

(1) the depletion rate of freshwater aquifers as a result of overuse of those aquifers by public water systems (as defined in section 1401 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f)); and

(2) the likelihood and results of saltwater intrusion into freshwater aquifers due to the overuse described in paragraph (1).

**SA 1469.** Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1460 proposed by Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO) to the bill S. 914, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize programs under those Acts, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . ANNUAL STUDY ON BOIL WATER ADVISORIES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Administrator shall conduct a study on the prevalence of boil water advisories issued in the United States.

(b) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall submit to Congress a report describing the results of the most recent study conducted under subsection (a) as part of the annual budget request transmitted to Congress under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code.

(2) REQUIREMENT.—In the annual report required under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall include a description of the reasons for which boil water advisories were issued during the year covered by the report.

**SA 1470.** Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1460 proposed by Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO) to the bill S. 914, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize programs under those Acts, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of section 102, add the following:

(c) ALLOTMENT REQUIREMENT.—Section 1452(m) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12(m)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) REQUIREMENT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, of the amounts made available under paragraph (1) for capitalization grants to State loan funds, the Administrator shall use 5 percent to make capitalization grants to States in which the majority of public water systems are at least 50 years in age for the purpose of modernizing those public water systems.”.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I have 13 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

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

**COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES**

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session

of the Senate on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

**COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES**

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at time to be determined, to conduct a hearing on nominations.

**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION**

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 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 Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

**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 Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 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 Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 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 Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND MERCHANT MARINE INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY AND SECURITY**

The Subcommittee the Constitution of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR AND NUCLEAR SAFETY**

The Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety of the Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**

The Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth of the Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL SPENDING OVERSIGHT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

The Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Manage-

ment of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

**AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ESCORT COMMITTEE**

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m., on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96-114, as amended, appoints the following individuals to Congressional Award Board: The Honorable CYNTHIA LUMMIS of Wyoming and Mr. Shawn Whitman of Virginia.

The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85-874, as amended, appoints the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Art: The Honorable ROY BLUNT of Missouri (re-appointment).

The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 107-252, Title II, Section 214, appoints the following individual to the Election Assistance Commission, Board of Advisors: Sarah Ball Johnson of Colorado.

**SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF APRIL 26 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2021, AS “NATIONAL SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL APPRECIATION WEEK”**

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 180, submitted earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 180) supporting the designation of the week of April 26 through April 30, 2021, as “National Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Appreciation Week”.

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

Ms. DUCKWORTH. I know of no further debate on the measure.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

Hearing none, the question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 180) was agreed to.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### CONSIDER TEACHERS ACT OF 2021

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of S. 848 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 848) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to improve the service obligation verification process for TEACH Grant recipients, and for other purposes.

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

Ms. DUCKWORTH. I ask unanimous consent that the bill 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 bill (S. 848) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 848

*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 "Consider Teachers Act of 2021".

#### SEC. 2. TEACH GRANTS.

Section 420N of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070g-2) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting "(referred to in this section as the 'service obligation window')" after "under this subpart";

(B) in subparagraph (C)(vii), by inserting "or geographic area" after "field"; and

(C) by striking subparagraphs (D) and (E) and inserting the following:

"(D) submit a certification of employment by the chief administrative officer of the school in accordance with subsection (d)(5); and

"(E) meet all State certification requirements for teaching (which may include meeting such requirements through a certification obtained through alternative routes to teaching);";

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking "In the event" and inserting the following:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—In the event"; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

"(2) RECONSIDERATION OF CONVERSION DECISIONS.—

"(A) REQUEST TO RECONSIDER.—In any case where the Secretary has determined that a recipient of a grant under this subpart has failed or refused to comply with the service obligation in the agreement under subsection (b) and has converted the grant into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan under part D in accordance with paragraph (1), (including a TEACH Grant converted to a loan prior to the date of enactment of the Consider Teachers Act of 2021 and including cases where such loans have been fully or partially paid), the recipient may request that the Secretary reconsider such initial determination and may submit additional information to demonstrate satisfaction of the service obligation. Upon receipt of such a request, the Secretary shall reconsider the determination in accordance with this paragraph not later than 90 days after the date that such request was received.

"(B) RECONSIDERATION.—If, in reconsidering an initial determination under subparagraph (A) (including reconsideration related to a TEACH Grant that was converted to a loan prior to the date of enactment of the Consider Teachers Act of 2021 and including cases where such loans were fully or partially paid), the Secretary determines that the reason for such determination was the recipient's failure to timely submit a certification required under subsection (b)(1)(D) (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of the Consider Teachers Act of 2021), an error or processing delay by the Secretary, a change to the fields considered eligible for fulfillment of the service obligation (as described in subsection (b)(1)(C)), a recipient having previously requested to have the TEACH Grant converted to a loan, or another valid reason determined by the Secretary, and that the recipient has, as of the date of the reconsideration, demonstrated that the recipient did meet, or is meeting the service obligation in the agreement under subsection (b), the Secretary shall—

"(i) discharge the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan under part D, and reinstate the recipient's grant under this subpart;

"(ii) discharge any interest or fees that may have accumulated during the period that the grant was converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan under part D;

"(iii) if the recipient has other loans under part D, apply any payments made for the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan under part D during such period to those other loans under part D;

"(iv) if the recipient does not have other loans under part D, reimburse the recipient for any amounts paid on the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan under part D during such period;

"(v) request that consumer reporting agencies remove any negative credit reporting due to the conversion of the TEACH Grant to a loan; and

"(vi) use the additional information provided under subparagraph (A) to determine the progress the recipient has made in meeting the service obligation.

"(C) EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE SERVICE OBLIGATION.—In the case of a recipient whose TEACH Grant was reinstated in accordance with subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall, upon such reinstatement—

"(i) extend the time remaining for the recipient to fulfill the service obligation described in subsection (b)(1) to a period of time equal to—

"(I) 8 years; minus

"(II) the number of full academic years of teaching that the recipient completed prior to the reconversion of the loan to a TEACH Grant under subparagraph (B), including any years of qualifying teaching completed dur-

ing the period when the TEACH Grant was in loan status; and

"(ii) treat any full academic years of teaching described in clause (i)(II) as years that count toward the individual's service obligation (regardless of whether the TEACH Grant funds were in grant or loan status) if that time otherwise meets the requirements of this section."; and

(3) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the following:

"(3) COMMUNICATION WITH RECIPIENTS.—The Secretary shall notify TEACH grant recipients not less than once per calendar year regarding how to submit the employment certification under subsection (b)(1)(D) and the recommendations and requirements for submitting that certification under subsection (d)(5).

"(4) QUALIFYING SCHOOLS AND HIGH-NEED FIELDS.—The Secretary shall maintain and annually update a list of qualifying schools as described in subsection (b)(1)(B), and a list of high-need fields as described in subsection (b)(1)(C) and shall make such lists publicly available on the Department's website in a sortable and searchable format."

#### SEC. 3. SUBMISSION OF EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATION.

Section 420N(d) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070g-2(d)), as amended by section 2, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

"(5) SUBMISSION OF EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATION.—

"(A) RECOMMENDED SUBMISSIONS.—The Secretary shall notify TEACH Grant recipients that the Department recommends that TEACH Grant recipients submit the employment certification described in subsection (b)(1)(D) as soon as practicable after the completion of each year of service.

"(B) REQUIRED SUBMISSION.—A TEACH Grant recipient shall be required to submit to the Department employment certification within the timeframe that would allow that individual to complete their service obligation before the end of the service obligation window.

"(C) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall notify TEACH Grant recipients of the required submission deadlines described in this paragraph.

"(D) ADJUSTMENT OF DEADLINE.—The Secretary shall adjust the submission deadline described in subparagraph (B) to account for a service obligation window extension.

"(E) ALTERNATIVE TO CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall provide an alternative to the certification of employment described in subsection (b)(1)(D) for recipients who cannot obtain such required certification of employment from the chief administrative officer of the school because the recipient can demonstrate the school is no longer in existence or the school refuses to cooperate."

#### SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF TIME TO FULFILL SERVICE OBLIGATION DUE TO COVID-19.

(a) Section 3519(a) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136; 20 U.S.C. 1001 note) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "For the purpose of section 420N of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070g-2), during a qualifying emergency," and inserting "Notwithstanding any provision of subpart 9 of part A of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070g et seq.);";

(2) in paragraph (1), by striking "and" after the semicolon;

(3) in paragraph (2), by striking "such section 420N," and inserting "section 420N of such Act; and"; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

"(3) shall extend the service obligation window (as described in section 420N(b)(1)(A)