

## AMENDMENT NO. 6273

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 6273 intended to be proposed to S. 4784, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2027 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 6356

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 6356 intended to be proposed to S. 4784, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2027 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 6646

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 6646 intended to be proposed to S. 4784, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2027 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

## SENATE RESOLUTION 804—COMMEMORATING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 2016 WEST VIRGINIA FLOODS

Mr. JUSTICE (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Whereas, on June 23, 2016, several rounds of thunderstorms brought severe rainfall throughout West Virginia;

Whereas the “thousand-year event” resulted in devastating floods across the State and flash flooding caused 23 fatalities;

Whereas the Governor of West Virginia declared a State of Emergency in 44 of 55 West Virginia counties and the President declared a major disaster under section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170);

Whereas the storms inflicted catastrophic damage, estimated at \$1,200,000,000;

Whereas more than 500,000 people lost power, and thousands of homes and businesses were either damaged or destroyed;

Whereas roads and bridges were washed out, and multiple schools were completely destroyed;

Whereas communities across West Virginia were entirely underwater;

Whereas countless first responders and neighbors stepped in to protect residents of affected communities; and

Whereas West Virginia communities have shown great resilience and strength to rebuild homes, businesses, schools, and other sites affected by the floods: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the tenth anniversary of the floods in West Virginia on June 23, 2016; and

(2) honors the West Virginians who lost their lives and those who were affected by the floods.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 805—CELEBRATING THE HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE 2026 FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (FIFA) WORLD CUP AND WELCOMING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO NORTH AMERICA FOR THE FIRST TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY 3 NATIONS

Mr. WELCH (for himself and Mr. CRAMER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

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Whereas soccer is widely recognized as one of the most popular sports in the world, with billions of fans across every continent;

Whereas the 1994 Fédération Internationale de Football Association (referred to in this preamble as “FIFA”) World Cup, hosted by the United States, was the most attended in history, having drawn nearly 3,600,000 spectators;

Whereas the legacy of the 1994 FIFA World Cup fundamentally changed the trajectory of soccer in the United States, fueling the 1996 launch of Major League Soccer and the creation of new professional pathways for players from the United States;

Whereas the 2026 FIFA World Cup is a milestone in sports history as the first tournament to feature an expanded field of 48 national teams and a record 104 matches;

Whereas, for the first time in the history of the competition, the 2026 FIFA World Cup is being jointly hosted by 3 nations: the United States, Canada, and Mexico; and

Whereas the “United Bid” of our 3 nations exemplifies the spirit of continental unity and cooperation among our great neighbors, with matches scheduled across 16 iconic host cities, including 11 in the United States, 3 in Mexico, and 2 in Canada: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) welcomes fans and players from around the world to the United States for the 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association (referred to in this resolution as “FIFA”) World Cup;

(2) thanks our neighbors and partners, Canada and Mexico, for their historic collaboration in bringing the FIFA World Cup back to North America;

(3) recognizes the 16 host cities for their dedication to fans and players from all 48 participating nations; and

(4) supports the continued use of sports as a banner of peace, friendship, and fair competition to unite the global public.

## AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 6694. Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. BENNET) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4784, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2027 for military activities of the Department of

Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 6695. Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. JUSTICE, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. KELLY, Mr. BENNET, and Ms. ROSEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4784, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 6696. Mr. HUSTED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4784, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 6697. Ms. LUMMIS (for herself and Mr. BARRASSO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 4784, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 6698. Mr. KING submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4784, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 6699. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 4784, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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## TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 6694.** Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. BENNET) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4784, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2027 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title II, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . NAVY UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy shall continue the Navy University Research Initiatives (PE 0601103N) and shall carry out the activities funded under such program element during fiscal year 2027.

## (b) FUNDING.—

(1) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—The amount authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2027 by section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation is hereby increased by \$41,900,000.

(2) OFFSET.—The amount authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2027 by section 301 for operations and maintenance is hereby reduced by \$41,900,000.

(c) AVAILABILITY FOR NAVY UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES.—Notwithstanding section 4201, of the amount authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2027 by section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation, as revised by subsection (b)(1), up to \$116,900,000 shall be available for Navy University Research Initiatives (PE 0601103N).

**SA 6695.** Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. JUSTICE, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. KELLY, Mr. BENNET, and Ms. ROSEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4784, to authorize appropriations for fiscal

year 2027 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 1094. TECHNOLOGY GRANTS TO STRENGTHEN DOMESTIC MINING EDUCATION.**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) BOARD.—The term “Board” means the Mining Professional Development Advisory Board established by subsection (d)(1).

(2) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The term “institution of higher education” has the meaning given the term in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

(3) MINING INDUSTRY.—The term “mining industry” means the mining industry of the United States, consisting of the search for, and extraction, beneficiation, refining, smelting, processing, reprocessing, and recycling of, naturally occurring metal and nonmetal minerals from the earth.

(4) MINING PROFESSION.—The term “mining profession” means the body of jobs directly relevant to—

(A) the exploration, planning, execution, and remediation of metal and nonmetal mining sites; and

(B) the extraction, including the separation, refining, alloying, smelting, concentration, processing, reprocessing, and recycling, of mineral ores.

(5) MINING SCHOOL.—The term “mining school” means—

(A) a mining, metallurgical, geological, or mineral engineering program accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc., that is located at an institution of higher education, including a Tribal College or University (as defined in section 316(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059c(b))); or

(B) a geology or engineering program or department that is located at a 4-year public institution of higher education located in a State the gross domestic product of which in 2021 was not less than \$2,000,000,000 in the combined categories of “Mining (except oil and gas)” and “Support activities for mining”, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

(6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Energy.

(b) DOMESTIC MINING EDUCATION STRENGTHENING PROGRAM.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior (acting through the Director of the United States Geological Survey), shall—

(1) establish a grant program to strengthen domestic mining education; and

(2) under the program established in paragraph (1), award competitive grants to mining schools for the purpose of recruiting and educating the next generation of mining engineers and other qualified professionals to meet the future energy and mineral needs of the United States.

(c) GRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the grant program established under subsection (b)(1), the Secretary shall award not more than 10 grants each year to mining schools.

(2) SELECTION REQUIREMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary shall select recipients for grants under paragraph (1) to ensure geographic diversity among grant recipients to ensure that region-specific specialties are developed for region-specific geology.

(B) TIMELINE.—The Secretary shall award the grants under paragraph (1) by not later than the later of—

(i) the date that is 180 days after the start of the applicable fiscal year; and

(ii) the date that is 180 days after the date on which the Act making full-year appropriations for the Department of Energy for the applicable fiscal year is enacted.

(3) RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In selecting recipients for grants under paragraph (1) and determining the amount of each grant, the Secretary, to the maximum extent practicable, shall take into consideration the recommendations of the Board under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (d)(3).

