meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, August 6, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

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 Friday, August 6, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

> COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, August 6, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, August 6, 2021, 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 Friday, August 6, 2021, at 10:15 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 Friday, August 6, 2021, at 9 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, August 6, 2021, at 1 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Benjamin Lockshin, a detailee in Senator Brown's office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of today's session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Elizabeth Kay. an intern in my office, be granted floor privileges today, August 5, 2021.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT-H.R. 3684

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the substitute amendment No. 2137 and the underlying bill, H.R. 3684, be at 11:15 a.m. and second-degree amendments at 11:55 a.m. on Saturday, August 7.

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

DR. LORNA BREEN HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PROTECTION ACT

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 69, S. 610.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (S. 610) to address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act". SEC. 2. DISSEMINATION OF BEST PRACTICES.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred to in this Act as the "Secretary") shall identify and disseminate evidence-based or evidence-informed best practices for preventing suicide and improving mental health and resiliency among health care professionals, and for training health care professionals in appropriate strategies to promote their mental health. Such best practices shall include recommendations related to preventing suicide and improving mental health and resiliency among health care professionals.

SEC. 3. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS INITIATIVE ENCOURAGING USE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DIS-ORDER SERVICES BY HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.

- (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, including medical professional associations, shall establish a national evidence-based or evidence-informed education and awareness initiative to encourage health care professionals to seek support and care for their mental health or substance use concerns, to help such professionals identify risk factors associated with suicide and mental health conditions, and to help such professionals learn how best to respond to such risks. with the goal of preventing suicide, mental health conditions, and substance use disorders. and to address stigma associated with seeking mental health and substance use disorder serv-
- (b) REPORTING.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives an update on the activities and outcomes of the initiative under subsection (a), including a description of quantitative and qualitative metrics used to evaluate such activities and outcomes.
- (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2024.

SEC. 4. GRANTS TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH AMONG THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WORKFORCE.

Subpart I of part E of title VII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.. 294n et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 764. GRANTS TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH AMONG THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WORKFORCE.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants related to improving mental health and resiliency among health care professionals.

'(b) GRANTS TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH Among Health Care Professionals.-

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants to health care entities, including entities

that provide health care services, such as hospitals, community health centers, and rural health clinics, or to medical professional associations, to establish or enhance evidence-based or evidence-informed programs dedicated to improving mental health and resiliency for health care professionals.

"(2) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity receiving a grant under this subsection shall use amounts under the grant to implement a new program or enhance an existing program to promote mental health among health care professionals, which may include-

"(A) improving awareness among health care professionals about risk factors for, and signs of, suicide and mental health or substance use disorders, in accordance with evidence-based or evidence-informed practices;

"(B) establishing new, or enhancing existing, evidence-based or evidence-informed programs for preventing suicide and improving mental health and resiliency among health care profes-

"(C) establishing new, or enhancing existing, peer-support programs among health care professionals: or

"(D) providing mental health care, follow-up services and care, or referral for such services and care, as appropriate.

"(3) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this subsection, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible entities in health professional shortage areas or rural areas.

"(c) TRAINING GRANTS.—The Secretary may establish a program to award grants to health professions schools, academic health centers, State or local governments, Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations, or other appropriate public or private nonprofit entities (or consortia of entities, including entities promoting multidisciplinary approaches) to support the training of health care students, residents, or health care professionals in evidence-based or evidence-informed strategies to address mental and substance use disorders and improve mental health and resiliency among health care professionals.

"(d) GRANT TERMS.—A grant awarded under subsection (b) or (c) shall be for a period of 3 years.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION.—An entity seeking a grant under subsection (b) or (c) shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Secretary may require.

"(f) REPORTING.—An entity awarded a grant under subsection (b) or (c) shall periodically submit to the Secretary a report evaluating the activities supported by the grant.

'(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry out this section and section 5 of the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act, there are authorized to be appropriated \$35,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through

SEC. 5. REVIEW WITH RESPECT TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AND RESILIENCY.

- (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall conduct a review and, not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, submit a report to Congress related to improving health care professional mental health and resiliency and the outcomes of programs authorized under this Act.
- (b) Considerations.—The review under subsection (a) shall take into account—
- (1) factors that contribute to mental health conditions:
- (2) barriers to seeking and accessing mental health care for health care professionals, which may include consideration of stigma and licensing concerns, and actions taken by State licensing boards, schools for health professionals, health care professional training associations, hospital associations, or other organizations, as appropriate, to address such barriers;
- (3) the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on the mental health of health care

professionals and lessons learned for future public health emergencies;

- (4) factors that promote mental health and resiliency among health care professionals, including programs or strategies to strengthen mental health and resiliency among health care professionals; and
- (5) the efficacy of health professional training programs that promote resiliency and improve mental health.
- (c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The review under subsection (a), as appropriate, shall identify best practices related to, and make recommendations to address—
- (1) improving mental health and resiliency among health care professionals;
- (2) removing barriers to mental health care for health care professionals; and
- (3) strategies to promote resiliency among health care professionals in health care settings.

Mr. SCHATZ. I ask unanimous consent that the Murray-Burr amendment at the desk be agreed to; that the committee-reported substitute amendment, as amended, be agreed to.

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

The amendment (No. 2622) was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: To improve the bill with respect to review of program effectiveness)

In section 5(b), strike paragraph (1) and insert the following:

(1) the prevalence and severity of mental health conditions among health professionals, and factors that contribute to those mental health conditions;

At the end, add the following:

SEC. 6. GAO REPORT.

Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall report to Congress on the extent to which Federal substance use disorder and mental health grant programs address the prevalence and severity of mental health conditions and substance use disorders among health professionals. Such report shall include an analysis of available evidence and data related to such conditions and programs, and shall assess whether there are duplicative goals and objectives among such grant programs.

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

Mr. SCHATZ. I ask that the bill, as amended, be read a third time.

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

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

Mr. SCHATZ. I know of no further debate on the bill, as amended.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (S. 610), as amended, was passed, as follows:

S. 610

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

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mental health and resiliency among health care professionals, and for training health care professionals in appropriate strategies to promote their mental health. Such best practices shall include recommendations related to preventing suicide and improving mental health and resiliency among health care professionals.

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- (b) REPORTING.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives an update on the activities and outcomes of the initiative under subsection (a), including a description of quantitative and qualitative metrics used to evaluate such activities and outcomes.
- (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2024.

SEC. 4. GRANTS TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH AMONG THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WORKFORCE.

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- "(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants related to improving mental health and resiliency among health care professionals.
- "(b) Grants to Promote Mental Health Among Health Care Professionals.—
- "(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants to health care entities, including entities that provide health care services, such as hospitals, community health centers, and rural health clinics, or to medical professional associations, to establish or enhance evidence-based or evidence-informed programs dedicated to improving mental health and resiliency for health care professionals.
- "(2) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity receiving a grant under this subsection shall use amounts under the grant to implement a new program or enhance an existing program to promote mental health among health care professionals, which may include—
- "(A) improving awareness among health care professionals about risk factors for, and signs of, suicide and mental health or substance use disorders, in accordance with evidence-based or evidence-informed practices;
- "(B) establishing new, or enhancing existing, evidence-based or evidence-informed programs for preventing suicide and improving mental health and resiliency among health care professionals;

