

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

(Mr. WARNOCK assumed the Chair.)

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KAINE). Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations en bloc: No. 763, No. 1136, No. 1153, No. 1169; further, that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from further consideration of PN 2225 Terrence Edwards to be Inspector General of the National Reconnaissance Office; that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc without intervening action or debate; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the committee was discharged and the Senate proceeded to consider the nominations en bloc.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations of Rebecca E. Jones Gaston, of Oregon, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Douglas J. McKalip, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador; Milancy Danielle Harris, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense; and Jose Emilio Esteban, of California, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety; and Terrence Edwards, of Maryland, to be Inspector General of the National Reconnaissance Office, en bloc?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

JUSTICE FOR THE LIVING VICTIMS OF LOCKERBIE ACT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 5357, which is at the desk.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 5357) to provide compensation for United States victims of Libyan state-sponsored terrorism, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (S. 5357) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:
S. 5357

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 "Justice for the Living Victims of Lockerbie Act".

SEC. 2. DEFINED TERM.

In this Act, the term "compensable living victim of Libyan state-sponsored terrorism" means an individual who—

(1) is a United States person;

(2) was 45 years of age or older on December 3, 1991;

(3) was employed by Pan American World Airways, Inc., on December 3, 1991;

(4) was a named claimant in Abbott et al. v. Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (case number 1:94-cv-02444-SS) in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia; and

(5) was alive on August 14, 2008.

SEC. 3. LIVING VICTIMS OF LOCKERBIE CLAIMS TRUST FUND.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall establish, in the Treasury of the United States, a trust fund, to be known as the "Living Victims of Lockerbie Claims Trust Fund" (in this section referred to as the "Fund") for the payment of claims submitted by compensable living victims of Libyan state-sponsored terrorism under section 4.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Once the Fund is established pursuant to subsection (a), there shall be appropriated to the Fund, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2023, which shall be made available to provide compensation to compensable living victims of Libyan state-sponsored terrorism.

SEC. 4. COMPENSATION FOR LIVING VICTIMS OF LIBYAN STATE-SPONSORED TERRORISM.

(a) CERTIFICATION BY THE FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION.—The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission shall—

(1) not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, publish in the Federal Register a notice of a process for filing claims on behalf of compensable living victims of Libyan state-sponsored terrorism, which shall include a deadline for the filing of claims of not later than the date that is 60 days after the date of publication of the notice;

(2) not later than 60 days after the end of the period for filing claims described in paragraph (1)—

(A) determine if each individual who submitted a claim under that paragraph is a compensable living victim of Libyan state-sponsored terrorism; and

(B) approve the claim of each individual the Commission determines under subparagraph (A) to be a compensable living victim of Libyan state-sponsored terrorism; and

(3) upon approving a claim under paragraph (2)(B), certify approval of the claim to the Secretary of the Treasury for purposes of authorization of payment under subsection (b).

(b) PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED.—Upon receiving a certification from the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission under subsection (a)(3), the Secretary of the Treasury shall make payments from the Fund to compensable living victims of Libyan state-sponsored terrorism in accordance with subsection (c).

(c) COMPENSATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Upon a certification by the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission under subsection (a)(3) of the claim of a compensable living victim of Libyan state-sponsored terrorism, the claimant (or, in the case of a deceased claimant, the personal representative of the claimant's estate) shall be entitled to an award in an amount equal to—

(A) \$20,000,000, divided by

(B) the total number of claims certified under subsection (a)(3).

(2) REPRESENTATIVE.—If a putative claimant that otherwise qualifies for compensation under this section is deceased, a personal representative may bring a claim on behalf of the estate of the claimant.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE WORKERS OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 785.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following:

A resolution (S. Res. 785) designating October 30, 2022, as a national day of remembrance for the workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 785) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of September 20, 2022, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

APPOINTMENT

The President Officer. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 110-315, announces the re-appointment of the following individual to be a member of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity: Michael Poliakoff of Virginia.

SAMI'S LAW

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 1082, which was received from the House and is at the desk.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1082) to prohibit the unauthorized sale of ride-hailing signage and study the incidence of fatal and non-fatal assaults in TNC and for-hire vehicles in order to enhance safety and save lives.

There being no objection the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the Wicker amendment at the desk be considered and agreed to; the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed; the amendment to the title be considered and agreed to; 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. 6624) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Sami’s Law”.

SEC. 2. GAO STUDY ON INCIDENCE OF FATAL AND NON-FATAL PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL ASSAULT OF PASSENGERS, TNC DRIVERS, AND DRIVERS OF OTHER FOR-HIRE VEHICLES.

