTION.**—Any covered individual may bring a civil action against the United States if the violation was committed by an officer, employee, or agent of the United States or of any Federal department or agency.

(B) **RELIEF.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—If a covered individual prevails on a claim under this paragraph, the court shall award—

(I) the greater of statutory damages of \$500,000 or the amount of actual damages;

(II) reasonable attorney’s fees and costs of litigation; and

(III) such injunctive or declaratory relief as may be appropriate.

(ii) **PRELIMINARY RELIEF.**—Upon motion by a covered individual, a court may award such preliminary injunctive relief as the court determines appropriate with respect to a claim under this paragraph.

(C) **LIMITATIONS AND IMMUNITY.**—

(i) **PERIOD OF LIMITATIONS.**—A civil action under this paragraph may not be commenced later than 5 years after the covered individual first obtains actual notice of the violation of this subsection.

(ii) **NO IMMUNITY DEFENSE.**—No officer, employee, or agent of the United States or of any Federal department or agency shall be entitled to assert any form of absolute or qualified immunity as a defense to liability under this paragraph.

(D) **WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.**—The United States expressly waives sovereign immunity with respect to actions brought under this paragraph.

(E) **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE FOR TARGET INVESTIGATIONS.**—It shall be an affirmative defense to an action under this paragraph if the United States establishes that—

(i) the individual had an outstanding Federal warrant for their arrest; or

(ii) the individual was arrested or detained in relation to an investigation other than an investigation described in paragraph (1)(A).

(3) **LIMITED RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.**—This section shall apply to any arrest or detention described in paragraph (1)(A)—

(A) in the case of Operation Midway Blitz, occurring on or after September 8, 2025;

(B) in the case of Operation Charlotte’s Web, occurring on or after November 15, 2025; and

(C) in the case of an investigation described in clause (iii) of that paragraph, occurring on or after January 20, 2025.

SA 4046. Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. SHEEHY) 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, insert the following:

WAIVER OF OVERTIME CAPS FOR WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS

SEC. _____ . Section 1701 of the Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act (5 U.S.C. 5547 note; Public Law 117-43) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)—

(A) in the first sentence, by striking “2021 or 2022 or 2023 or 2024” and inserting “2021 or any calendar year thereafter”; and

(B) in the second sentence—

(i) by striking “Services” and inserting “services”; and

(ii) by striking “subsection” and inserting “subsection.”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “2021 or 2022 or 2023 or 2024” and inserting “the applicable calendar year”; and

(3) in subsection (c), by striking “2021 or 2022 or 2023 or 2024” and inserting “the applicable calendar year”.

SA 4047. Mr. VAN HOLLEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed 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:

On page 147, strike lines 6 through 15 and insert the following:

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

For necessary expenses for industrial technology services, \$212,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$175,000,000 shall be for the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership, and of which \$37,000,000 shall be for the Manufacturing USA Program: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall, not later than 7 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, for all eligible entities (as defined in subsection (a) of section 25 of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278k)) in each State and Puerto Rico, renew for 1 year all cooperative agreements that were entered into under subsection (e) of such section and were in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall, not later than 7 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, issue under subsection (e) of such section new 1-year awards to all eligible entities (as defined in subsection (a) of such section) that on the date of the enactment of this Act had cooperative agreements that were in effect and set to expire on December 31, 2025: *Provided further*, That each such renewal of a cooperative agreement and new award shall be renewed and awarded under the same terms and conditions as in effect for cooperative agreements under subsection (e) of such section in

May, 2025, unless requested otherwise by the applicable eligible entity: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall execute a reapplication competition under subsection (h) of such section not later than the date that is 270 days before the date on which the first cooperative agreement authorized under such section 25 expires after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 4048. Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Mr. MORAN) 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:

On page 221, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

SEC. 225. Any remaining unobligated balances from amounts originally made available under the heading “CONSTRUCTION” under the heading “FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION” in the Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2016 (title II of division B of Public Law 114-113) or in the Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2017 (title II of division B of Public Law 115-31) for the new Federal Bureau of Investigation consolidated headquarters facility in the National Capital Region that were subsequently reprogrammed pursuant to a notification received by the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration on July 1, 2025, may not be further obligated until the Federal Bureau of Investigation submits to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate for review the contracted and completed architectural and engineering plan for the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s new headquarters building: *Provided*, That classified portions of the architectural and engineering plan shall be submitted through a classified annex.

SA 4049. Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. KIM, and Mr. BOOKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed 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:

After section 194 of title I of division E, insert the following:

SEC. 195. For amounts made available in any appropriations Act enacted prior to the date of enactment of this Act for “Department of Transportation—Federal Transit Administration—Capital Investment Grants”, the Secretary of Transportation shall make disbursements of obligations to recipients with existing full funding grant agreements under sections 5309(d) and 5309(e) of title 49, United States Code, for which the Secretary paused disbursements of obligations on or after September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That such disbursements shall be made at the request of the recipient: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall not withhold any disbursements of obligations as a result of the interim final rule titled “Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise in Airport Concessions Program Implementation Modifications” published in the Federal Register by the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Transportation on October 3, 2025 (90 Fed. Reg. 47969).

