

Whereas, according to NHTSA, women sustain 46 percent higher injury risk than men in frontal crashes;

Whereas, according to NHTSA, women sustain 55 percent higher injury risk than men in rollover crashes;

Whereas advanced vehicle and infrastructure technologies show promise in eliminating motor vehicles crashes;

Whereas better roadway fatality data collection could help drive better behavioral safety and infrastructure improvements;

Whereas too many families in the United States have been personally affected by preventable crashes; and

Whereas a data-driven safe systems approach is proven to be effective at reducing traffic fatalities and injuries, including through taking into account all aspects of the transportation environment and not requiring a single actor to be responsible for traffic safety: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commits to advancing policies that will end roadway fatalities by 2050;

(2) calls on Congress and the Department of Transportation to commit to working together to achieve zero roadway fatalities by the year 2050;

(3) supports efforts to address disparities related to transportation safety;

(4) calls on the Department of Transportation, and the agencies within the Department of Transportation, to improve data gathering and tracking of traffic crashes and other issues related to transportation safety;

(5) calls on the Department of Transportation, and the agencies within the Department of Transportation, to commit to the implementation of proven countermeasures and interventions to prioritize transportation safety;

(6) recognizes the need for a safe system approach to transportation in the United States to improve access, safety, and mobility; and

(7) supports the use of the term “crash”, instead of “accident”, when describing traffic incidents and encourages all agencies of the Federal Government to use this term.

SENATE RESOLUTION 754—RE-AFFIRMING CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT AND LONG-STANDING BIPARTISAN TAIWAN POLICY

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. COONS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 754

Whereas the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8; 22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.) is the cornerstone of the United States-Taiwan relationship, which has been characterized by broad and enduring bipartisan support;

Whereas the Taiwan Relations Act established key elements of United States policy that have stood the test of time, including—

(1) preserving the extensive commercial, cultural, and other ties between the United States, Taiwan, the people on the China mainland, and all other peoples in the Western Pacific;

(2) declaring that peace and stability in the region are in the political, security, and economic interests of the United States, and are matters of international concern;

(3) underscoring that the decision of the United States to establish and maintain diplomatic relations with the Government of the People’s Republic of China rests upon the

expectation that the future of Taiwan will be determined by peaceful means;

(4) considering any effort to determine the future of Taiwan by other than peaceful means, including boycotts or embargoes, a threat to regional peace and security, and of grave concern to the United States;

(5) providing Taiwan with arms of a defensive character; and

(6) maintaining the capacity of the United States to resist any force or coercion that would jeopardize the security or any social and economic system of the people of Taiwan;

Whereas the United States Government has a longstanding One China Policy, which has been guided by the Taiwan Relations Act, the Three Joint Communiqués, and the Six Assurances;

Whereas, in 1982, in the context of the United States-China Joint Communiqué on United States Arms Sales to Taiwan, the Reagan Administration made clear that in its negotiations, the United States—

(1) did not agree to set a date for ending arms sales to Taiwan;

(2) did not agree to prior consultation with the People’s Republic of China on arms sales to Taiwan;

(3) did not agree to play any mediation role between Taiwan and the People’s Republic of China;

(4) did not agree to revise the Taiwan Relations Act;

(5) did not agree to take any position regarding sovereignty over Taiwan; and

(6) will not exert pressure on Taiwan to enter into negotiations with the People’s Republic of China;

Whereas, since the passage of the Taiwan Relations Act, the United States and Taiwan have further strengthened commercial, cultural, and other ties;

Whereas Taiwan has become a key part of the global economy and a significant trading and investment partner of the United States; and

Whereas Taiwan has transformed into a robust democracy on the world stage: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate reaffirms the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8; 22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.), the Three Joint Communiqués, and the Six Assurances as cornerstones of United States policy regarding Taiwan and supports the longstanding bipartisan United States policy toward Taiwan, which includes support for Taiwan’s self-defense and opposition to efforts to determine the future of Taiwan by other than peaceful means.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 5446. Mr. BENNET submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 33.; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5447. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5448. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5449. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5450. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 5446. Mr. BENNET submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 33; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . REIMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS ON OIL CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS OF RUSSIAN FEDERATION ORIGIN.

(a) REVOCATION.—Upon the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall immediately revoke General License 134C of the Office of Foreign Assets Control, entitled “Authorizing the Delivery and Sale of Crude Oil and Petroleum Products of Russian Federation Origin Loaded on Vessels as of April 17, 2026”, and dated May 18, 2026.

(b) PROHIBITION ON ISSUANCE OF FURTHER LICENSES.—On and after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury may not issue any further general license authorizing the sale or transportation of crude oil or petroleum products of Russian Federation origin prohibited by the authorities listed on General License 134C.

SA 5447. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 33; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

TITLE ____ —AVIATION WORKER HEALTH CARE AND WAGE PROTECTION ACT OF 2026

SEC. ____01. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Aviation Worker Health Care and Wage Protection Act of 2026”.

SEC. ____02. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) sudden airline closures can result in immediate mass layoffs of aviation workers;

(2) interruptions in employer-sponsored health insurance place workers and families at substantial financial and medical risk;

(3) State unemployment insurance benefits often replace only a portion of lost wages;

(4) aviation workers provide critical transportation and national economic functions; and

(5) temporary Federal assistance is warranted to stabilize affected workers and communities following a qualifying airline shutdown.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to provide supplemental unemployment compensation for aviation workers displaced due to a qualifying airline closure occurring in 2026.

SEC. ____03. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) COVERED AIRLINE EMPLOYER.—The term “covered airline employer” means—

(A) an air carrier certificated under part 121 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations); or

(B) any contractor performing ground handling, catering, maintenance, customer service, or other airport-related services for such an air carrier .

(2) ELIGIBLE AVIATION WORKER.—The term “eligible aviation worker” means an individual who—

(A) was employed by a covered airline employer on or after January 1, 2026;

(B) lost employment due to a qualifying airline closure; and

(C) is eligible for unemployment compensation under Federal or State law.

(3) **QUALIFYING AIRLINE CLOSURE.**—The term “qualifying airline closure” means—

(A) a cessation of substantially all operations by a covered airline employer occurring during calendar year 2026; or

(B) reduction in force resulting in the lay-off of not fewer than 500 employees within any 30-day period due to insolvency, bankruptcy, or operational shutdown.

Subtitle A—Federal Aviation Unemployment Compensation

SEC. 11. INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN AVIATION WORKERS.

(a) **FEDERAL-STATE AGREEMENTS.**—Any State which desires to do so may enter into and participate in an agreement under this section with the Secretary of Labor (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”). Any State which is a party to an agreement under this section may, upon providing 30 days’ written notice to the Secretary, terminate such agreement.

(b) **PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT.**—

(1) **SUPPLEMENTAL AVIATION UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.**—Any agreement under this section shall provide that the State agency of the State will make payments of regular compensation to eligible aviation workers in amounts and to the extent that they would be determined if the State law of the State were applied, with respect to any week for which the worker is (disregarding this section) otherwise entitled under the State law to receive regular compensation, as if such State law had been modified in a manner such that the amount of regular compensation (including dependents’ allowances) payable for any week shall be equal to—

(A) the amount determined under the State law (before the application of this paragraph), plus

(B) an additional amount of \$600 equal to the amount specified in paragraph (3) (in this section referred to as “Supplemental Aviation Unemployment Compensation”).

(2) **ALLOWABLE METHODS OF PAYMENT.**—Any Supplemental Aviation Unemployment Compensation provided for in accordance with paragraph (1) shall be payable either—

(A) as an amount which is paid at the same time and in the same manner as any regular compensation otherwise payable for the week involved; or

(B) at the option of the State, by payments which are made separately from, but on the same weekly basis as, any regular compensation otherwise payable.

(c) **NONREDUCTION RULE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—An agreement under this section shall not apply (or shall cease to apply) with respect to a State upon a determination by the Secretary that the method governing the computation of regular compensation under the State law of that State has been modified in a manner such that the number of weeks (the maximum benefit entitlement), or the average weekly benefit amount, of regular compensation which will be payable during the period of the agreement (determined disregarding any Supplemental Aviation Unemployment Compensation) will be less than the number of weeks, or the average weekly benefit amount, of the average weekly benefit amount of regular compensation which would otherwise have been payable during such period under the State law, as in effect on January 1, 2026.

(2) **MAXIMUM BENEFIT ENTITLEMENT.**—In paragraph (1), the term “maximum benefit entitlement” means the amount of regular unemployment compensation payable to an eligible aviation worker with respect to the worker’s benefit year.