(B) SELECTION STATEMENT.—In selecting recipients for grants under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

(i) in response to a recommendation from the Board, submit to the Board a statement that describes—

(I) whether the Secretary accepts or rejects, in whole or in part, the recommendation of the Board; and

(II) the justification and rationale for any rejection, in whole or in part, of the recommendation of the Board; and

(ii) not later than 15 days after awarding a grant for which the Board submitted a recommendation, publish the statement submitted under clause (i) on the Department of Energy website.

(4) USE OF FUNDS.—A mining school receiving a grant under paragraph (1) shall use the grant funds—

(A) to recruit students to the mining school; and

(B) to enhance and support programs related to, as applicable—

(i) mining, mineral extraction efficiency, and related processing technology;

(ii) emphasizing critical mineral and rare earth element exploration, extraction, and refining;

(iii) reclamation technology and practices for active mining operations;

(iv) the development of reprocessing systems and technologies that facilitate reclamation that fosters the recovery of resources at abandoned mine sites;

(v) mineral extraction, refining, processing, reprocessing, and recycling methods that reduce environmental and human impacts;

(vi) technologies to extract, refine, separate, smelt, produce, or recycle minerals, including rare earth elements;

(vii) reducing dependence on foreign energy and mineral supplies through increased domestic critical mineral production and recycling;

(viii) enhancing the competitiveness of United States energy and mineral technology exports;

(ix) the extraction or processing of co-occurring mineralization, including rare earth elements, within coal or other ores, coal or mineral processing byproduct, overburden, or residue from coal, minerals, or other ores;

(x) enhancing technologies and practices relating to mitigation of acid mine drainage, reforestation, and revegetation in the reclamation of land and water resources adversely affected by mining;

(xi) enhancing exploration and characterization of new or novel deposits, including rare earth elements and critical minerals within phosphate rocks, uranium-bearing deposits, and other nontraditional sources;

(xii) meeting challenges of extreme mining conditions, such as deeper deposits or cold region mining;

(xiii) mineral economics, including analysis of supply chains, future mineral needs, and unconventional mining resources; and

(xiv) mining practices that reduce environmental impact, including mining practices that reduce water usage, mitigate surface disturbance, and promote overall resource efficiency.

(d) MINING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established an advisory board, to be known as the “Mining Professional Development Advisory Board”.

(2) COMPOSITION.—The Board shall be composed of 6 members, to be appointed by the Secretary not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, of whom—

(A) 3 shall be individuals who are actively working in the mining profession and for the mining industry; and

(B) 3 shall have experience in academia implementing and operating professional skills training and education programs in the mining sector.

(3) DUTIES.—The Board shall—

(A) evaluate grant applications received under subsection (c) and make recommendations to the Secretary for selection of grant recipients under that subsection;

(B) propose the amount of the grant for each applicant recommended to be selected under subparagraph (A); and

(C) perform oversight to ensure that grant funds awarded under subsection (c) are used for the purposes described in paragraph (4) of that subsection.

(4) TERM.—A member of the Board shall serve for a term of 4 years.

(5) VACANCIES.—A vacancy on the Board—

(A) shall not affect the powers of the Board; and

(B) shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made by not later than 180 days after the date on which the vacancy occurs.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2034.

(f) REPEAL OF THE MINING AND MINERAL RESOURCES INSTITUTES ACT.—The Mining and Mineral Resources Institutes Act (30 U.S.C. 1221 et seq.) is repealed.

**SA 6696.** Mr. HUSTED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4784, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2027 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 1050. REPORT ON NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF DOMESTIC SUPPLY AND USE OF CRITICAL CHEMICALS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report assessing the national security implications of the domestic supply and use of critical chemicals that support petroleum refining and related industrial processes.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) An assessment of the domestic production capacity and supply chain for critical chemicals used in petroleum refining and related manufacturing processes, and identification of any significant irreplaceability and dependencies on foreign sources or single-supplier vulnerabilities.

(2) An evaluation of the role such chemicals play in supporting the defense industrial base, including their contribution to the production of fuels, materials, and other inputs necessary for military operations and defense manufacturing.

(3) An analysis of the extent to which domestic refining capacity supporting military fuel requirements relies on processes utilizing such chemicals, and the potential operational or logistical impacts to the Department of Defense if the availability or use of such chemicals were significantly constrained.

(4) An assessment of risks to the infrastructure and supply chains associated with the production, storage, and transportation of such chemicals, including physical security, cyber threats, and other potential disruption scenarios.

(5) Recommendations for actions the Department of Defense and other relevant Federal agencies could take to mitigate risks to the supply of such chemicals, including consideration of strategic stockpiling, diversification of supply sources, or other measures to strengthen the resilience of the defense industrial base.

(c) FORM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but shall include a classified annex.

(2) MATTERS FOR UNCLASSIFIED PORTION.—The unclassified portion of the report required by subsection (a) shall focus on high-level strategic risks and policy recommendations, ensuring that no information is released that could jeopardize the operational security of the domestic industrial base, including specific refining companies.

(3) MATTERS FOR CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—Any site-specific vulnerability assessments, granular production capacities of individual refineries, or detailed transportation route mappings for hazardous chemicals shall be included only in the classified annex required by paragraph (1).

**SA 6697.** Ms. LUMMIS (for herself and Mr. BARRASSO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 4784, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2027 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title XXVIII add the following:

**SEC. 2873. EXPEDITED REVIEW OF LEASES FOR PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT AT F.E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, WYOMING.**

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) A project has been proposed connecting a new pedestrian bridge to on-base parking lot improvements at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, opening more than 2,000 parking spaces for public use in connection with Cheyenne Frontier Days and the Greenway trail system of the City of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

(2) That project has been approved by the Wyoming Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

(3) Funding for both the pedestrian bridge and the parking lot improvements has been secured by the City of Cheyenne and Cheyenne Frontier Days, Inc.

(4) The leases required for the parking lot improvements and pedestrian bridge access

have been approved by the Commander of F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, and forwarded to Air Force Global Strike Command for further review.

(b) EXPEDITED REVIEW REQUIRED.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall expedite review of, and finalize, the leases described in subsection (a)(4).

(c) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on the status of the leases described in subsection (a)(4), including any obstacles to completing review of such leases by the deadline described in subsection (b).

**SA 6698.** Mr. KING submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4784, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2027 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title X, add the following:

**Subtitle H—Saving Our Veterans Lives Act of 2026**

**SEC. 1094. SHORT TITLE.**

This subtitle may be cited as the “Saving Our Veterans Lives Act of 2026”.

**SEC. 1095. COVERED ITEM DEFINED.**

In this subtitle, the term “covered item” means a device described in section 921(a)(34)(C) of title 18, United States Code, designed to prevent unauthorized use of firearms or ammunition that—

(1) is used to grant authorized access or prevent unauthorized access to a firearm or ammunition;

(2) is marketed and intended as a secure firearm storage or security product;

(3) is not eligible or intended for commercial or individual resale; and

(4) may use physical, electronic, or other security mechanisms that meet or exceed standards established by the American Society for Testing and Materials or any successor standard.