(a) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years thereafter, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report that includes the results of a study regarding—

(1) the incidence of fatal and non-fatal physical assault and sexual assault perpetrated in the preceding 2 calendar years (starting with calendar years 2019 and 2020 for the first study)—

(A) against TNC drivers and drivers of other for-hire vehicles (including taxicabs) by passengers and riders of for-hire vehicles; and

(B) against passengers and riders by other passengers and TNC drivers or drivers of other for-hire vehicles (including taxicabs), including the incidences that are committed by individuals who are not TNC drivers or drivers of other for-hire vehicles but who pose as TNC drivers or drivers of other for-hire vehicles;

(2) the nature and specifics of any background checks conducted on prospective TNC drivers and drivers of other for-hire vehicles (including taxicabs), including any State and local laws requiring those background checks; and

(3) the safety steps taken by transportation network companies and other for-hire vehicle services (including taxicab companies) related to rider and driver safety.

(b) SEXUAL ASSAULT DEFINED.—In this section, the term “sexual assault” means the occurrence of an act that constitutes any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, Tribal, or State law, including when the victim lacks capacity to consent.

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. 1082), as amended, was passed.

The amendment (No. 6625) was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the title)

Amend the title so as to read: “An Act to study the incidence of fatal and non-fatal as-

saults in TNC and for-hire vehicles in order to enhance safety and save lives.”.

Mr. SCHUMER. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

SAVE OUR SEAS 2.0 AMENDMENTS ACT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 663, S. 4321.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4321) to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Foundation, to amend the Marine Debris Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 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 amendment, as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be inserted are shown in *italics*.)

S. 4321

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 “Save Our Seas 2.0 Amendments Act”.

SEC. 2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE MARINE DEBRIS FOUNDATION.

(a) STATUS OF FOUNDATION.—Section 111(a) of the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act (33 U.S.C. 4211(a)) is amended, in the second sentence, by striking “organization” and inserting “corporation”.

(b) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—

(1) APPOINTMENTS AND REMOVAL.—Section 112(b) of such Act (33 U.S.C. 4212(b)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “and such other criteria as the Under Secretary may establish” after “subsection (a)”;

(B) in paragraph (5), by inserting “the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development,” after “Service,”;

(C) by redesignating subparagraphs (2) through (5) as subparagraphs (3) through (6), respectively; and

(D) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARD REGARDING APPOINTMENTS.—For appointments made under paragraph (1) other than the initial appointments, the Board shall submit to the Under Secretary recommendations on candidates for appointment.”.

(2) GENERAL POWERS.—Section 112(g) of such Act (33 U.S.C. 4212(g)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “officers and employees” and inserting “the initial officers and employees of the Board”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(B)(i), by striking “chief operating officer” and inserting “chief executive officer”.

(3) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.—Section 112 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 4212) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(h) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.—

“(1) APPOINTMENT; REMOVAL; REVIEW.—The Board shall appoint and may remove and review the performance of the chief executive officer of the Board.

“(2) POWERS.—The chief executive officer of the Board may appoint, remove, and review the performance of any officer or employee of the Foundation.”.

(c) POWERS OF FOUNDATION.—Section 113(c)(1) of such Act (33 U.S.C. 4213(c)(1)) is amended, in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(1) by inserting “nonprofit” before “corporation”; and

(2) by striking “acting as a trustee” and inserting “formed”.

(d) PRINCIPAL OFFICE.—Section 113 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 4213) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(g) PRINCIPAL OFFICE.—The Board may locate the principal office of the Foundation outside the District of Columbia and is encouraged to locate that office in a coastal State.”.

(e) USE OF FUNDS.—Section 118 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 4218) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and State and local government agencies” and inserting “, State and local government agencies, United States and international nongovernmental organizations, regional organizations, and foreign government entities”; and

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in the paragraph heading, by striking “PROHIBITION” and inserting “LIMITATION”; and

(ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

“(B) SALARIES.—The Foundation may use Federal funds described in subparagraph (A) to pay for salaries only during the 24-month period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act. The Secretary shall not require reimbursement from the Foundation for any such Federal funds used to pay for such salaries.”; and

(2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “and State and local government agencies” and inserting “, State and local government agencies, United States and international nongovernmental organizations, regional organizations, and foreign government entities”.

SEC. 3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE MARINE DEBRIS PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION.

(a) GRANTS, COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS, AND OTHER AGREEMENTS.—Section 3(d) of the Marine Debris Act (33 U.S.C. 1952(d)) is amended—

(1) in the subsection heading, by striking “AND CONTRACTS” and inserting “CONTRACTS, AND OTHER AGREEMENTS”;

(2) in paragraph (1), by striking “and contracts” and inserting “, contracts, and other agreements”;

(3) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by striking “part of the” and inserting “part of a”; and

(ii) by inserting “or (C)” after “subparagraph (A)”;

(B) in subparagraph (C), in the matter preceding clause (i), by inserting “and except as provided in subparagraph (B)” after “subparagraph (A)”;

(4) by adding at the end the following: