

the amendment to the title be agreed to; and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The amendment (No. 2110), 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:

SECTION 1. COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION WHISTLEBLOWER PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is established in the Treasury a separate account (referred to in this section as the “account”), the amounts in which shall be available for the sole purposes of—

(1) carrying out the activities described in section 23(g)(2)(B) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 26(g)(2)(B)) (referred to in this section as “customer education initiatives”); and

(2) funding the administrative, programmatic, and personnel expenses of the Whistleblower Office and the Office of Customer Education and Outreach of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (referred to in this section as the “Commission”) in carrying out section 23 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 26) (referred to in this section as “non-awards expenses”).

(b) TRANSFERS FROM FUND INTO ACCOUNT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commission shall transfer up to \$10,000,000 from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Customer Protection Fund established under section 23(g)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 26(g)(1)) (referred to in this section as the “Fund”) into the account.

(2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts transferred under paragraph (1) shall be available for obligation without further appropriation and remain available until October 1, 2022.

(3) REMAINING AMOUNTS.—Amounts remaining in the account that are unobligated on October 1, 2022, shall be returned to the Fund.

(c) REQUIREMENT FOR OBLIGATIONS.—The Commission may make obligations from the account only when the unobligated balance of the Fund is insufficient to pay non-awards expenses and expenses for customer education initiatives due to awards that the Commission has ordered under section 23(b) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 26(b)).

(d) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The Commission shall include in each report required under section 23(g)(5) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 26(g)(5)) the same information with respect to the account as the Commission includes in the report with respect to the Fund, to the extent the information is relevant to the account.

The bill (S. 409), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

The title amendment (No. 2111) was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the title)

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to provide for the availability of amounts for customer education initiatives and non-awards expenses of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Whistleblower Program, and for other purposes.”.

WEST LOS ANGELES VA CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2021

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 711 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 (H.R. 711) to amend the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 to authorize the use of certain funds received pursuant to leases entered into under such Act, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the Feinstein amendment at the desk be considered and 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 amendment (No. 2109) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To include an assessment of lease revenue expenditures and direct benefits to veterans in the annual report required by the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016)

At the end, add the following:

SEC. 5. INCLUSION OF ASSESSMENT OF REVENUE EXPENDITURES AND DIRECT BENEFITS TO VETERANS IN ANNUAL REPORT.

Section 2(j)(2) of the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 (Public Law 114-226; 130 Stat. 929) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as subparagraph (C); and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following new subparagraph (B):

“(B) an assessment of—

“(i) the manner in which such revenue is expended; and

“(ii) the direct benefits such expenditures provide to veterans; and”.

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

The bill (H.R. 711), as amended, was passed.

MORNING BUSINESS

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. HAWLEY. Madam President, had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted “No” on the nomination of Anton George Hajar, of Maryland, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

Madam President, had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted “No” on the nomination of Eric S. Lander, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH “IZZY” MCKINNEY

● Ms. HASSAN. Madam President, I am proud to recognize Elizabeth “Izzy” McKinney of Londonderry as May’s Granite Stater of the Month. A nurse and mother of two young children, Lily and Bryant, Izzy is using poetry, illustrations, and her personal experiences to bring much needed attention to neurodivergent conditions in children.

When her daughter, Lily, was a toddler, she would flap her arms when she got excited. Izzy and her husband thought nothing of it at first, since Izzy also used to flap her arms when she was a child.

It was not until Lily started kindergarten that Izzy and her husband realized that Lily’s arm-flapping was unique. Flapping is a type of self-stimulatory behavior that is common in children with neurodivergence and can help them alleviate feelings of sensory overload.

For a school project that encouraged students to highlight what makes them special, Izzy encouraged her daughter to find things about her that stood out from her peers.

While thinking about her daughter’s project, Izzy decided to write her own poem about her daughter’s unique physical behavior to demonstrate to Lily that it is okay to be different from friends and classmates, that everyone has unique attributes.

Eventually, Izzy expanded the poem into a children’s book called “What Makes Me Special.” All the proceeds for the book go toward the High Hopes Foundation of New Hampshire, a non-profit that provides life-enhancing experiences for children with chronic conditions.

Later, after Izzy’s second child, Bryant, was born, Izzy wrote another children’s book, this time focused on her son’s neurodivergence, dyspraxia. This book is titled “My Buddy Bryant: A Story of Friendship and Dyspraxia” and encourages children to embrace each other’s differences. All the proceeds for this book go toward the Dyspraxia Foundation USA, which seeks to educate the public about dyspraxia and provide support and resources to families. Izzy also runs her own blog, flappingoodtale.com, about her experience parenting two children who are neurodivergent.

Izzy embodies the best of our State by destigmatizing neurodivergence and promoting acceptance and inclusion. Her books provide a fun avenue to help children and adults understand that including people who experience physical or behavioral differences or disabilities can strengthen our families, our communities, our State, and our country. I wish Izzy all the best as she continues this important work.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 1955. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to credit individuals serving as caregivers of dependent relatives with deemed wages for up to five years of such service; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. HICKENLOOPER):

S. 1956. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a manufacturing clean energy and energy efficiency grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 1957. A bill to establish digital services in State, county, local, and Tribal governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. BRAUN):

S. Res. 255. A resolution designating May 2021 as "ALS Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Res. 256. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need to conduct a comprehensive investigation to determine the origins of COVID-19; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. Res. 257. A resolution commending and congratulating the Marshall University Thundering Herd men's soccer team for winning the 2020 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I men's soccer national championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. REED, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROMNEY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS,

Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SUL-LIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. Res. 258. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the life and work of Senator John W. Warner; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 306

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 306, a bill to provide a process for granting lawful permanent resident status to aliens from certain countries who meet specified eligibility requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 1061

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1061, a bill to encourage the normalization of relations with Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 1582

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1582, a bill to provide for enhanced Federal enforcement of, and State and local assistance in the enforcement of, the immigration laws of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1687

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1687, a bill to amend section 21 of the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors, and for other purposes.

S. 1691

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1691, a bill to require an annual report on the cybersecurity of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1720

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 1720, a bill to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1851

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1851, a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf

in the Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, North Atlantic, and Straits of Florida planning areas.

S. RES. 229

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 229, a resolution recognizing the devastating attack on a girls' school in Kabul, Afghanistan, on May 8, 2021, and expressing solidarity with the Afghan people.

S. RES. 235

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 235, a resolution designating May 15, 2021, as "National MPS Awareness Day".

S. RES. 252

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 252, a resolution unequivocally condemning the recent rise in antisemitic violence and harassment targeting Jewish Americans, and standing in solidarity with those affected by antisemitism, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 255—DESIGNATING MAY 2021 AS "ALS AWARENESS MONTH"

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

S. RES. 255

Whereas amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (referred to in this preamble as "ALS") is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord;

Whereas the life expectancy for an individual with ALS is between 2 and 5 years after the date on which the individual receives an ALS diagnosis;

Whereas ALS occurs throughout the world with no racial, ethnic, gender, or socioeconomic boundaries;

Whereas ALS may affect any individual in any location;

Whereas the cause of ALS is unknown in up to 90 percent of cases;

Whereas approximately 10 percent of cases have a strong known genetic driver;

Whereas, on average, the period between the date on which an individual first experiences symptoms of ALS and the date on which the individual is diagnosed with ALS is more than 1 year;

Whereas the onset of ALS often involves muscle weakness or stiffness, and the progression of ALS results in the further weakening, wasting, and paralysis of—

(1) the muscles of the limbs and trunk; and
(2) the muscles that control vital functions, such as speech, swallowing, and breathing;