**SEC. 1096. CODIFICATION AND EXPANSION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROGRAM TO FURNISH TO CERTAIN VETERANS ITEMS USED FOR SECURE STORAGE OF FIREARMS.**

(a) CODIFICATION.—On and after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall carry out the program of the Department of Veterans Affairs in effect as of such date of enactment to provide covered items through the Prosthetics and Sensory Aids Service of the Department.

(b) EXPANSION TO INCLUDE CERTAIN VETERANS.—The Secretary shall expand the program under subsection (a) to include veterans enrolled in the system of annual patient enrollment of the Department established and operated under section 1705 of title 38, United States Code—

(1) with any assessed suicide risk documented via a comprehensive suicide risk evaluation conducted during the previous one-year period;

(2) who can independently use a covered item or can use a covered item with assistance;

(3) with respect to whom a clinician has determined that a covered item may mitigate suicide risk of the veteran; and

(4) who consent to receive a covered item.

(c) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY.—

(1) MODIFICATIONS.—The Secretary may make such modifications to the program

under subsection (a) as the Secretary considers appropriate to improve or expand services provided under such program.

(2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—In carrying out the program under subsection (a), the Secretary may establish such terms and conditions as the Secretary determines appropriate, including—

(A) the types of covered items to provide; and

(B) other aspects of the program.

(3) DELEGATION.—The delegation of authority to the Secretary under this subsection is an express delegation of authority and shall be interpreted as such by any reviewing court or body.

(d) FUNDING.—Amounts available to carry out this section may be \$10,000,000 and must be appropriated specifically for that purpose on and after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 1097. PILOT PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO FURNISH TO CERTAIN VETERANS ITEMS USED FOR SECURE STORAGE OF FIREARMS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Commencing not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall carry out a five-year pilot program (in this section referred to as the “pilot program”) to provide to an eligible individual, upon the request of the eligible individual—

(1) a covered item or a redeemable voucher to aid in the distribution of a covered item; and

(2) information relating to the benefits of, and options for, secure firearm storage.

(b) DISTRIBUTION OF COVERED ITEMS.—In carrying out the pilot program, the Secretary may work with organizations that have experience, expertise, and business knowledge regarding covered items.

(c) PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall design and carry out a public education campaign to inform eligible individuals of the availability of covered items under the pilot program.

(2) COLLABORATION.—In carrying out the public education campaign required under paragraph (1), the Secretary may collaborate with organizations that have experience with respect to secure firearm storage devices.

(3) ASSURANCE ABOUT LAWFUL OWNERSHIP OF FIREARMS.—The Secretary shall include in the public education campaign described in paragraph (1) material that assures eligible individuals that—

(A) their participation in the pilot program does not impact lawful ownership of firearms; and

(B) seeking mental health care or other treatment at the Department of Veterans Affairs does not impact lawful ownership of firearms.

(d) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY.—

(1) RULES AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may prescribe such rules and conditions on the operation of the pilot program as the Secretary determines appropriate, including—

(A) the types of covered items to provide under the pilot program; and

(B) other aspects of the pilot program.

(2) INTERIM GUIDANCE.—The Secretary may carry out the pilot program through interim guidance in advance of the issuance of regulations for such purpose.

(3) DELEGATION.—The delegation of authority to the Secretary under this subsection is an express delegation of authority and shall be interpreted as such by any reviewing court or body.

(e) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days after the commencement of the pilot program, and not less frequently than annually thereafter for the duration of the

pilot program, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that includes—

(1) a description of the pilot program in a manner consistent with applicable law;

(2) for the period covered by the report, the number of covered items distributed by the Veterans Health Administration and the number of covered items redeemed outside of the Veterans Health Administration under the pilot program;

(3) an assessment of efforts made to increase outreach and distribution of covered items under the pilot program to eligible individuals;

(4) an assessment of any obstacles to increasing outreach to eligible individuals;

(5) an identification of additional steps that will be taken during the one-year period after the submission of the report to improve the processes through which eligible individuals receive a covered item under the pilot program; and

(6) an identification of the service era and gender of each eligible individual who received a covered item under the pilot program, disaggregated by Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN).

(f) FUNDING.—Amounts available to carry out this section may be \$10,000,000 and must be appropriated specifically for that purpose on and after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term “eligible individual” means a veteran or an individual described in section 1720I(b) of title 38, United States Code, who is not enrolled in the system of annual patient enrollment of the Department of Veterans Affairs established and operated under section 1705 of such title.

#### SEC. 1098. EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with such organizations and agencies as the Secretary determines appropriate, shall develop and make available to veterans educational and training materials regarding the benefits of secure storage of firearms as a suicide prevention strategy.

(b) IMPACT ON GUN OWNERSHIP.—Educational and training materials made available under subsection (a) shall include information stating that seeking mental health care or other treatment from the Department of Veterans Affairs does not impact lawful ownership of firearms.

#### SEC. 1099. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this subtitle may be construed—

(1) to authorize the collection of personally identifiable information of an individual who participates in the pilot program under section 1097 for the purposes of tracking firearm ownership;

(2) to require any such individual to register a firearm with the Department of Veterans Affairs or any other Federal, State, Tribal, or local unit of government;

(3) to require mandatory firearm storage for any such individual;

(4) to prohibit any such individual from purchasing, owning, or possessing a firearm under section 922 of title 18, United States Code;

(5) to discourage the lawful ownership of firearms;

(6) to create or maintain a list of individuals participating in such pilot program; or

(7) to authorize the use or retention of personally identifiable information of an individual who participates in such pilot program or the program under section 1096(a) for the purposes of tracking or inferring firearm ownership or access to firearms.

(b) PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.—For purposes of this section, personally identifiable information of an individual does not include the service era or gender of the individual.

**SA 6699.** Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 4784, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2027 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

#### SEC. 1. CHUGACH ALASKA LAND EXCHANGE OIL SPILL RECOVERY ACT.

(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

(1) to authorize, direct, and expedite the exchange of land and interests in land between Chugach Alaska and the United States; and

(2) to consolidate Federal ownership of the surface and subsurface estate of Federal land and interests acquired under the Program.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ANSCA TERMS.—The terms “Native Corporation”, “Regional Corporation”, and “Village Corporation” have the meanings given those terms in section 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602).

(2) CHUGACH ALASKA.—The term “Chugach Alaska” means the Chugach Alaska Corporation, a Regional Corporation.

(3) CHUGACH REGION LAND STUDY REPORT.—The term “Chugach Region Land Study Report” means the report and recommendations submitted to Congress by the Secretary pursuant to section 1113 of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116-9; 133 Stat. 614).

(4) FEDERAL EXCHANGE LAND.—The term “Federal exchange land” means the approximately 65,374 acres of fee simple land located in the Chugach Region as described in subsection (c)(5).

(5) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The term “non-Federal land” means the parcels of subsurface land comprising approximately 231,000 acres—

(A) owned by Chugach Alaska and conveyed to Chugach Alaska pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.);

(B) described in subsection (c)(6); and

(C) for which—

(i) the United States has acquired fee title to the surface estate or a conservation easement on the surface estate pursuant to the Program; or

(ii) the State has acquired fee title to, and the United States has acquired a conservation easement in, the surface estate pursuant to the Program.

(6) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Habitat Protection and Acquisition Program of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council.

(7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(8) STATE.—The term “State” means the State of Alaska.

(c) LAND EXCHANGE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, if Chugach Alaska offers to convey to the Secretary all right, title, and interest in and to the non-Federal land, the Secretary shall accept the offer and convey, pursuant to section 22(j)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1621(j)(1)), all right, title, and interest of the Federal Government in and to the Federal exchange land subject to the reservation of public easements required under section 17(b) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1616(b)).

(2) CONDITION ON ACCEPTANCE.—Title to the non-Federal land exchanged in paragraph (1) shall be in a form that is acceptable to the Secretary.

(3) TREATMENT OF LAND CONVEYED.—Except as otherwise provided, any land conveyed to Chugach Alaska under paragraph (1) shall be considered to be land conveyed by the Secretary under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).

(4) VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.—The conveyances under paragraph (1) shall be subject to any valid existing rights, reservations, rights-of-way, or other encumbrances of third parties in, to, or on the Federal exchange land or the non-Federal land as of the date of enactment of this Act.

(5) CONVEYANCE OF FEDERAL EXCHANGE LAND.—The Secretary shall, as soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, convey to Chugach Alaska—

(A) all right, title, and interest in and to the National Forest System land of the Forest Service identified in the Chugach Regional Land Study and Report, comprising approximately 63,414 total acres, comprising—

(i) T. 3 N., R. 10 E., Seward Meridian, Drier Bay Parcel, comprising approximately 2,996 acres of surface estate;

(ii) T. 17 and 18 S., R. 7 and 8 E., Copper River Meridian, Kushtaka Lake Parcel, comprising approximately 7,876 acres of surface and subsurface estate;

(iii) T. 2 N., R. 1 and 2 E., Seward Meridian, Snow River Parcel, comprising approximately 11,462 acres of surface and subsurface estate;

(iv) T. 17 and 18 S., R. 8 W., Copper River Meridian, Hinchinbrook Island Parcel, comprising approximately 2,617 acres of surface and subsurface estate;

(v) T. 17 S., R. 7 E., secs. 5, 8, 18, 19, and 30 through 33, Copper River Meridian, Kushtaka Lake Parcel, comprising approximately 6,375 acres of surface and subsurface estate;

(vi) T. 18 S., R. 7 E., secs. 6 and 7, Copper River Meridian, Kushtaka Lake Parcel, comprising approximately 1,280 acres of surface and subsurface estate;

(vii) T. 16 S., R. 5 E., secs. 24 through 26 and 36, Copper River Meridian, Martin River Parcel, comprising approximately 2,240 acres of surface and subsurface estate;

(viii) T. 16 S., R. 6 E., secs. 16, 19 through 21, and 25 through 36, Copper River Meridian, Martin River Parcel, comprising approximately 8,305 acres of surface and subsurface estate;

(ix) T. 17 S., R. 6 E., secs. 1 through 4, and 10, Copper River Meridian, Martin River Parcel, comprising approximately 3,170 acres of surface and subsurface estate;

(x) T. 16 S., R. 4 E., secs. 1 through 4, 9 through 13, and 24, Copper River Meridian, Johnson River Parcel, comprising approximately 5,200 acres of surface and subsurface estate;

(xi) T. 16 S., R. 5 E., secs. 5 through 9, and 15 through 22, Copper River Meridian, Johnson River Parcel, comprising approximately 6,165 acres of surface and subsurface estate; and

(xii) T. 19 S., R. 15 E., secs. 12 through 14, 23, 24, 26, 27, 33, and 34, Copper River Meridian, Robinson Mountains Parcel, comprising approximately 5,728 acres of surface and subsurface estate; and

(B) all right, title, and interest in and to the Federal land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service identified in the Chugach Regional Land Study and Report, comprising approximately 1,960 total acres, comprising—

(i) T. 21 S., R. 24 E., Copper River Meridian, Taan Fjord Parcel, comprising approximately 450 acres of surface and subsurface estate;

(ii) T. 21 and 22 S., R. 24 E., Copper River Meridian, Kageet Point Parcel, comprising approximately 310 acres of surface and subsurface estate; and

(iii) T. 9 S., R. 2 W., secs. 5 and 6, Copper River Meridian, Thompson Pass Parcel, comprising 1,200 acres of surface and subsurface estate.

(6) CONVEYANCE OF NON-FEDERAL LAND.—

(A) CONVEYANCE.—The non-Federal land to which Chugach Alaska may convey to the Secretary all right, title, and interest, that the Secretary determines to be applicable, includes—

(i) the approximately 130,469.93 subsurface acres, which comprises—

(I) T. 13 S., R. 1 W., sec. 19, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 467 acres;

(II) T. 13 S., R. 2 W., secs. 23 through 27, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 2,627 acres;

(III) T. 15 S., R. 2 W., secs. 3 through 9, 17 through 19, and 29 through 33, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 8,277.36 acres;

(IV) T. 16 S., R. 2 W., secs. 1 through 4, and 6, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 2,373.34 acres;

(V) T. 14 S., R. 3 W., secs. 32 and 33, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 240 acres;

(VI) T. 15 S., R. 3 W., secs. 3 through 7, portions of secs. 8 and 9, and secs. 12, 13, 18, 19, 24, 25, 35, and 36, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 3,486.36 acres;

(VII) T. 16 S., R. 3 W., secs. 1, 11, and 15, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 962 acres;

(VIII) T. 13 S., R. 4 W., secs. 26, 27, and 32 through 34, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 2,494.05 acres;

(IX) T. 14 S., R. 4 W., secs. 1 through 11, 15 through 21, 25, 30, and 31, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 6,750.98 acres;

(X) T. 15 S., R. 4 W., secs. 8 through 12, 16 through 22, and 24, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 5,839.15 acres;

(XI) T. 13 S., R. 5 W., secs. 3, 9 through 11, 14 through 20, a portion of sec. 21, and secs. 31 and 36, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 4,216.36 acres;

(XII) T. 14 S., R. 5 W., sec. 1, a portion of sec. 2, secs. 6 through 12, 14 through 21, 29, and 30, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 9,057.6 acres;

(XIII) T. 15 S., R. 5 W., secs. 23 and 24, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 292.97 acres;

(XIV) T. 12 S., R. 6 W., secs. 11, 13, 14, 23, and 24, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 1,980.69 acres;

(XV) T. 12 S., R. 7 W., secs. 32, 34, 35, and 36, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 343 acres;

(XVI) T. 13 S., R. 7 W., secs. 1 through 22, 24, 25, and 27 through 36, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 17,234.88 acres;

(XVII) T. 14 S., R. 7 W., secs. 2, 3, and 6, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 203 acres;

(XVIII) T. 13 S., R. 8 W., secs. 1, 9 through 11, 13 through 29, and 32 through 36, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 9,282.25 acres;

(XIX) T. 14 S., R. 8 W., secs. 1 through 5, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 629.25 acres;

(XX) T. 13 S., R. 9 W., sec. 24, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 10 acres;

(XXI) T. 10 S., R. 10 W., sec. 32, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 1.19 acres;

(XXII) T. 3 N., R. 7 E., secs. 1 through 4, 8 through 17, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, and 29, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 9,314 acres;

(XXIII) T. 4 N., R. 7 E., secs. 11, 14, 15, 21 through 28, and 33 through 36, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 8,684.96 acres;

(XXIV) T. 3 N., R. 8 E., secs. 4 through 7, 18, and 19, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 1,120.50 acres;

(XXV) T. 4 N., R. 8 E., secs. 29 through 32, and 36, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 1,404.25 acres;

(XXVI) T. 1 N., R. 10 E., secs. 5 and 8, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 743 acres;

(XXVII) T. 3 S., R. 2 W., secs. 22, 23, 25, 26, 33, 35, and 36, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 2,125 acres;

(XXVIII) T. 4 S., R. 2 W., secs. 2, 3, 4, and 11, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 1,225 acres;

(XXIX) T. 5 S., R. 3 W., secs. 18, 19, 20, 23, 26 through 29, and 32 through 36, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 3,670 acres;

(XXX) T. 5 S., R. 4 W., sec. 13, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 380 acres;

(XXXI) T. 6 S., R. 4 W., sec. 7, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 613 acres;

(XXXII) T. 5 S., R. 5 W., sec. 33, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 620 acres;

(XXXIII) T. 6 S., R. 5 W., secs. 4, 9, 28, 29, 32, and 33, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 3,205 acres;

(XXXIV) T. 7 S., R. 5 W., sec. 4, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 230 acres;

(XXXV) T. 8 S., R. 6 W., secs. 7 through 12, 14 through 22, and 27 through 34, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 6,797.39 acres;

(XXXVI) T. 7 S., R. 7 W., secs. 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 through 14, 16, 17, 23, and 24, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 6,031.78 acres;

(XXXVII) T. 8 S., R. 7 W., secs. 24, 25, 35, and 36, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 705.65 acres; and

(XXXVIII) T. 7 S., R. 8 W., secs. 1, 5, 8, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23, 26 (lots 1 through 4), 27, 28, and 29, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 6,831.97 acres;

(i) the approximately 24,911.65 subsurface acres in which the fee title to the surface estate has been acquired by the State, and a conservation easement in the surface estate has been acquired by the United States, pursuant to the Program, which comprises—

(I) T. 16 S., R. 4 W., sec. 6, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 157.49 acres;

(II) T. 15 S., R. 5 W., secs. 35 and 36, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 1,280 acres;

(III) T. 16 S., R. 5 W., secs. 3, 4, 10, 11, and 12, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 1,479 acres;

(IV) T. 11 S., R. 8 W., secs. 4 and 9, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 579 acres;

(V) T. 12 S., R. 8 W., sec. 1, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 130 acres;

(VI) T. 9 S., R. 9 W., secs. 26, 27, 33, 34, and 35, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 1,524.26 acres;

(VII) T. 10 S., R. 10 W., secs. 15, 16, 22, 23, 27, 28, 32, and 33, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 2,183.65 acres;

(VIII) T. 4 N., R. 7 E., secs. 12 and 13, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 1,145 acres;

(IX) T. 3 N., R. 8 E., secs. 12 and 13, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 304 acres;

(X) T. 4 N., R. 8 E., secs. 1 through 5, 7 through 30, and 33 through 35, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 14,712.25 acres; and

(XI) T. 4 N., R. 9 E., secs. 6, 7, 17, 18, and 19, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 1,417 acres; and

(iii) the approximately 75,655.4 subsurface acres in which a conservation easement in the surface estate has been acquired by the United States pursuant to the Program, which comprises—

(I) T. 13 S., R. 2 W., secs. 33 and 34, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 1,131.75 acres;

(II) T. 14 S., R. 2 W., secs. 4 through 8, and 31, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 2,104.92 acres;

(III) T. 14 S., R. 3 W., secs. 12 through 16, 21 through 23, and 28 through 31, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 5,319.37 acres;

(IV) T. 14 S., R. 3 W., secs. 6 through 8, and 17 through 20, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 3,899.44 acres;

(V) T. 15 S., R. 3 W., secs. 8 and 9, and the southern part of sec. 13, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 125 acres;

(VI) T. 16 S., R. 3 W., secs. 1, 11, 12, 14, and 15, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 506 acres;

(VII) T. 14 S., R. 4 W., secs. 28 and 29, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 660.15 acres;

(VIII) T. 14 S., R. 4 W., secs. 1, 5 through 8, 10 through 15, 22 through 27, and 34 through 36, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 3,516 acres;

(IX) T. 15 S., R. 5 W., secs. 27, 28, 33, and 34, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 1,455.63 acres;

(X) T. 11 S., R. 6 W., secs. 25, 26, and 34 through 36, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 2,088.26 acres;

(XI) T. 12 S., R. 6 W., secs. 1 through 3, 8 through 10, and 16 through 19, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 2,777.5 acres;

(XII) T. 11 S., R. 7 W., sec. 31, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 577.8 acres;

(XIII) T. 12 S., R. 7 W., sec. 5 through 7, 10 through 15, and 18 through 24, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 6,596.93 acres;

(XIV) T. 13 S., R. 7 W., secs. 18 and 19, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 700 acres;

(XV) T. 10 S., R. 8 W., secs. 33 and 34, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 1,197 acres;

(XVI) T. 11 S., R. 8 W., secs. 1 through 4, 10 through 16, 21 through 26, 31, 35, and 36, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 7,647.41 acres;

(XVII) T. 12 S., R. 8 W., secs. 1, 12 through 14, and 24, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 591.75 acres;

(XVIII) T. 12 S., R. 8 W., secs. 1 through 3, 10, 11, 14 through 16, 21 and 22, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 2,112 acres;

(XIX) T. 12 S., R. 8 W., secs. 5 through 8, 18, and 19, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 1,220.5 acres;

(XX) T. 13 S., R. 8 W., secs. 13, 14, 17, 19 through 21, 23, 24, and 28 through 30, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 1,400 acres;

(XXI) T. 11 S., R. 9 W., secs. 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 1,157.75 acres;

(XXII) T. 12 S., R. 9 W., secs. 1 through 4, 9 through 15, 22, 23, 24, 26, and 27, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 6,445.71 acres;

(XXIII) T. 13 S., R. 9 W., secs. 24 and 25, Copper River Meridian, comprising approximately 345.33 acres;

(XXIV) T. 2 N., R. 7 E., sec. 1, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 64.16 acres;

(XXV) T. 3 N., R. 7 E., secs. 24, 25, and 36, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 385.75 acres;

(XXVI) T. 1 N., R. 8 E., secs. 11, 14, 15, 22, 23, 26, and 27, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 1,667.65 acres;

(XXVII) T. 2 N., R. 8 E., secs. 2 through 11, 26, 30, 31, 32, and 35, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 4,339.84 acres;

(XXVIII) T. 3 N., R. 8 E., secs. 1 through 4, 8 through 11, 14 through 17, 19 through 23, and 26 through 35, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 11,339.4 acres;

(XXIX) T. 4 N., R. 8 E., sec. 35, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 1.5 acres;

(XXX) T. 1 N., R. 9 E., secs. 1, 2, 11 through 14, and 24, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 1,560.25 acres; and

(XXXI) T. 1 N., R. 10 E., secs. 6, 7, 17 through 20, 29 and 30, Seward Meridian, comprising approximately 2,720.65 acres.