- "(C) establishing new, or enhancing existing, peer-support programs among health care professionals; or
- "(D) providing mental health care, followup services and care, or referral for such services and care, as appropriate.
- "(3) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this subsection, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible entities in health professional shortage areas or rural areas.
- "(c) Training Grants.—The Secretary may establish a program to award grants to health professions schools, academic health centers, State or local governments, Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations, or other appropriate public or private nonprofit entities (or consortia of entities, including entities promoting multidisciplinary approaches) to support the training of health care students, residents, or health care professionals in evidence-based or evidence-informed strategies to address mental and substance use disorders and improve mental health and resiliency among health care professionals.
- "(d) GRANT TERMS.—A grant awarded under subsection (b) or (c) shall be for a period of 3 years.
- "(e) APPLICATION SUBMISSION.—An entity seeking a grant under subsection (b) or (c) shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Secretary may require.
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 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—The review under subsection (a) shall take into account—
- (1) the prevalence and severity of mental health conditions among health professionals, and factors that contribute to those mental health conditions;
- (2) barriers to seeking and accessing mental health care for health care professionals, which may include consideration of stigma and licensing concerns, and actions taken by State licensing boards, schools for health professionals, health care professional training associations, hospital associations, or other organizations, as appropriate, to address such barriers;
- (3) the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on the mental health of health care professionals and lessons learned for future public health emergencies;
- (4) factors that promote mental health and resiliency among health care professionals, including programs or strategies to strengthen mental health and resiliency among health care professionals; and
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- (c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The review under subsection (a), as appropriate, shall identify best practices related to, and make recommendations to address—
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Mr. SCHATZ. I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

REINFORCING NICARAGUA'S AD-HERENCE TO CONDITIONS FOR ELECTORAL REFORM ACT OF 2021

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 86, S. 1041.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (S. 1041) to advance the strategic alignment of United States diplomatic tools toward the realization of free, fair, and transparent elections in Nicaragua and to reaffirm the commitment of the United States to protect the fundamental freedoms and human rights of the people of Nicaragua, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following: SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

- (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as ne "Reinforcing Nicaragua's Adherence to Conditions for Electoral Reform Act of 2021" or the "RENACER Act"
- (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:
- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Sense of Congress. Sec. 3. Review of participation of Nicaragua in Republic-Central Dominican America-United States Free Trade Agreement.

Sec. 4. Restrictions on international financial institutions relating to Nicaragua.

Sec. 5. Targeted sanctions to advance democratic elections.

Sec. 6. Developing and implementing a coordinated sanctions strategy with diplomatic partners.

Sec. 7. Inclusion of Nicaragua in list of countries subject to certain sanctions relating to corruption.

Sec. 8. Classified report on the involvement of Ortega family members and Nicaraquan government officials in corruption.

Sec. 9. Classified report on the activities of the Russian Federation in Nicaragua.

Sec. 10. Imposition of sanctions under section 231 of Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act with respect to Government of Nicaragua.

- Sec. 11. Report on human rights abuses in Nicaragua.
- Sec. 12. Supporting independent news media and freedom of information in Nicaragua.
- Sec. 13. Amendment to short title of Public Law 115-335.

Sec. 14. Definition.

SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS. It is the sense of Congress that-

(1) ongoing efforts by the government of President Daniel Ortega in Nicaragua to suppress the voice and actions of political opponents through intimidation and unlawful detainment, civil society, and independent news media violate the fundamental freedoms and basic human rights of the people of Nicaragua;

(2) Congress unequivocally condemns the politically motivated and unlawful detention of presidential candidates Cristiana Chamorro, Arturo Cruz, Felix Maradiaga, and Juan Sebastian Chamorro;

(3) Congress unequivocally condemns the passage of the Foreign Agents Regulation Law, the Special Cybercrimes Law, the Self-Determination Law, and the Consumer Protection Law by the National Assembly of Nicaragua, which represent clear attempts by the Ortega government to curtail the fundamental freedoms and basic human rights of the people of Nicaragua;

(4) Congress recognizes that free, fair, and transparent elections predicated on robust reform measures and the presence of domestic and international observers represent the best opportunity for the people of Nicaragua to restore democracy and reach a peaceful solution to the political and social crisis in Nicaragua;

(5) the United States recognizes the right of the people of Nicaragua to freely determine their own political future as vital to ensuring the sustainable restoration of democracy in their coun-

(6) the United States should align the use of diplomatic engagement and all other foreign policy tools, including the use of targeted sanctions, in support of efforts by democratic political actors and civil society in Nicaragua to advance the necessary conditions for free, fair, and transparent elections in Nicaragua;

(7) the United States, in order to maximize the effectiveness of efforts described in paragraph (6), should-

(A) coordinate with diplomatic partners, including the Government of Canada, the European Union, and partners in Latin America and the Caribbean:

(B) advance diplomatic initiatives in consultation with the Organization of American States and the United Nations; and

(C) thoroughly investigate the assets and holdings of the Nicaraguan Armed Forces in the United States and consider appropriate actions to hold such forces accountable for gross violations of human rights; and

(8) pursuant to section 6(b) of the Nicaragua Investment Conditionality Act of 2018, the President should waive the application of restrictions under section 4 of that Act and the sanctions under section 5 of that Act if the Secretary of State certifies that the Government of Nicaragua is taking the steps identified in section 6(a) of that Act, including taking steps to "to hold free and fair elections overseen by credible domestic and international observers".

SEC. 3. REVIEW OF PARTICIPATION OF NICA-RAGUA IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-CENTRAL AMERICA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) On November 27, 2018, the President signed Executive Order 13851 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note; relating to blocking property of certain persons contributing to the situation in Nicaragua), which stated that "the situation in Nicaragua, including the violent response by the Government of Nicaragua to the protests that began on April 18, 2018, and the Ortega regime's systematic dismantling and undermining of democratic institutions and the rule of law, its use of indiscriminate violence and repressive tactics against civilians, as well as its corruption leading to the destabilization of Nicaragua's economy, constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States"

(2) Article 21.2 of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement approved by Congress under section 101(a)(1) of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 4011(a)(1)) states, "Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed .

. . to preclude a Party from applying measures that it considers necessary for the fulfillment of its obligations with respect to the maintenance or restoration of international peace or security, or the protection of its own essential security interests.

(b) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Congress that the President should review the continued participation of Nicaragua in the Do-Republic-Central minicanAmerica-United States Free Trade Agreement if the Government of Nicaragua continues to tighten its authoritarian rule in an attempt to subvert democratic elections in November 2021 and undermine democracy and human rights in Nicaraaua.

SEC. 4. RESTRICTIONS ON INTERNATIONAL FI-NANCIAL INSTITUTIONS RELATING TO NICARAGUA.

Section 4 of the Nicaragua Investment Conditionality Act of 2018 is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (a), (b), and (c) as subsections (b), (c), and (d), respectively; (2) by inserting before subsection (b), as redesignated by paragraph (1), the following:

"(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Treasury should take all possible steps, including through the full implementation of the exceptions set forth in subsection (c), to ensure that the restrictions required under subsection (b) do not negatively impact the basic human needs of the people of Nicaragua.'

(3) in subsection (c), as so redesignated, by striking "subsection (a)" and inserting "subsection (b)"; and

(4) by striking subsection (d), as so redesignated, and inserting the following:

"(d) INCREASED OVERSIGHT.

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The United States Executive Director at each international financial institution of the World Bank Group, the United States Executive Director at the Inter-American Development Bank, and the United States Executive Director at each other international financial institution, including the International Monetary Fund, shall take all practicable steps

(A) to increase scrutiny of any loan or financial or technical assistance provided for a project in Nicaragua; and

"(B) to ensure that the loan or assistance is administered through an entity with full technical, administrative, and financial independence from the Government of Nicaragua.

"(2) MECHANISMS FOR INCREASED SCRUTINY.— The United States Executive Director at each international financial institution described in paragraph (1) shall use the voice, vote, and influence of the United States to encourage that institution to increase oversight mechanisms for new and existing loans or financial or technical assistance provided for a project in Nicaragua.

"(e) INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION.—Before implementing the restrictions described in subsection (b), or before exercising an exception under subsection (c), the Secretary of the Treasury shall consult with the Secretary of State and with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to ensure that all loans and financial or technical assistance to Nicaragua are consistent with United States foreign policy objectives as defined in sec-