

S. 2745

At the request of Ms. SLOTKIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2745, a bill to require the Secretary of Defense to provide to firefighters of the Department of Defense medical testing and related services to detect and prevent certain cancers.

S. 2808

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 2808, a bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a report on the fertilizer industry, and for other purposes.

S. 2857

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2857, a bill to require coverage of certain immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices under the Medicare program, the Medicaid program, the Children's Health Insurance Program, group health plans, and health insurance coverage.

S. 3145

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 3145, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to require the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to test a comprehensive alternative response for emergencies model under the Medicare program.

S. 3168

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3168, a bill to appropriate funds for pay and allowances of Federal employees, contract employees, and members of the Armed Forces during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

S. 3238

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3238, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prohibit approved medical residency training programs under the Medicare program from requiring opt-out abortion training.

S. 3395

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3395, a bill to expand the telescreening mammography pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 3892

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) were added

as cosponsors of S. 3892, a bill to prohibit retail food stores from price gouging and engaging in surveillance-based price setting practices, and for other purposes.

S. 3990

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3990, a bill to increase access to pre-exposure prophylaxis to reduce the transmission of HIV.

S. 3999

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3999, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that women veterans may schedule appointments for women's specialty care under the laws administered by the Secretary without requiring a referral, and for other purposes.

S. 4269

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4269, a bill to repeal certain student loan provisions, and for other purposes.

S. 4421

At the request of Mr. GALLEGRO, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4421, a bill to amend the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act to expand review by Congress of actions relating to sanctions imposed with respect to the Russian Federation.

S.J. RES. 182

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) and the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 182, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program".

S. RES. 599

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 599, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that protecting and advancing the rights of women and girls in the Republic of Haiti is critical to the success of Haiti's transition from crisis and its future stability, condemning the failure to center women's leadership and distinct needs to date, and calling for urgent measures to secure all human rights of women and girls in Haiti.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. BUDD, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mr. CURTIS):

S. 4431. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for comprehensive student achievement information; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 4431

*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 "Time for Completion Act".

#### SEC. 2. CONSUMER INFORMATION ABOUT COMPLETION OR GRADUATION TIMES.

(a) TRANSPARENCY IN COLLEGE TUITION FOR CONSUMERS.—Subparagraph (J) of section 132(i)(1) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1015a(i)(1)(J)) is amended to read as follows:

"(J)(i) For programs of study 4 years of length or longer—

"(I) the percentages of first-time, full-time, degree- or certificate-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at the institution who obtain a degree or certificate within each of the times for completion or graduation described in subclauses (I) through (III) of clause (iii);

"(II) the percentages of first-time, part-time, degree- or certificate-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at the institution who obtain a degree or certificate within each of the times for completion or graduation described in subclauses (I) through (III) of clause (iii);

"(III) the percentages of non-first-time, full-time, degree- or certificate-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at the institution who obtain a degree or certificate within each of the times for completion or graduation described in subclauses (I) through (III) of clause (iii); and

"(IV) the percentages of non-first-time, part-time, degree- or certificate-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at the institution who obtain a degree or certificate within each of the times for completion or graduation described in subclauses (I) through (III) of clause (iii).

"(ii) For programs of study less than 4 years—

"(I) the percentages of first-time, full-time, degree- or certificate-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at the institution who obtain a degree or certificate within each of the times for completion or graduation described in subclauses (I) through (IV) of clause (iii);

"(II) the percentages of first-time, part-time, degree- or certificate-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at the institution who obtain a degree or certificate within each of the times for completion or graduation described in subclauses (I) through (IV) of clause (iii);

"(III) the percentages of non-first-time, full-time, degree- or certificate-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at the institution who obtain a degree or certificate within each of the times for completion or graduation described in subclauses (I) through (IV) of clause (iii); and

"(IV) the percentages of non-first-time, part-time, degree- or certificate-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at the institution who obtain a degree or certificate within each of the times for completion or graduation described in subclauses (I) through (IV) of clause (iii).

“(iii) For purposes of this subparagraph, the times for completion or graduation are as follows:

“(I) The normal time for completion of, or graduation from, the student’s program.

“(II) 150 percent of the normal time for completion of, or graduation from, the student’s program.