(B) MANAGEMENT.—Land acquired by the Secretary under this paragraph shall—

(i) become part of the unit of Federal land in which the land acquired by the Secretary is located; and

(ii) be administered in accordance with that unit of Federal land.

(C) EXCLUSION OF VILLAGE CORPORATION DEVELOPMENT AND SHAREHOLDER SITES.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), Chugach Alaska shall exclude from the conveyance of non-Federal land all right, title, and interest in any land, not to exceed a total of 209 acres, that—

(i) a Village Corporation has retained development rights, other than timber development rights; or

(ii) has been designated for a shareholder homesite program.

(D) MAPS, ESTIMATES, AND DESCRIPTIONS.—

(1) MINOR ERRORS.—The Secretary and Chugach Alaska may correct, by mutual agreement, any minor errors in any map, acreage estimate, or description of any land conveyed or exchanged under this section.

(2) CONFLICT.—If there is a conflict between a map, an acreage estimate, or a description of land in this section, the map shall control unless the Secretary and Chugach Alaska mutually agree otherwise.

**SA 6700.** Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 4784, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2027 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 1. UNRECOGNIZED SOUTHEAST ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES RECOGNITION AND COMPENSATION ACT.**

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Compensation Act”.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to redress the omission of the south-

eastern Alaska communities of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell from eligibility under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) by authorizing the Alaska Natives enrolled in the communities—

(1) to form Urban Corporations for the communities of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.); and

(2) to receive certain settlement land pursuant to that Act.

(c) ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL NATIVE CORPORATIONS.—Section 16 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1615) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) NATIVE VILLAGES OF HAINES, KETCHIKAN, PETERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL, ALASKA.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Native residents of each of the Native Villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell, Alaska, may organize as Urban Corporations.

“(2) EFFECT ON ENTITLEMENT TO LAND.—Nothing in this subsection affects any entitlement to land of any Native Corporation established before the date of enactment of this subsection pursuant to this Act or any other provision of law.”.

(d) SHAREHOLDER ELIGIBILITY.—Section 8 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1607) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) NATIVE VILLAGES OF HAINES, KETCHIKAN, PETERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall enroll to each of the Urban Corporations for Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell those individual Natives who enrolled under this Act to the Native Villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell, respectively.

“(2) NUMBER OF SHARES.—Each Native who is enrolled to an Urban Corporation for Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell pursuant to paragraph (1) and who was enrolled as a shareholder of the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska shall receive 100 shares of Settlement Common Stock in the respective Urban Corporation.

“(3) NATIVES RECEIVING SHARES THROUGH INHERITANCE.—If a Native received shares of stock in the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska through inheritance from a decedent Native who originally enrolled to the Native Village of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell and the decedent Native was not a shareholder in a Village Corporation or Urban Corporation, the Native shall receive the identical number of shares of Settlement Common Stock in the Urban Corporation for Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell as the number of shares inherited by that Native from the decedent Native who would have been eligible to be enrolled to the respective Urban Corporation.

“(4) EFFECT ON ENTITLEMENT TO LAND.—Nothing in this subsection affects any previous or future allocation of acreage to any Regional Corporation pursuant to section 12(b) or 14(h)(8).”.

(e) DISTRIBUTION RIGHTS.—Section 7 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1606) is amended—

(1) in subsection (j)—

(A) in the third sentence, by striking “In the case” and inserting the following:

“(3) THIRTEENTH REGIONAL CORPORATION.—In the case”;

(B) in the second sentence, by striking “Not less” and inserting the following:

“(2) MINIMUM ALLOCATION.—Not less”;

(C) by striking “(j) During” and inserting the following:

“(j) DISTRIBUTION OF CORPORATE FUNDS AND OTHER NET INCOME.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—During”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) NATIVE VILLAGES OF HAINES, KETCHIKAN, PETERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL.—Native members of the Native Villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell who become shareholders in an Urban Corporation for such a Native Village shall continue to be eligible to receive distributions under this subsection as at-large shareholders of the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(s) EFFECT OF AMENDATORY ACT.—The Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Compensation Act and the amendments made by that Act shall not affect—

“(1) the ratio for determination of revenue distribution among Native Corporations under this section; or

“(2) the settlement agreement among Regional Corporations or Village Corporations or other provisions of subsection (i) or (j).”.

(f) COMPENSATION.—The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

**“SEC. 43. URBAN CORPORATIONS FOR HAINES, KETCHIKAN, PETERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL.**

“(a) DEFINITION OF URBAN CORPORATION.—In this section, the term ‘Urban Corporation’ means each of the Urban Corporations for Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell.

“(b) CONVEYANCES OF LAND.—

“(1) AUTHORIZATION.—

“(A) CONVEYANCES TO URBAN CORPORATIONS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights and paragraphs (3), (4), (5), and (6), the Secretary shall convey—

“(I) to the Urban Corporation for Haines, in accordance with clause (ii), the surface estate in 13 parcels of Federal land comprising approximately 23,040 acres, as generally depicted on the maps entitled ‘Haines Selections’, numbered 1 through 3, and dated June 27, 2025;

“(II) to the Urban Corporation for Ketchikan, the surface estate in 8 parcels of Federal land comprising approximately 23,040 acres, as generally depicted on the maps entitled ‘Ketchikan Selections’, numbered 1 through 4, and dated June 27, 2025 (except the mining claim AA-91521 in Sec. 4, T. 78 S., R. 88 E., Copper River Meridian, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Kitkun Cove’, numbered 1 of 4);

“(III) to the Urban Corporation for Petersburg, the surface estate in 12 parcels of Federal land comprising approximately 23,040 acres, as generally depicted on the maps entitled ‘Petersburg Selections’, numbered 1 through 3, and dated June 27, 2025 (except the Lighthouse withdrawals USS Nos. 1710 and 1711, in Sec. 15, 16, and 22, T. 56 S., R. 76 E., Copper River Meridian, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Portage Bay East’, numbered 1 of 3);

“(IV) to the Urban Corporation for Tenakee, the surface estate in 15 parcels of Federal land comprising approximately 23,040 acres, as generally depicted on the maps entitled ‘Tenakee Selections’, numbered 1 through 3, and dated June 27, 2025; and

“(V) to the Urban Corporation for Wrangell, the surface estate in 13 parcels of Federal land comprising approximately 23,040 acres, as generally depicted on the maps entitled ‘Wrangell Selections’, numbered 1 through 5, and dated June 27, 2025.