(d) **PAYMENTS TO STATES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—

(A) **FULL REIMBURSEMENT.**—There shall be paid to each State which has entered into an agreement under this section an amount equal to 100 percent of—

(i) the total amount of Supplemental Aviation Unemployment Compensation paid to eligible aviation workers by the State pursuant to such agreement; and

(ii) any additional administrative expenses incurred by the State by reason of such agreement (as determined by the Secretary).

(B) **TERMS OF PAYMENTS.**—Sums payable to any State by reason of such State’s having an agreement under this section shall be payable, either in advance or by way of reimbursement (as determined by the Secretary), in such amounts as the Secretary estimates the State will be entitled to receive under this section for each calendar month, reduced or increased, as the case may be, by any amount by which the Secretary finds that his estimates for any prior calendar month were greater or less than the amounts which should have been paid to the State. Such estimates may be made on the basis of such statistical, sampling, or other method as may be agreed upon by the Secretary and the State agency of the State involved.

(2) **CERTIFICATIONS.**—The Secretary shall from time to time certify to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment to each State the sums payable to such State under this section.

(3) **APPROPRIATION.**—There are appropriated from the general fund of the Treasury, without fiscal year limitation, such sums as may be necessary for purposes of this subsection.

(e) **APPLICABILITY.**—An agreement entered into under this section shall apply to weeks of unemployment—

(1) beginning after the date on which such agreement is entered into; and

(2) ending on or before September 30, 2027.

(f) **FRAUD AND OVERPAYMENTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—If an individual knowingly has made, or caused to be made by another, a false statement or representation of a material fact, or knowingly has failed, or caused another to fail, to disclose a material fact, and as a result of such false statement or representation or of such nondisclosure such individual has received an amount of Supplemental Aviation Unemployment Compensation to which such individual was not entitled, such individual—

(A) shall be ineligible for further Supplemental Aviation Unemployment Compensation in accordance with the provisions of the applicable State unemployment compensation law relating to fraud in connection with a claim for unemployment compensation; and

(B) shall be subject to prosecution under section 1001 of title 18, United States Code.

(2) **REPAYMENT.**—In the case of individuals who have received amounts of Supplemental Aviation Unemployment Compensation to which they were not entitled, the State shall require such individuals to repay the amounts of such Supplemental Aviation Unemployment Compensation to the State agency, except that the State agency may waive such repayment if it determines that—

(A) the payment of such Supplemental Aviation Unemployment Compensation was without fault on the part of any such individual; and

(B) such repayment would be contrary to equity and good conscience.

(3) **RECOVERY BY STATE AGENCY.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The State agency shall recover the amount to be repaid, or any part thereof, by deductions from any Supplemental Aviation Unemployment Compensation payable to such individual or from any unemployment compensation payable to

such individual under any State or Federal unemployment compensation law administered by the State agency or under any other State or Federal law administered by the State agency which provides for the payment of any assistance or allowance with respect to any week of unemployment, during the 3-year period after the date such individuals received the payment of the Supplemental Aviation Unemployment Compensation to which they were not entitled, in accordance with the same procedures as apply to the recovery of overpayments of regular unemployment benefits paid by the State.

(B) **OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING.**—No repayment shall be required, and no deduction shall be made, until a determination has been made, notice thereof and an opportunity for a fair hearing has been given to the individual, and the determination has become final.

(4) **REVIEW.**—Any determination by a State agency under this section shall be subject to review in the same manner and to the same extent as determinations under the State unemployment compensation law, and only in that manner and to that extent.

(g) **APPLICATION TO OTHER UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.**—Each agreement under this section shall include provisions to provide that the purposes of the preceding provisions of this section shall be applied with respect to unemployment benefits described in subsection (i)(2) to the same extent and in the same manner as if those benefits were regular compensation.

(h) **DISREGARD OF ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR PURPOSES OF MEDICAID AND CHIP.**—The monthly equivalent of any Supplemental Aviation Unemployment Compensation paid to an eligible aviation worker under this section shall be disregarded when determining income for any purpose under the programs established under titles XIX and title XXI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq., 1397aa et seq.).

(i) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this section—

(1) the terms “compensation”, “regular compensation”, “benefit year”, “State”, “State agency”, “State law”, and “week” have the respective meanings given such terms under section 205 of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note); and

(2) any reference to unemployment benefits described in this paragraph shall be considered to refer to—

(A) extended compensation (as defined by section 205 of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970);

(B) regular compensation (as defined by section 85(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) provided under any program administered by a State under an agreement with the Secretary;

(C) unemployment compensation under section 202; and

(D) short-time compensation under a short-time compensation program (as defined in section 3306(v) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

SEC. 12. EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN AVIATION WORKERS PARTICIPATING IN APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAMS.