“(III) 200 percent of the normal time for completion of, or graduation from, the student’s program.

“(IV) 300 percent of the normal time for completion of, or graduation from, the student’s program.

“(iv) In making publicly available the percentages described in this subparagraph, the Secretary shall display each percentage in a consistent manner and with equal visibility.”.

(b) INSTITUTIONAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS.—Section 485(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking subparagraph (L) and inserting the following:

“(L) each completion or graduation rate for each type of student and program described in clauses (i) and (ii) of section 132(1)(J);”;

(2) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3), by striking “within 150 percent of the normal time for completion of or graduation from the program” and inserting “within the time for completion or graduation described in section 132(1)(J) applicable to such student and such program”.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 4437. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to establish additional requirements for dealers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 4437

*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 “Puppy Protection Act of 2026”.

**SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DEALERS.**

(a) HUMANE TREATMENT OF DOGS BY DEALERS.—Section 13(a) of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2143(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(9) In addition to the requirements under paragraph (2), the standards described in paragraph (1) shall, with respect to dealers, include requirements—

“(A) that the dealer provide adequate housing for dogs that includes—

“(i) completely solid flooring;

“(ii) indoor space sufficient to allow the tallest dog in an enclosure to stand on his or her hind legs without touching the roof of the enclosure;

“(iii) with respect to dogs over 8 weeks in age, primary enclosures that, with the length of the dog measured from the tip of

the nose to the base of the tail, provide at least—

“(I) 12 square feet of indoor floor space per each dog measuring not more than 25 inches long;

“(II) 20 square feet of indoor floor space per each dog measuring more than 25 but less than 35 inches long; and

“(III) 30 square feet of indoor floor space per each dog measuring not less than 35 inches long;

“(iv) enclosures that are not stacked or otherwise placed on top of or below another enclosure; and

“(v) temperature control that—

“(I) is appropriate for the age, breed, and condition of each dog in the enclosure; and

“(II) is between 45 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit, when dogs are present in the enclosure;

“(B) that appropriate and nutritious food be provided to each dog at least twice per day, in an amount sufficient to maintain the good health and physical condition of each dog;

“(C) that each dog has continuous access to potable water that is not frozen and is free of feces, algae, and other contaminants;

“(D) that each dog has adequate exercise, including, for each dog over the age of 12 weeks—

“(i) except as provided in clause (ii), unrestricted access from the primary enclosure of the dog during daylight hours to an outdoor exercise area that—

“(I) is at ground-level;

“(II) is a solid surface;

“(III) is enclosed by a fence or other structure;

“(IV) is properly controlled for the safety of the dog; and

“(V) allows the dog to extend to full stride, play, and engage in other types of mentally stimulating and social behaviors; or

“(ii) if the dealer obtains a certification from the attending veterinarian stating that a dog should not have unrestricted access to an outdoor exercise area for a specific medical reason, an alternative exercise plan prescribed by the veterinarian for the dog that meets the applicable requirements under section 3.8 of title 9, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations);

“(E) that each dog has meaningful socialization with humans and compatible dogs for at least 30 minutes each day that—

“(i) includes positive interaction with a human such as petting, stroking, grooming, feeding, playing with, exercising, or other touching of the dog that is beneficial to the well-being of the dog; and

“(ii) does not include time spent in veterinary care;

“(F) that each dog receives adequate veterinary care, including—

“(i) prompt treatment of any disease, illness, or injury by a licensed veterinarian;

“(ii) a thorough, hands-on examination by a licensed veterinarian at least once each year, which shall include a dental exam;

“(iii) core vaccinations recommended by the latest version of the American Animal Hospital Association Canine Vaccination Guidelines; and

“(iv) medications to prevent intestinal parasites, heartworm disease, fleas, and ticks that are approved by a licensed veterinarian for canine use;

“(G) with respect to safe breeding practices for dogs, including—

“(i) a screening program for known prevalent inheritable diseases that may be disabling or likely to significantly affect the lifespan or quality of life of the mother or the offspring;

“(ii) prohibiting breeding, unless each dog bred—

“(I) has been screened by a licensed veterinarian prior to each attempt to breed; and

“(II) is found in the screening under subclause (I) to be free from health conditions that may be disabling to, or likely to significantly affect the lifespan or quality of life of, the mother or the offspring;

“(iii) prohibiting the breeding of a female dog to produce—

“(I) more than 2 litters in any 18-month period; or

“(II) more than 6 litters during the lifetime of the dog;

“(iv) that a female dog of any small breed (having a maximum weight range at maturity that is less than 40 pounds) not be bred—

“(I) before reaching the age of 18 months; or

“(II) after reaching the age of 9 years;

“(v) that a female dog of any large breed (having an expected weight range at maturity that includes 40 or more pounds) not be bred—

“(I) before reaching the age of 2 years; or

“(II) after reaching the age of 7 years; and

“(vi) that any canine caesarian section be performed by a licensed veterinarian;

“(H) that dogs be housed with other dogs, unless health or behavioral issues make group housing unsafe; and

“(I) to make all reasonable efforts to find humane placement for retired breeding dogs—

“(i) such as with an adoptive family, rescue organization, or other appropriate owner for that dog; and

“(ii) not including selling at auction or otherwise placing a retired breeding dog with another breeder for breeding purposes.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 13(a)(2)(B) of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2143(a)(2)(B)) is amended by inserting “subject to paragraph (9),” before “for exercise of dogs”.

(c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue final regulations establishing the standards for the care of dogs by dealers, as required by this section and the amendments made by this section.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 4438. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish a program to make grants available to States to inform individuals of potential eligibility for the Lifeline program of the Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 4438

*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 “Promoting Access to Broadband Act of 2026”.

**SEC. 2. LIFELINE ENROLLMENT OUTREACH GRANTS.**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission” means the Federal Communications Commission.

(2) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “covered individual” means an individual who—

(A) is an eligible-but-not-enrolled individual; or

(B) has the potential to be a qualifying low-income consumer under 54.409 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation, due to the eligibility of the individual, a dependent of the individual, or the household of the individual to receive benefits from or participate in, as applicable, a program described in such section 54.409.

(3) **ELIGIBLE-BUT-NOT-ENROLLED INDIVIDUAL.**—The term “eligible-but-not-enrolled individual” means an individual who is a qualifying low-income consumer under section 54.409 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation, but is not enrolled in the Lifeline program.

(4) **INDIAN TRIBE.**—The term “Indian Tribe” has the meaning given the term “Indian tribe” in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103).

(5) **LIFELINE PROGRAM.**—The term “Lifeline program” means the program set forth in subpart E of part 54 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation.

(6) **REACH.**—The term “reach” means, with respect to an individual, to inform the individual of potential eligibility for the Lifeline program and to provide the individual with information about the Lifeline program, as described in subsection (e).

(7) **STATE.**—The term “State” means each State of the United States, the District of Columbia, each commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States, and each Indian Tribe.

(b) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Commission shall establish a competitive program to make grants available to States to inform covered individuals of potential eligibility for the Lifeline program.

(c) **APPLICATION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Commission may only award a grant under this section to a State that submits an application at such time, in such form, and with such information and assurances as the Commission may require.

(2) **MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED.**—An application submitted by a State under paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) the number of covered individuals in the State;

(B) a plan for the activities that the State will conduct using grant funds, including a list of each agency within the State that will assist in carrying out those activities; and

(C) an estimate of the percentage of eligible-but-not-enrolled individuals in the State who will be reached by those activities.

(d) **SELECTION.**—

(1) **MINIMUM NUMBER OF STATES.**—The Commission shall award grants under this section to not fewer than 25 percent of the States that submit an application under subsection (c).

(2) **FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION.**—In awarding grants under this section, the Commission shall give favorable consideration to—

(A) States that have higher numbers of covered individuals; and

(B) States proposing, in the plans submitted under subsection (c)(2)(B), to conduct activities that have the potential to reach higher percentages of eligible-but-not-enrolled individuals in those States, as determined by the Commission, taking into consideration the estimates submitted under subsection (c)(2)(C).

(3) **GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.**—In awarding grants under this section, the Commission shall, to the maximum extent practicable, select States from different geographic regions of the United States.

(e) **USE OF FUNDS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—A State that receives a grant under this section shall use grant

funds, in accordance with the plan included in the application of the State under subsection (c)(2)(B), to—

(A) inform covered individuals and organizations or agencies that serve covered individuals, as the case may be under the terms of the grant awarded to the State, of potential eligibility for the Lifeline program;

(B) provide covered individuals with information about the Lifeline program, including—

(i) how to apply for the Lifeline program; and

(ii) a description of the prohibition on more than 1 subscriber in each household receiving a service provided under the Lifeline program; and

(C) partner with nonprofit and community-based organizations that have a proven track record of working with covered individuals in implementing digital inclusion initiatives to provide covered individuals with—

(i) assistance applying for the Lifeline program; and

(ii) information about product and technology choices.

(2) **MULTIPLE STATE AGENCIES.**—A State that receives a grant under this section may provide grant funds to 1 or more agencies located within the State, as identified under subsection (c)(2)(B), to carry out the activities under the grant.

(f) **OUTREACH TO STATES REGARDING GRANT PROGRAM.**—Before accepting applications for the grant program established under this section, the Commission shall conduct outreach to States to ensure that States are aware of the grant program and how to apply for a grant under the grant program.

(g) **REGULATIONS REQUIRED.**—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall promulgate regulations to implement this section.

(h) **ENFORCEMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—A violation of this section or a regulation promulgated under this section shall be treated as a violation of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) or a regulation promulgated under that Act.

(2) **MANNER OF ENFORCEMENT.**—The Commission shall enforce this section and the regulations promulgated under this section in the same manner, by the same means, and with the same jurisdiction, powers, and duties as though all applicable terms and provisions of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) were incorporated into and made a part of this section.

(i) **EXEMPTIONS.**—

(1) **CERTAIN RULEMAKING REQUIREMENTS.**—Section 553 of title 5, United States Code, shall not apply to a regulation promulgated under this section or a rulemaking proceeding to promulgate such a regulation.

(2) **PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT REQUIREMENTS.**—A collection of information conducted or sponsored under the regulations required under this section shall not constitute a collection of information for the purposes of subchapter I of chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code (commonly known as the “Paperwork Reduction Act”).

(j) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 3 years after establishing the grant program under this section, the Commission shall submit to Congress a report evaluating the effectiveness of the grant program.

(2) **CONTENTS.**—The report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) the number of individuals notified of Lifeline program eligibility by States receiving grants under this section;

(B) the number of new applicants to the Lifeline program from States receiving grants under this section, including the

number of those applicants who enrolled in the Lifeline program; and

(C) the cost-effectiveness of the grant program established under this section.

(k) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Commission such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section for the first 5 full fiscal years beginning after the establishment of the grant program under this section.

### SEC. 3. GRANTS TO STATES TO STRENGTHEN NATIONAL LIFELINE ELIGIBILITY VERIFIER.

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **COMMISSION.**—The term “Commission” means the Federal Communications Commission.

(2) **ELIGIBLE ENTITY.**—The term “eligible entity” means a State that, not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, submits to the Commission an application for a grant under this section containing such information as the Commission may require.

(3) **STATE.**—The term “State” means each State of the United States, the District of Columbia, each commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States, and each federally recognized Indian Tribe.

(b) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall establish a program to provide a grant, from amounts appropriated under subsection (e), to each eligible entity for the purpose described in subsection (c).

(c) **PURPOSE.**—The Commission shall make a grant to each eligible entity for the purpose of establishing, renewing, reestablishing, or maintaining or amending a connection between the databases of the eligible entity that contain information concerning the receipt by a household, or a member of a household, of benefits under a program administered by the eligible entity (including any benefit provided under the supplemental nutrition assistance program under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) and the National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier so that the receipt by a household, or a member of a household, of benefits under the benefits program—

(1) is reflected in the National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier; and

(2) can be used to verify eligibility for the Lifeline program set forth in subpart E, part 54, of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation.

(d) **DISBURSEMENT OF GRANT FUNDS.**—Not later than 120 days after the date on which the Commission establishes the program under subsection (b), funds provided under each grant made under that subsection shall be disbursed to the eligible entity receiving the grant.

(e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.**—There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 698—RECOGNIZING APRIL 29, 2026, AS “DENIM DAY” AND HONORING SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

Ms. BALDWIN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 698

Whereas sexual assault affects individuals of every age, race, gender, socioeconomic