SA 4050. Mr. SCHIFF submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed 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:

In the matter under the heading “PROGRAM MANAGEMENT” under the heading “CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES” under title II of division D, strike the period at the end and insert “: *Provided further*, That the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services shall not terminate a critical access hospital provider agreement with any hospital that was designated and certified as a critical access hospital as of January 1, 2024, and receives notice from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services during the period beginning on December 1, 2024, and ending on January 1, 2027, that the facility was found to be noncompliant with the distance requirements under section 1820(c)(2)(B)(i)(I) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i-4(c)(2)(B)(i)(I)): *Provided further*, That the Administrator shall use available funds in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Program Management Account to pay for the additional expenditures by reason of the preceding proviso, as determined by the Administrator.”.

SA 4051. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed 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 title IV of division C, insert the following:

PROHIBITION OF CLOSURE OF FEDERAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES

SEC. 4 _____. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds made available under any division of this Act or any other appropriations Acts, including prior year Acts, shall be used to close or consolidate the resources or locations of any existing research and development facility, including a laboratory or experimental forest, funded under this Act and operated by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Geological Survey, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, the Environmental Protection Agency, or the Forest Service, or to relocate employees assigned to those facilities, unless identified in the applicable budget justification and provided for in this Act.

SA 4052. Mr. MERKLEY 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, insert the following:

SEC. _____. NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The National Marine Fisheries Service shall maintain staffing levels to carry out its statutory obligations, including to—

(1) ensure timely completion of consultations required under the Endangered Species

Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.);

(2) adequately address the backlog of consultations required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 for the permitting of infrastructure projects; and

(3) ensure timely completion of fishery stock assessments under Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972.

(b) HIRING ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, and annually thereafter, the Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service shall submit to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, an assessment of the milestones, timelines, and service-level expectations required for the hiring and timely on-boarding of employees of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

SA 4053. Mr. MERKLEY 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, insert the following:

SEC. _____. PROHIBITION OF USE OF FUNDS TO DEPICT CERTAIN FEDERAL OFFICIALS ON PUBLIC LAND UNITS AND MATERIALS RELATING TO PUBLIC LAND UNITS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds made available under any division of this Act may be used to depict, permanently or temporarily, the name, image, or likeness of any President, Vice President, cabinet secretary, or member of Congress in office as of the date of the depiction, on a public land unit (including the naming of a public land unit), a public structure within a public land unit, signage for a public land unit, a vehicle associated with a public land unit, written materials relating to a public land unit (including maps, newsletters, flyers, permits, and entry passes), or any other physical or printed property or production of the Federal Government intended for public display or consumption at a public land unit, except in cases in which such depiction is required for official Federal documentation purposes.

SA 4054. Mr. MERKLEY 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, insert the following:

SEC. _____. WILDFIRE FUNDING ADJUSTMENT.

Section 251(b)(2)(F)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(F)(i)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding subclause (I), by striking “2027” and inserting “2037”;

(2) in subclause (VII), by striking “and” at the end;

(3) in subclause (VIII), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(IX) for fiscal year 2028, \$4,610,000,000;
“(X) for fiscal year 2029, \$4,840,000,000;
“(XI) for fiscal year 2030, \$5,080,000,000;
“(XII) for fiscal year 2031, \$5,335,000,000;
“(XIII) for fiscal year 2032, \$5,600,000,000;
“(XIV) for fiscal year 2033, \$5,880,000,000;
“(XV) for fiscal year 2034, \$6,180,000,000;
“(XVI) for fiscal year 2035, \$6,485,000,000;
“(XVII) for fiscal year 2036, \$6,810,000,000;
and
“(XVIII) for fiscal year 2037, \$7,150,000,000.”.

SA 4055. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. WARNOCK) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3951 submitted by Ms. COLLINS and intended to be proposed 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 division D, insert the following:

SEC. _____. Section 455(a)(4)(A)(i) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087d(a)(4)(A)(i)) is amended by striking “\$20,500” and inserting “\$30,000”.

SA 4056. Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, and Ms. WARREN) 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, insert the following:

SEC. _____. ELIGIBILITY OF DISABILITY RETIREES WITH COMBAT-RELATED DISABILITIES FOR CONCURRENT RECEIPT OF VETERANS’ DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND RETIRED PAY.

(a) CONCURRENT RECEIPT IN CONNECTION WITH CRSC.—Section 1413a(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (3).

(b) CONCURRENT RECEIPT GENERALLY.—Section 1414(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following new paragraphs:

“(2) COMBAT-RELATED RETIREES.—An eligible combat-related disabled uniformed services retiree (as defined in section 1413a(c) of this title) who is retired under chapter 61 of this title, is entitled to retired pay under chapter 61 of this title for any month, and is also entitled for that month to veterans’ disability compensation under title 38, is entitled to be paid both such retired pay and such veterans’ disability compensation for that month without regard to sections 5304 and 5305 of title 38.

“(3) EXCLUSION OF OTHER RETIREES.—Subsection (a) does not apply to a member retired under chapter 61 of this title if the member is not covered by paragraph (1) or (2).”.

(c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) AMENDMENTS REFLECTING END OF CONCURRENT RECEIPT PHASE-IN PERIOD.—Section 1414 of title 10, United States Code, is further amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(1)—

(i) by striking the second sentence; and

(ii) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B);

(B) by striking subsection (c) and redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections

(c) and (d), respectively; and

(C) in subsection (d), as redesignated, by striking paragraphs (3) and (4).

(2) SECTION HEADING.—The heading of such section 1414 is amended to read as follows:

“§ 1414. Members eligible for retired pay who are also eligible for veterans’ disability compensation: concurrent receipt”.

(3) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 71 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to section 1414 and inserting the following new item:

“1414. Members eligible for retired pay who are also eligible for veterans’ disability compensation: concurrent receipt.”.

(4) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1413a(f) of such title is amended by striking “Subsection (d)” and inserting “Subsection (c)”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the first day of the first month beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to payments for months beginning on or after that date.

SA 4057. Mr. THUNE (for Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. SCHMITT)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 355, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, to publish a final rule relating to nonclinical testing methods; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “FDA Modernization Act 3.0”.

SEC. 2. REGULATIONS ON NONCLINICAL TESTING METHODS.

(a) INTERIM FINAL RULE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In order to ensure implementation of the amendments to section 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(i)) made by section 3209(a) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117–328; 136 Stat. 5821), not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, shall publish an interim final rule—

(A) to amend the sections of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, described in paragraph (2) to replace any references to “animal” tests, data, studies, models, and research with a reference to nonclinical tests, data, studies, models, and research; and

(B) to add the definition of “nonclinical test” in section 505(z) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(z)) to sections 312.3, 314.3, 315.2, and 601.31 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations.

(2) CFR SECTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sections of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, described in this paragraph are the following:

- (A) Section 312.22(c).
- (B) Section 312.23(a)(3)(iv).
- (C) Section 312.23(a)(5)(ii).
- (D) Section 312.23(a)(5)(iii).
- (E) Section 312.23(a)(8).
- (F) Section 312.23(a)(8)(i).
- (G) Section 312.23(a)(8)(ii).
- (H) Section 312.23(a)(10)(i).
- (I) Section 312.23(a)(10)(ii).
- (J) Section 312.33(b)(6).
- (K) Section 312.82(a).
- (L) Section 312.88.
- (M) Section 314.50(d)(2).
- (N) Section 314.50(d)(2)(iv).
- (O) Section 314.50(d)(5)(i).
- (P) Section 314.50(d)(5)(vi)(a).
- (Q) Section 314.50(d)(5)(vi)(b).
- (R) Section 314.93(e)(2).
- (S) Section 315.6(d).
- (T) Section 330.10(a)(2).

(U) Section 601.35(d).

(V) Any other section necessary to ensure regulatory consistency with the amendments to section 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(i)) made by section 3209(a) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117–328; 136 Stat. 5821).

(3) EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERIM FINAL RULE.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (B) of section 553(b) of title 5, United States Code, the interim final rule issued by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under paragraph (1) shall become immediately effective as an interim final rule without requiring the Secretary of Health and Human Services to demonstrate good cause therefor.

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355) is amended by designating the second subsection (z) (relating to clinical trial diversity action plans), as added by section 3601(a) of the Health Extenders, Improving Access to Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP, and Strengthening Public Health Act of 2022 (division FF of Public Law 117–328), as subsection (aa).

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, I have three 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:

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 3 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON BORDER MANAGEMENT, FEDERAL WORKFORCE AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

The Subcommittee on Border Management, Federal Workforce and Regulatory Affairs of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 11 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hybrid hearing.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

U.S. SENATE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
December 15, 2025.

Hon. JD VANCE,
President of the United States Senate,
Washington, DC.

SIR: I have the honor to submit a full and complete statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate, showing in detail the items of expense under proper appropria-

tions, the aggregate thereof, and exhibiting the exact condition of all public moneys received, paid out, and remaining in my possession from April 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025, in compliance with §105 of Public Law 88–454, approved August 20, 1964, as amended.

Sincerely,

JACKIE BARBER,
Secretary of the Senate.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, and in consultation with the Ranking Members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Michael Kuiken of the District of Columbia for a term beginning January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2027.

NATIONAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 546, which is at the desk.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 546) designating November 2025 as “National Hospice and Palliative Care Month”.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. THUNE. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 546) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

FDA MODERNIZATION ACT 3.0

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of S. 355 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 355) to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, to publish a final rule relating to nonclinical testing methods.

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