(a) **FEDERAL-STATE AGREEMENTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Any State which desires to do so may enter into and participate in an agreement under this section with the Secretary of Labor (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”). Any State which is a party to an agreement under this section may, upon providing 30 days’ written notice to the Secretary, terminate such agreement.

(2) **PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT.**—Any agreement under paragraph (1) shall provide that the State agency of the State will make payments of extended aviation unemployment

compensation to eligible aviation workers who—

(A) have exhausted all rights to regular compensation under the State law or under Federal law with respect to a benefit year (excluding any benefit year that ended before July 1, 2019);

(B) have no rights to regular compensation with respect to a week under such law or any other State unemployment compensation law or to compensation under any other Federal law;

(C) are not receiving compensation with respect to such week under the unemployment compensation law of Canada; and

(D) are enrolled and participating in an approved training program (as defined in subsection (f)).

(3) EXHAUSTION OF BENEFITS.—For purposes of paragraph (2)(A), an individual shall be deemed to have exhausted such individual's rights to regular compensation under a State law when—

(A) no payments of regular compensation can be made under such law because such individual has received all regular compensation available to such individual based on employment or wages during such individual's base period; or

(B) such individual's rights to such compensation have been terminated by reason of the expiration of the benefit year with respect to which such rights existed.

(4) WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT, ETC.—For purposes of any agreement under this section—

(A) the amount of extended aviation unemployment compensation which shall be payable to any eligible aviation worker for any week of total unemployment shall be equal to—

(i) the amount of the regular compensation (including dependents' allowances) payable to such worker during such worker's benefit year under the State law for a week of total unemployment;

(ii) the amount of Supplemental Aviation Unemployment Compensation under section 201(b)(1)(B); and

(B) the terms and conditions of the State law which apply to claims for regular compensation and to the payment thereof (other than the terms and conditions relating to availability for work, active search for work, and refusal to accept work) shall apply to claims for extended aviation unemployment compensation and the payment thereof, except where otherwise inconsistent with the provisions of this section or with the regulations or operating instructions of the Secretary promulgated to carry out this section;

(C) the maximum amount of extended aviation unemployment compensation payable to any eligible aviation worker for whom an extended aviation unemployment compensation account is established under subsection (b) shall not exceed the amount established in such account for such worker; and

(D) the allowable methods of payment under section 201(b)(2) shall apply to payments of amounts described in subparagraph (A)(ii).

(5) COORDINATION RULES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), an agreement under this section shall apply with respect to a State only upon a determination by the Secretary that, under the State law or other applicable rules of such State, the payment of extended compensation for which an eligible aviation worker is otherwise eligible must be deferred until after the payment of any extended aviation unemployment compensation under subsection (b) for which the worker is concurrently eligible.

(B) SPECIAL RULE.—In the case of an eligible aviation worker who is receiving extended compensation under the State law for the week that includes the date of enact-

ment of this subparagraph, such worker shall not be eligible to receive extended aviation unemployment compensation by reason of such amendments until such worker has exhausted all rights to such extended benefits.

(6) NONREDUCTION RULE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—An agreement under this section shall not apply (or shall cease to apply) with respect to a State upon a determination by the Secretary that the method governing the computation of regular compensation under the State law of that State has been modified in a manner such that the number of weeks (the maximum benefit entitlement), or the average weekly benefit amount, of regular compensation which will be payable during the period of the agreement will be less than the number of weeks, or the average weekly benefit amount, of the average weekly benefit amount of regular compensation which would otherwise have been payable during such period under the State law, as in effect on January 1, 2026.

(B) MAXIMUM BENEFIT ENTITLEMENT.—In subparagraph (A), the term "maximum benefit entitlement" means the amount of regular unemployment compensation payable to an eligible aviation worker with respect to the worker's benefit year.

(7) SPECIAL RULE FOR EXTENDED COMPENSATION.—At the option of a State, for any weeks of unemployment beginning after the date of the enactment of this paragraph and before September 30, 2027, an eligible aviation worker's eligibility period (as described in section 203(c) of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note)) shall, for purposes of any determination of eligibility for extended compensation under the State law of such State, be considered to include any week which begins—

(A) after the date as of which such worker exhausts all rights to extended aviation unemployment compensation; and

(B) during an extended benefit period that began on or before the date described in subparagraph (A).