“(ii) HAINES PHASES; CONDITIONS.—

“(I) CONVEYANCE PHASES.—The conveyance to the Urban Corporation for Haines under

clause (i)(I) in the selection area at Slate Creek, Berners Bay, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Haines Selections', map 2 of 3, and dated June 27, 2025 (referred to in this subclause as the 'Map'), shall be completed in the following 2 phases:

"(aa) PHASE 1.—The Secretary shall convey to the Urban Corporation for Haines the parcel of Federal land comprising approximately 81 acres, as generally depicted on the Map as 'Slate Ck. West Shore'.

"(bb) PHASE 2.—Subject to the conditions described in subclause (II), and on an application for conveyance by the Urban Corporation for Haines, the Secretary shall convey to the Urban Corporation for Haines—

"(AA) the parcel of Federal land comprising approximately 37 acres, as generally depicted on the Map as 'Slate Ck. West Shore North'; and

"(BB) the parcel of Federal land comprising approximately 55 acres, as generally depicted on the Map as 'Slate Ck. East Shore'.

"(II) PHASE 2 CONDITIONS.—The phase 2 conveyance described in subclause (I)(bb) shall occur on the earliest of the date on which—

"(aa) the Federal mining claims underlying the Federal land described in that subclause are relinquished;

"(bb) the Federal mining claims underlying the Federal land described in that subclause are abandoned, on a determination by the Secretary that the Federal mining claims are void and forfeited; and

"(cc) Coeur Alaska Inc. (or a successor in interest) consents that the Federal land described in that subclause can be conveyed prior to any relinquishment or abandonment of the Federal mining claims underlying that land.

"(B) CONVEYANCES TO REGIONAL CORPORATION FOR SOUTHEAST ALASKA.—Subject to valid existing rights, on the applicable date on which the surface estate in land is conveyed to an Urban Corporation under subparagraph (A)(i), the Secretary shall convey to the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska the subsurface estate for that land.

"(C) CONGRESSIONAL INTENT.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii), it is the intent of Congress that the Secretary complete the interim conveyance of the surface estate in land to an Urban Corporation under subparagraph (A)(i) not later than the date that is 2 years after the applicable date of incorporation of the Urban Corporation under section 16(e)(1).

"(ii) EXCEPTION.—As the Secretary determines to be necessary, the Secretary may extend the 2-year deadline established by clause (i) by not more than 1 year for any individual parcel of land to allow for the conclusion of any pending appeal of a public easement decision for the applicable parcel pursuant to section 17(b), subject to the requirement that the final conveyance of the surface estate with respect to the applicable parcel shall be completed as soon as practicable after the date on which the appeal is concluded.

"(D) FINALIZATION OF ENTITLEMENT.—The conveyances under subparagraph (A)(i) of approximately 23,040 acres of land to each Urban Corporation shall be considered to be the full and final satisfaction of the entitlement of the southeastern Alaska communities of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell under this Act, notwithstanding whether the surveyed acreage of the parcels of land described in subclauses (I) through (V) of that subparagraph is less than or more than 23,040 acres in the case of each Urban Corporation.

"(2) WITHDRAWAL.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights, the Federal land described in paragraph (1) is withdrawn from all forms of—

"(i) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws;

"(ii) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and

"(iii) disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

"(B) TERMINATION.—The withdrawal under subparagraph (A) shall remain in effect until the date on which the Federal land is conveyed under paragraph (1).

"(3) TREATMENT OF LAND CONVEYED.—Except as otherwise provided in this section, any land conveyed to an Urban Corporation under paragraph (1)(A)(i)—

"(A)(i) shall be considered to be land conveyed by the Secretary under paragraph (3) of section 14(h); but

"(ii) shall not be subject to the requirements under that section that the land be vacant, unappropriated, and unreserved; and

"(B) shall be subject to all laws (including regulations) applicable to entitlements under section 14(h)(3), including section 907(d) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (43 U.S.C. 1636(d)).

"(4) PUBLIC EASEMENTS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (C), the conveyance and patents for the land under paragraph (1)(A)(i) shall be subject to the reservation before the conveyance of public easements under section 17(b).

"(B) TERMINATION.—No public easement reserved on land conveyed under paragraph (1)(A)(i) shall be terminated by the Secretary without publication of notice of the proposed termination in the Federal Register.

"(C) RESERVATION OF EASEMENTS.—In the conveyance and patent for any parcel of land under paragraph (1)(A)(i) for which the easement reservation process has not been completed by the date that is 2 years after the applicable date of incorporation of the Urban Corporation under section 16(e)(1), or, in the case of an appeal of a public easement under section 17(b), by the date that is 3 years after the applicable date of incorporation, the Secretary shall—

"(i) convey the parcel of land; and

"(ii) as part of the conveyance and patent for the parcel of land under clause (i), reserve the right of the Secretary to amend the conveyance and patent to include reservations of public easements under section 17(b) until the date of completion of the easement reservation process.

"(D) STATE OF ALASKA EASEMENTS.—Nothing in this Act modifies, changes, or terminates the rights-of-way granted to the State under—

"(i) section 4407 of the SAFETEA-LU (Public Law 109-59; 119 Stat. 1777); or

"(ii) the 2006 memorandum of understanding between the State and the Forest Service to implement that section.

"(5) HUNTING, FISHING, RECREATION, AND ACCESS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Any land conveyed under paragraph (1)(A)(i), including access to the land through roadways, trails, and forest roads, shall remain open and available to subsistence uses, noncommercial recreational hunting and fishing, and other noncommercial recreational uses by the public under applicable law—

"(i) without liability on the part of the Urban Corporation, except for willful acts of the Urban Corporation, to any user as a result of the use; and

"(ii) subject to—

"(I) any reasonable restrictions that may be imposed by the Urban Corporation on the public use—

"(aa) to ensure public safety;

"(bb) to minimize conflicts between recreational and commercial uses;

"(cc) to protect cultural resources;

"(dd) to conduct scientific research; or

"(ee) to provide environmental protection; and

"(II) the condition that the Urban Corporation post on any applicable property, in accordance with State law, notices of the restrictions on use.

"(B) EFFECT.—Access provided to any individual or entity under subparagraph (A) shall not—

"(i) create an interest in any third party in the land conveyed under paragraph (1)(A)(i); or

"(ii) provide standing to any third party in any review of, or challenge to, any determination by the Urban Corporation with respect to the management or development of the land conveyed under paragraph (1)(A)(i), except as against the Urban Corporation for the management of public access under subparagraph (A).

"(6) MISCELLANEOUS.—

"(A) SPECIAL USE AUTHORIZATIONS.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—On the conveyance of land to an Urban Corporation under paragraph (1)(A)(i)—

"(I) any guiding or outfitting special use authorization issued by the Forest Service for the use of the conveyed land shall terminate; and

"(II) as a condition of the conveyance and consistent with section 14(g), the Urban Corporation shall issue the holder of the special use authorization terminated under subclause (I) an authorization to continue the authorized use, subject to the terms and conditions that were in the special use authorization issued by the Forest Service, for—

"(aa) the remainder of the term of the authorization; and

"(bb) 1 additional consecutive 10-year renewal period.

