''(2) for a period not exceeding 5 years;

''(3) so long as such real property is not required for immediate use by the United States Merchant Marine Academy; and

''(4) so long as all proceeds from such rental or lease be retained and expended in accordance with subsection (j).

''(f) SUPPORT SERVICES.—

''(1) AUTHORITY.—To the extent required by a contract or cooperative agreement under subsection (d), the Secretary may provide support services to the corporation while the corporation conducts support activities at the United States Merchant Marine Academy only if the Secretary determines that the provision of such services is essential for the support of the athletic programs of the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

''(2) NO LIABILITY OF THE UNITED STATES.—The provision of support services under paragraph (1) may not result in any liability for the United States to the corporation.

''(3) SUPPORT SERVICES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term 'support services' includes utilities, office furnishings and equipment, communications services, records staging and archiving, audio and video support, and security systems, in conjunction with the leasing or licensing of property.

''(g) TRANSFERS FROM NONAPPROPRIATED FUND OPERATION.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary may, subject to the acceptance of the corporation, transfer to the corporation all title to and ownership of the assets and liabilities of the Department of Transportation nonappropriated fund instrumentality, the function of which includes providing support for the athletic programs of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, including bank accounts and financial reserves in the accounts of such fund instrumentality, equipment, supplies, and other personal property.

''(2) LIMITATION.—In making a transfer under paragraph (1), the Secretary may not transfer any interest in real property.

''(h) ACCEPTANCE OF SUPPORT.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary may accept from the corporation funds, supplies, and services for the support of the athletic programs of the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

''(2) EMPLOYEES OF THE CORPORATION.—For purposes of this section, employees or personnel of the corporation are not employees of the United States.

''(3) FUNDS RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES.—The Secretary may charge fees for the support of athletic programs of the United States Merchant Marine Academy. To support the athletic programs of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, the Secretary may accept funds from the National Collegiate Athletic Association, funds from athletic conferences, game guarantees from other educational institutions, fees for ticketing and licensing, and any other consideration provided incidental to the execution of the athletic programs of the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

''(4) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall ensure that contributions under this subsection and expenditure of funds pursuant to subsection (j) do not—

''(A) reflect unfavorably on the ability of the Department of Transportation, or any employee of the Department of Transportation, to carry out any responsibility or duty of the Department in a fair and objective manner; or

''(B) compromise the integrity or appearance of integrity of any program of the Department of Transportation, or any individual involved in such a program.

''(i) TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS.—

''(1) LICENSING, MARKETING, AND SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENTS.—Subject to paragraph (2), a contract or cooperative agreement under subsection (d) may, consistent with section 109(h)(2) of title 49, United States Code, include an authorization for the corporation to enter into licensing, marketing, and sponsorship agreements (subject to the approval of the Secretary) relating to trademarks and service marks identifying the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

''(2) LIMITATIONS.—The corporation may not enter into any licensing, marketing, or sponsorship agreement pursuant to authority provided under paragraph (1) that—

''(A) may reflect unfavorably on the ability of the Department of Transportation, or any employee of the Department of Transportation, to carry out any responsibility or duty of the Department in a fair and objective manner; or

''(B) the Secretary determines involves the use of trademarks or service marks that would compromise the integrity or appearance of integrity of any program of the Department of Transportation or any individual involved in such a program.

''(j) RETENTION AND USE OF FUNDS.—Funds received by the Secretary under this section may be retained for use to support the athletic programs of the United States Merchant Marine Academy and shall remain available until expended.''.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 513 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: Chapter 513 of title 46, United States Code, is amended

''51329. Support for athletic programs of United States Merchant Marine Academy.''.

(c) LICENSING AUTHORITY.—Section 109(h) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(3) LICENSING OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.—

''(A) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may license trademarks and service marks owned or controlled by the Secretary with respect to the United States Merchant Marine Academy and may retain and expend fees received from such licensing in accordance with this paragraph.

''(B) DESIGNATED MARKS.—The Secretary shall designate the trademarks and service marks with respect to which the Secretary will exercise the authority to retain licensing fees under this paragraph.

''(C) USE OF FEES.—The Secretary shall use fees retained under this paragraph for the following purposes:

''(i) For payment of costs incurred by the Secretary of securing trademark registrations and of operating the licensing program under this paragraph.

''(ii) For support of athletic programs and recruiting activities of the United States Merchant Marine Academy under the jurisdiction of the Secretary, to the extent (if any) that the total amount of the licensing fees available under this section for a fiscal year exceed the total amount needed for such fiscal year under paragraph (1).

''(D) AVAILABILITY.—Fees received in a fiscal year and retained under this paragraph shall be available until expended.

''(E) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph, the terms 'trademark' and 'service mark' have the meanings given such terms, respectively, in section 45 of the Act of July 5, 1946 (commonly referred to as the 'Trademark Act of 1946'; 15 U.S.C. 1127).

''(F) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the USMMA Athletics Act of 2026, the Secretary shall issue guidance to implement a trademark and service mark licensing program under this paragraph.''.

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

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

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

The bill (S. 3266), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

SPACE COMMERCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT

Mrs. MOODY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 198, S. 434.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 434) to establish the Commercial Space Activity Advisory Committee, and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Space Commerce Advisory Committee Act''.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) SECRETARY.—The term ''Secretary'' means the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Office of Space Commerce.

(2) STATE.—The term ''State'' means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and any other commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

(3) UNITED STATES ENTITY.—The term ''United States entity'' means—

(A) an individual who is a national of the United States (as defined in section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a))); and

(B) a nongovernmental entity organized or existing under, and subject to, the laws of the United States or a State.

SEC. 3. COMMERCIAL SPACE ACTIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish a Commercial Space Activity Advisory Committee (in this section referred to as the ''Committee'').

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall be composed of 15 members appointed by the Secretary.

(2) QUALIFICATIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall be composed of representatives from a variety of space policy, engineering, technical, science, legal, academic, and finance fields who have significant experience in the commercial space industry, which may include previous Government experience.

(B) LIMITATION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clause (i), the Secretary may not appoint as a member of the Committee any employee or official of the Federal Government.

(ii) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may appoint as a member of the Committee a special government employee (as defined in section 202(a) of title 18, United States Code) who serves on 1 or more other Federal advisory committees.

(3) TERM.—Each individual appointed as a member of the Committee—

(A) shall be appointed for a term of not more than 4 years; and

(B) during the 2-year period beginning on the date on which such term ends, may not serve as a member of the Committee.

(c) DUTIES.—The duties of the Committee shall be—

(1) to advise on the status and recent developments of nongovernmental space activities;

(2) to provide to the Secretary and Congress recommendations on the manner in which the United States may facilitate and promote a safe, sustainable, robust, competitive, and innovative commercial sector that is investing in, developing, and conducting space activities within the jurisdiction of the Department of Commerce, including through the development and implementation of any regulatory framework applicable to the commercial space industry;

(3) to identify, and provide recommendations in response to, any challenge faced by the United States commercial sector relating to—

(A) the application of international obligations of the United States relevant to commercial space sector activities in outer space;

(B) export controls that affect the commercial space sector;

(C) harmful interference with commercial space sector activities in outer space; and

(D) access to adequate, predictable, and reliable radio frequency spectrum;

(4) to review existing best practices for United States entities to avoid—

(A) the harmful contamination of the Moon and other celestial bodies; and

(B) adverse changes in the environment of the Earth resulting from the introduction of extraterrestrial matter; and

(5) to provide information, advice, and recommendations on matters relating to—

(A) United States commercial space sector activities in outer space; and

(B) other commercial space sector activities, as the Committee considers necessary.

(d) TERMINATION.—The Committee shall terminate on the date that is 10 years after the date on which the Committee is established.

Mrs. MOODY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported substitute amendment be withdrawn; that the Peters substitute amendment at the desk be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute was withdrawn.

The amendment (No. 6748) in the nature of a substitute was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

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The bill (S. 434), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR EN BLOC—S. 5271 and H.R. 7008

Mrs. MOODY. Madam President, I understand that there are two bills at the desk due for a second reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

The clerk will read the bills by title for a second time en bloc.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 5271) to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require voters to provide photo identification.

A bill (H.R. 7008) to amend chapter 131 of title 5 to require certain restrictions on stocks for Members of Congress and their spouses and dependents, and for other purposes.

Mrs. MOODY. Madam President, in order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I would object to further proceeding en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bills will be placed on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. MOODY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume executive session.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CURTIS). The Senator from Maine.

KAY HAGAN TICK REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I will soon ask that the Senate pass S. 2398, the Kay Hagan Tick Reauthorization Act. The Tick Act was approved by the Senate HELP Committee more than a year ago with strong bipartisan support.

I am proud to have authorized the original Tick Act in 2019 with my colleague Senator TINA SMITH. Our bipartisan legislation strengthens Federal efforts to confront the alarming public health threat posed by Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses.

The Tick Act essentially has three parts: First, it reauthorizes funding for the CDC's four Centers of Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases; second, it extends grants to State and local public health departments to help them treat, test for, and conduct public education