(b) EXTENDED AVIATION UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACCOUNT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Any agreement under this section shall provide that the State will establish, for each eligible aviation worker who files an application for extended aviation unemployment compensation, an extended aviation unemployment compensation account with respect to such worker's benefit year.

(2) AMOUNT IN ACCOUNT.—The amount established in an account under subsection (a) shall be equal to 26 times the eligible aviation worker's average weekly benefit amount, which includes the amount of Supplemental Aviation Unemployment Compensation under section 201, for the benefit year.

(3) WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT.—For purposes of this subsection, an eligible aviation worker's weekly benefit amount for any week is the amount of regular compensation (including dependents' allowances) under the State law payable to such worker for such week for total unemployment plus the amount of Supplemental Aviation Unemployment Compensation under section 201.

(4) COORDINATION OF EXTENDED AVIATION UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION WITH REGULAR COMPENSATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If—

(i) an eligible aviation worker has been determined to be entitled to extended aviation unemployment compensation with respect to a benefit year;

(ii) that benefit year has expired;

(iii) that worker has remaining entitlement to extended aviation unemployment compensation with respect to that benefit year; and

(iv) that worker would qualify for a new benefit year in which the weekly benefit amount of regular compensation is at least \$25 less than the worker's weekly benefit amount in the benefit year referred to in clause (i), then the State shall determine eligibility for compensation as provided in subparagraph (B).

(B) DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY.—For eligible aviation workers described in subparagraph (A), the State shall determine whether the worker is to be paid extended aviation unemployment compensation or regular compensation for a week of unemployment using one of the following methods:

(i) The State shall, if permitted by State law, establish a new benefit year, but defer the payment of regular compensation with respect to that new benefit year until exhaustion of all extended aviation unemployment compensation payable with respect to the benefit year referred to in subparagraph (A)(i).

(ii) The State shall, if permitted by State law, defer the establishment of a new benefit year (which uses all the wages and employment which would have been used to establish a benefit year but for the application of this subparagraph), until exhaustion of all extended aviation unemployment compensation payable with respect to the benefit year referred to in subparagraph (A)(i).

(iii) The State shall pay, if permitted by State law—

(I) regular compensation equal to the weekly benefit amount established under the new benefit year; and

(II) extended aviation unemployment compensation equal to the difference between that weekly benefit amount and the weekly benefit amount for the expired benefit year.

(iv) The State shall determine rights to extended aviation unemployment compensation without regard to any rights to regular compensation if the worker elects to not file a claim for regular compensation under the new benefit year.

(c) PAYMENTS TO STATES HAVING AGREEMENTS FOR THE PAYMENT OF EXTENDED AVIATION UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be paid to each State that has entered into an agreement under this section an amount equal to 100 percent of the extended aviation unemployment compensation paid to eligible aviation worker by the State pursuant to such agreement.

(2) TREATMENT OF REIMBURSABLE COMPENSATION.—No payment shall be made to any State under this section in respect of any compensation to the extent the State is entitled to reimbursement in respect of such compensation under the provisions of any Federal law other than this section or chapter 85 of title 5, United States Code. A State shall not be entitled to any reimbursement under such chapter 85 in respect of any compensation to the extent the State is entitled to reimbursement under this section in respect of such compensation.

(3) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT.—Sums payable to any State by reason of such State having an agreement under this section shall be payable, either in advance or by way of reimbursement (as may be determined by the Secretary), in such amounts as the Secretary estimates the State will be entitled to receive under this section for each calendar month, reduced or increased, as the case may be, by any amount by which the Secretary finds that the Secretary's estimates for any prior calendar month were greater or less than the amounts which should have been paid to the State. Such estimates may be made on the basis of such statistical, sampling, or other method as may be agreed

upon by the Secretary and the State agency of the State involved.

(d) FINANCING PROVISIONS.—

(1) COMPENSATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Funds in the extended unemployment compensation account (as established by section 905(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1105(a)) of the Unemployment Trust Fund (as established by section 904(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1104(a))) shall be used for the making of payments to States having agreements entered into under this section.

(B) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer from the general fund of the Treasury (from funds not otherwise appropriated) to the extended unemployment compensation account such sums as the Secretary of Labor estimates to be necessary to make payments described in subparagraph (A). There are appropriated from the general fund of the Treasury, without fiscal year limitation, the sums referred to in the preceding sentence and such sums shall not be required to be repaid.