"(ii) NOTICE OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES.—The Urban Corporation, and any holder of a guiding or outfitting authorization under this subparagraph, shall have a mutual obligation, subject to the guiding or outfitting authorization, to inform the other party of any commercial activities prior to engaging in the activities on the land conveyed to the Urban Corporation under paragraph (1)(A)(i).

"(iii) NEGOTIATION OF NEW TERMS.—Nothing in this paragraph precludes the Urban Corporation and the holder of a guiding or outfitting authorization from negotiating a new mutually agreeable guiding or outfitting authorization.

"(iv) LIABILITY.—Neither the Urban Corporation nor the United States shall bear any liability, except for willful acts of the Urban Corporation or the United States, regarding the use and occupancy of any land conveyed to the Urban Corporation under paragraph (1)(A)(i), as provided in any outfitting or guiding authorization under this paragraph.

"(B) MUTUAL USE AGREEMENT FOR ROADS AND FACILITIES.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall seek to enter into a binding mutual use agreement for—

"(I) the use of National Forest System roads and related transportation facilities (including marine access facilities, log transfer facilities, sort yards, and associated log rafting and storage areas) in the Tongass National Forest by the Urban Corporation and designees of the Urban Corporation; and

"(II) the use of the roads and related transportation facilities (including marine access facilities, log transfer facilities, sort yards, and associated log rafting and storage areas) of the Urban Corporation by the Forest Service and designees of the Forest Service.

"(ii) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The binding mutual use agreement under clause (i)—

"(I) shall provide that the use of road and transportation facilities infrastructure by a third party shall not begin until the date on

which the third party signs a mutual use agreement entered into with the Urban Corporation;

“(II) shall provide that the State (including entities and designees of the State) shall be authorized to use the roads and related transportation facilities of the Urban Corporation on substantially similar terms as are provided by the Urban Corporation to the Forest Service;

“(III) shall include restrictions on, and fees for, the use of the National Forest System roads and related transportation facilities in existence as of the date of enactment of this section, as necessary, that are reasonable and comparable to the restrictions and fees imposed by the Forest Service for the use of the roads and related transportation facilities;

“(IV) shall not restrict or limit any access to the roads and related transportation facilities of the Urban Corporation or the Forest Service that may be otherwise provided by valid existing rights and agreements in existence as of the date of enactment of this section; and

“(V) shall provide for periodic updates to the mutual use agreement if the terms and conditions of the updated mutual use agreement are consistent with the terms and conditions described in subclauses (I) through (IV).

“(iii) INTENT OF CONGRESS.—It is the intent of Congress that the mutual use agreement under clause (i) shall be entered into as soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this section and in any case by not later than 1 year after the date of incorporation of the Urban Corporation.

“(iv) CONTINUED ACCESS.—Beginning on the date on which the land is conveyed to the Urban Corporation under paragraph (1)(A)(i) and ending on the effective date of a binding mutual use agreement entered into under clause (i), the Urban Corporation shall provide and allow administrative access to roads and related transportation facilities on the land under substantially similar terms as are provided by the Forest Service as of the date of enactment of this section.

“(C) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section delays the duty of the Secretary to convey land to—

“(I) the State under Public Law 85–508 (commonly known as the ‘Alaska Statehood Act’) (48 U.S.C. note prec. 21); or

“(II) a Native Corporation under—

“(aa) this Act; or

“(bb) the Alaska Land Transfer Acceleration Act (43 U.S.C. 1611 note; Public Law 108–452).

“(ii) STATEHOOD ENTITLEMENT.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—Statehood selections under Public Law 85–508 (commonly known as the ‘Alaska Statehood Act’) (48 U.S.C. note prec. 21) are not displaced by the parcels of land described in subclauses (I) through (V) of paragraph (1)(A)(i).

“(II) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS.—In the event of a dispute between an area selected as a Statehood selection and a parcel of land referred to in subclause (I), the Secretary shall work with the Urban Corporation and the State in good faith to adjust the boundary of the parcel to exclude any area selected as a Statehood selection.

“(iii) CONVEYANCES.—The Secretary shall promptly proceed with the conveyance of all land necessary to fulfill the final entitlement of all Native Corporations in accordance with—

“(I) this Act; and

“(II) the Alaska Land Transfer Acceleration Act (43 U.S.C. 1611 note; Public Law 108–452).

“(iv) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this section enlarges or diminishes the responsi-

bility and authority of the State with respect to the management of fish and wildlife on public land in the State.

“(D) MAPS.—

“(i) AVAILABILITY.—Each map referred to in paragraph (1)(A)(i) shall be available in the appropriate offices of the Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture.

“(ii) CORRECTIONS.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, may make any necessary correction to a clerical or typographical error in a map referred to in paragraph (1)(A)(i).

“(7) ESCROW FUNDS.—Beginning on the date of enactment of this section, the escrow requirements of section 2 of Public Law 94–204 (43 U.S.C. 1613 note) shall apply to proceeds (including interest) derived from the land withdrawn under paragraph (2).

“(c) CONVEYANCE OF ROADS, TRAILS, LOG TRANSFER FACILITIES, LEASES, AND APPURTENANCES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The land conveyed to an Urban Corporation under subsection (b)(1)(A)(i) shall include all right, title, and interest of the United States in all roads, trails, log transfer facilities, leases, and appurtenances on or related to the land conveyed to the Urban Corporation.

“(2) CONDITIONS.—The land conveyed to an Urban Corporation under subsection (b)(1)(A)(i) shall be subject to all valid existing rights in accordance with section 14(g), including any reciprocal rights-of-way, easements, or agreements for the use of the roads, trails, log transfer facilities, leases, and appurtenances conveyed under subsection (b)(1)(A)(i).

“(3) CONTINUATION OF AGREEMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—On or before the date on which land is conveyed to an Urban Corporation under subsection (b)(1)(A)(i), the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior shall provide to the Urban Corporation notice of all reciprocal rights-of-way, easements, and agreements for use of the roads, trails, log transfer facilities, leases, and appurtenances on or related to the land in existence as of the date of enactment of this section.

“(B) REQUIREMENT.—In accordance with section 14(g), any right-of-way, easement, or agreement described in subparagraph (A) shall continue unless the right-of-way, easement, or agreement—

“(i) expires under its own terms; or

“(ii) is mutually renegotiated.

“(d) SETTLEMENT TRUST.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Each Urban Corporation may establish a settlement trust in accordance with section 39 for the purposes of promoting the health, education, and welfare of the trust beneficiaries, and preserving the Native heritage and culture, of the community of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell, as applicable.

“(2) PROCEEDS AND INCOME.—The proceeds and income from the principal of a trust established under paragraph (1) shall—

“(A) first be applied to the support of those enrollees, and the descendants of the enrollees, who are elders or minor children; and

“(B) thereafter to the support of all other enrollees.”.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I have 11 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 au-

thorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. to conduct a classified briefing.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 10 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 9:45 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 9 a.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct an open nomination hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS, FORESTS, AND MINING

The Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.