(2) ADMINISTRATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—There are appropriated out of the employment security administration account (as established by section 901(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1101(a)) of the Unemployment Trust Fund, without fiscal year limitation, such funds as may be necessary for purposes of assisting States (as provided in title III of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 501 et seq.)) in meeting the costs of administration of agreements under this section.

(B) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer from the general fund of the Treasury (from funds not otherwise appropriated) to the employment security administration account such sums as the Secretary of Labor estimates to be necessary to make payments described in subparagraph (A). There are appropriated from the general fund of the Treasury, without fiscal year limitation, the sums referred to in the preceding sentence and such sums shall not be required to be repaid.

(3) CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall from time to time certify to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment to each State the sums payable to such State under this subsection. The Secretary of the Treasury, prior to audit or settlement by the Government Accountability Office, shall make payments to the State in accordance with such certification, by transfers from the extended unemployment compensation account (as so established) to the account of such State in the Unemployment Trust Fund (as so established).

(e) FRAUD AND OVERPAYMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—If an individual knowingly has made, or caused to be made by another, a false statement or representation of a material fact, or knowingly has failed, or caused another to fail, to disclose a material fact, and as a result of such false statement or representation or of such nondisclosure such individual has received an amount of extended aviation unemployment compensation under this section to which such individual was not entitled, such individual—

(A) shall be ineligible for further extended aviation unemployment compensation under this section in accordance with the provisions of the applicable State unemployment compensation law relating to fraud in connection with a claim for unemployment compensation; and

(B) shall be subject to prosecution under section 1001 of title 18, United States Code.

(2) REPAYMENT.—In the case of individuals who have received amounts of extended aviation unemployment compensation under this

section to which they were not entitled, the State shall require such individuals to repay the amounts of such extended aviation unemployment compensation to the State agency, except that the State agency may waive such repayment if it determines that—

(A) the payment of such extended aviation unemployment compensation was without fault on the part of any such individual; and

(B) such repayment would be contrary to equity and good conscience.

(3) RECOVERY BY STATE AGENCY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The State agency shall recover the amount to be repaid, or any part thereof, by deductions from any extended aviation unemployment compensation payable to such individual under this section or from any unemployment compensation payable to such individual under any State or Federal unemployment compensation law administered by the State agency or under any other State or Federal law administered by the State agency which provides for the payment of any assistance or allowance with respect to any week of unemployment, during the 3-year period after the date such individuals received the payment of the extended aviation unemployment compensation to which they were not entitled, in accordance with the same procedures as apply to the recovery of overpayments of regular unemployment benefits paid by the State.

(B) OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING.—No repayment shall be required, and no deduction shall be made, until a determination has been made, notice thereof and an opportunity for a fair hearing has been given to the individual, and the determination has become final.

(4) REVIEW.—Any determination by a State agency under this section shall be subject to review in the same manner and to the same extent as determinations under the State unemployment compensation law, and only in that manner and to that extent.

(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAM.—The term “approved training program” means a training program approved by a State agency, including—

(A) an apprenticeship registered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as the “National Apprenticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.), including such an apprenticeship with respect to a manufacturing, skilled trade, or energy workforce program;

(B) an aviation maintenance and safety certification program;

(C) a commercial driver’s license training program; or

(D) a community college credential program.

(2) FEDERAL-STATE EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACT DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “compensation”, “regular compensation”, “extended compensation”, “benefit year”, “base period”, “State”, “State agency”, “State law”, and “week” have the respective meanings given such terms under section 205 of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note).

(g) APPLICABILITY.—An agreement entered into under this section shall apply to weeks of unemployment—

(1) beginning after the date on which such agreement is entered into; and

(2) ending on or before September 30, 2028.

Subtitle B—Administration and Oversight

SEC. 21. GUIDANCE.

Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall issue guidance necessary to implement this title.

SEC. 22. ANTI-FRAUD MEASURES.

The Secretary of Labor shall coordinate with State workforce agencies to establish procedures for—

(1) verification of employment separation;

(2) prevention of duplicate payments; and

(3) recovery of fraudulent overpayments.

SEC. 23. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this title.

SA 5448. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 33; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . EXEMPTION OF ALIENS WORKING AS FISH PROCESSORS FROM THE NUMERICAL LIMITATION ON H-2B NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Save Our Seafood Act”.

(b) IN GENERAL.—Section 214(g)(10) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)(10)) is amended—

(1) by striking “The numerical limitations of paragraph (1)(B)” and inserting “(A) The numerical limitation under paragraph (1)(B)”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(B)(i) The numerical limitation under paragraph (1)(B) shall not apply to any non-immigrant alien issued a visa or otherwise provided status under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) who is employed (or has received an offer of employment)—

“(I) as a fish roe processor, a fish roe technician, or a supervisor of fish roe processing; or

“(II) as a fish processor.

“(ii) As used in clause (i)—

“(I) the term ‘fish’ means fresh or salt-water finfish, mollusks, crustaceans, and all other forms of aquatic animal life, including the roe of such animals, other than marine mammals and birds; and

“(II) the term ‘processor’—

“(aa) means any person engaged in the processing of fish, including handling, storing, preparing, heading, eviscerating, shucking, freezing, changing into different market forms, manufacturing, preserving, packing, labeling, dockside unloading, holding, and all other processing activities; and

“(bb) does not include any person engaged in—

“(AA) harvesting or transporting fish or fishery products without otherwise engaging in processing;

“(BB) practices such as heading, eviscerating, or freezing intended solely to prepare a fish for holding on board a harvest vessel; or

“(CC) operating a retail establishment.”.

(c) REPEAL.—Section 14006 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108–287) is repealed.

SA 5449. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 33; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . EXCEPTION TO NON-PROCESSING RELATED FEE FOR H-1B NON-IMMIGRANTS WHO WILL BE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.

In addition to the exceptions set forth in section 1(c) of the Presidential Proclamation

10973 (90 Fed. Reg. 46027; relating to restriction on entry of certain nonimmigrant workers), which was issued on September 19, 2025, petitions filed on behalf of aliens entering the United States as nonimmigrants to perform services in a specialty occupation described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b)) and who will be working for a public school or a public school district in the United States shall not be required to be accompanied or supplemented by the payment of \$100,000 otherwise required under section 1(a) of such Proclamation.

SA 5450. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 33; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . FEE EXEMPTION FOR NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS OF CERTAIN NATIONALS FROM OUTLYING POSSESSIONS.

Section 325 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1436) is amended—

(1) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”;

(2) by striking “except that in applications” and inserting “except that—

“(1) in an application”;

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) no fee shall be charged or collected from the applicant for the filing of such an application or for the issuance of a certificate of naturalization upon being granted United States citizenship.”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I have one request for a committee to meet during today's session of the Senate. It has the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committee is authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet in closed and open session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

APPOINTMENTS AUTHORITY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to Commissions, committees, Boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all Members of

the Republican conference be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions from May 21 through June 1.

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

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 4632

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I understand that there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4632) to provide for a period of continuing appropriations in the event of a lapse in appropriations under the normal appropriations process, to establish procedures and consequences in the event of a failure to enact appropriations, and for other purposes.

Mr. THUNE. I now ask for a second reading and, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard. The bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING NATIONAL MUSHROOM DAY AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHESTER AND BERKS COUNTIES

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 676.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 676) recognizing and honoring National Mushroom Day and the contributions of Chester and Berks Counties to the national mushroom industry and to healthy diets.

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

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, 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.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 676) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of April 16 (legislative day, April 14), 2026, under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consider-

ation of the following resolutions, which are at the desk: S. Res. 749 and S. Res. 750.

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

Mr. THUNE. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

EXPANDING WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS FOR CONTRACTORS ACT OF 2026

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 4631, which is at the desk.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4631) to ensure that whistleblowers, including contractors, are protected from retaliation when a Federal employee orders a reprisal, and for other purposes.

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

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

The bill (S. 4631) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 4631

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 “Expanding Whistleblower Protections for Contractors Act of 2026”.

SEC. 2. DEFENSE CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES: PROTECTION FROM REPRISAL FOR DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.

Section 4701 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking “An employee” and all that follows through “services contractor” and inserting “A protected individual”;

(II) by striking “disclosing” and all that follows through “evidence of”;

(ii) by striking subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) and inserting the following subparagraphs:

“(A) Refusing to obey an order that would require the protected individual to violate a law, rule, or regulation related to any contract, subcontract, grant, or subgrant.

“(B) Disclosing to a person or body described in paragraph (2) information that the protected individual reasonably believes is evidence of the following: