

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Prairie View A&M University, North Carolina Central University, Florida Memorial University, Norfolk State University, and Spelman College;

Whereas, on January 31, 2022, at least 8 HBCUs received bomb threats, including Southern University and A&M College, Howard University, Bethune-Cookman University, Albany State University, Bowie State University, Alabama A&M University, Charles R. Drew University, and Delaware State University;

Whereas, on February 1, 2022, the first day of Black History Month, at least 18 HBCUs received bomb threats, including Shorter College, Philander Smith College, Arkansas Baptist College, the University of the District of Columbia, Howard University, Edward Waters University, Spelman College, Fort Valley State University, Kentucky State University, Xavier University, Coppin State University, Morgan State University, Jackson State University, Alcorn State University, Mississippi Valley State University, Rust College, Tougaloo College, and Harris-Stowe State University;

Whereas, on February 8, 2022, Spelman College received a bomb threat;

Whereas, on February 14, 2022, Howard University and Fisk University received bomb threats;

Whereas, on February 16, 2022, Fayetteville State University, Claflin University, and Winston-Salem University received bomb threats;

Whereas, on February 23, 2022, Hampton University received a bomb threat;

Whereas, on February 25, 2022, at least 3 HBCUs received bomb threats, including Norfolk State University, Elizabeth City State University, and Dillard University;

Whereas HBCUs provide an environment of belonging, safety, and security for students, faculty, and administrators; and

Whereas these threats against HBCUs disrupt campus environments, obstruct educational opportunities, and instill fear: Now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns violence and the threat of violence against historically Black colleges and universities (referred to in this resolution as “HBCUs”), including the bomb threats made against several HBCUs on January 4, January 31, February 1, February 8, February 14, February 16, February 23, and February 25, 2022;

(2) honors the legacy of HBCUs; and

(3) reaffirms the commitment of the Federal Government to combat violence against the students, faculty, and staff of HBCUs.

SENATE RESOLUTION 535—COMMEMORATING THE 105TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRANTING OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP TO THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. PADILLA) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 535

Whereas, since 1898, after the Spanish-American War and following the ratification of the Treaty of Paris, Puerto Rico has been a territory of the United States;

Whereas Puerto Rico is located approximately 1,000 miles southeast of Florida;

Whereas, on this day, March 2, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson recognized and welcomed the people of Puerto Rico into the United States as citizens by signing into law the Jones-Shafroth Act;

Whereas the Jones-Shafroth Act separated the Government of Puerto Rico into executive, judicial, and legislative branches and endowed Puerto Ricans with a bill of rights;

Whereas, since that time, Puerto Ricans have worked diligently to make countless contributions to the national identity of the United States by sharing their rich culture and heritage;

Whereas, since that time, Puerto Ricans have proudly served in the nation's Armed Forces, protecting Americans domestically and abroad;

Whereas the people of Puerto Rico continue to occupy a place of distinction in the civic fabric and discourse of the United States; and

Whereas the United States joins Puerto Ricans in celebration of the rights and responsibilities inherent in United States citizenship: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the 105th anniversary of the granting of United States citizenship to the people of Puerto Rico;

(2) encourages the people of the United States to observe and celebrate that anniversary; and

(3) honors the contributions made by, and celebrates, the people of Puerto Rico.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4970. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. HASSAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4971. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3076, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4972. Ms. ERNST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3076, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4973. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. CARPER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3076, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4974. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3076, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4975. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3076, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4976. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3076, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4970. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. HASSAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. SINGLE, UNIQUE ZIP CODE FOR SWANZEY, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Postal Service shall designate a single, unique ZIP code ap-

plicable to the area encompassing only Swanze, New Hampshire, in its entirety.

SA 4971. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. ELIMINATION OF CAPS ON NONCAREER EMPLOYEES OF THE POSTAL SERVICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date of enactment of this Act, any provision of an agreement (including a collective bargaining agreement) that is in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act and that limits the number of noncareer employees of the Postal Service shall have no force or effect.

(b) PROSPECTIVE LIMITATION.—The Postal Service may not enter into an agreement (including a collective bargaining agreement) on or after the date of enactment of this Act that limits the number of noncareer employees of the Postal Service.

SA 4972. Ms. ERNST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR UKRAINE.

(a) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Defense may immediately transfer to Ukraine weapons, equipment, additional defense support capabilities, and relevant defense articles that have been authorized, procured, and contracted by, and are available to, the Department of Defense, as necessary to defend the territorial integrity of Ukraine against aggression and other malign influence by the Russian Federation.

(b) INCLUSIONS.—The capabilities referred to in subsection (a) include the following:

(1) Defensive lethal aid.

(2) Intelligence, operational, logistical, planning, communications, and other sustainment capabilities.

SA 4973. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. CARPER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

SEC. 210. NEW VEHICLE ACQUISITIONS.

(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “zero-emission vehicle” means a vehicle described in section 88.1(b)(3) of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation).

(b) VEHICLE ACQUISITIONS.—The Postal Service may not acquire any vehicle that is not a zero-emission vehicle.

SA 4974. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, and

for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

TITLE IV—EASE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT

SEC. 401. FINDINGS.

Congress finds as follows:

(1) Nearly 18 percent of adults in the United States reported a mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder in 2015.

(2) Children are also significantly impacted. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 6 children ages 2 years through 8 years have a diagnosed mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder, indicating that disorders begin in early childhood and affect lifelong health.

(3) Moreover, 1 in 7 children and adolescents have at least one treatable mental health disorder.

(4) There is a critical link between mental health and substance use disorders. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 1 in 4 adults with severe mental illness had a substance use disorder in 2017.

(5) Moreover, children who have had a major depressive episode are more than twice as likely to use illicit drugs.

(6) In 2017, approximately 19.7 million people aged 12 years or older had a substance use disorder related to their use of alcohol or illicit drugs in the past year.

(7) Despite this overwhelming need, access to behavioral health services remains among the most pressing health care challenges in our country.

(8) An estimated 56 percent of Americans with a mental health disorder did not receive treatment in 2017.

(9) Similarly, half of children and adolescents did not receive treatment for their mental health disorder in 2016.

(10) Further complicating access to care, as demand for behavioral health services increases in communities across the United States, the number of psychiatrists available to treat them continues to decline.

(11) The population of practicing psychiatrists declined by more than 10 percent between the period of 2003 through 2013, while the population of primary care physicians and neurologists grew during the same period.

(12) Technology has evolved to connect individuals to health care services in new ways, including via telehealth.

(13) Moreover, studies show that video visits are an effective strategy to provide mental health treatment to children and, in fact, may be preferable in some cases.

(14) During the 115th Congress, Congress recognized the potential of telehealth to ensure that those in urgent need of substance use disorder treatment receive the care they require.

(15) As passed and signed into law, sections 2001 and 1009 of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (Public Law 115-271) expands the use of telehealth services for the treatment of opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders.

(16) It is widely recognized that there is a close relationship between mental health and substance use disorders.

SEC. 402. MEDICARE TREATMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FURNISHED THROUGH TELEHEALTH.

Section 1834(m) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4)(C)—

(A) in clause (i), by striking “and (7)” and inserting “(7), and (9)”; and

(B) in clause (ii)(X)—

(i) by striking “or telehealth services” and inserting “, telehealth services”; and

(ii) by inserting “or telehealth services described in paragraph (9)” before the period at the end; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(9) TREATMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FURNISHED THROUGH TELEHEALTH.—The geographic requirements described in paragraph (4)(C)(i) shall not apply with respect to telehealth services that are behavioral health services furnished on or after the date of the enactment of this paragraph, to eligible telehealth individuals, including initial patient evaluations, follow-up medical management, and other behavioral health services, as determined by the Secretary, at an originating site described in paragraph (4)(C)(ii) (other than an originating site described in subclause (IX) of such paragraph).”.

SEC. 403. MEDICAID MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT THROUGH TELEHEALTH.

Section 1009 of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (Public Law 115-271) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the header, by striking “TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS” and inserting “TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS”; and

(B) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary” and inserting “The Secretary”;

(C) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking “treatment for substance use disorders” and inserting “treatment for substance use disorders and mental health disorders and behavioral health disorders”; and

(ii) by inserting “psychotherapy,” after “counseling.”;

(D) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or mental health disorders and behavioral health disorders” after “substance use disorders”;

(E) in paragraph (3), by inserting “and mental health disorders and behavioral health disorders” after “substance use disorders”; and

(F) by adding at the end, below and after paragraph (3), the following flush left text:

“The Secretary shall issue the guidance under this subsection not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, with respect to the matters described in the previous provisions of this subsection relating to substance use disorders, and not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, with respect to the matters described in such previous provisions relating to mental health disorders and behavioral health disorders.”;

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in the header, by striking “TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS” and inserting “TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS”; and

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “treatment for substance use disorders” and inserting “treatment for substance use disorders and mental health disorders and behavioral health disorders” each place it appears; and

(C) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by inserting “with respect to substance use disorders,” after “paragraph (1).”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following new sentence: “Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report containing the results of the evaluation conducted under paragraph (1), with respect to mental health disorders and behavioral health disorders, together with recommendations for such legislation and ad-

ministrative action as the Comptroller General determines appropriate.”; and

(3) in subsection (d)(1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “and mental health disorders and behavioral health disorders” after “substance use disorders”;

(B) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, and mental health disorders and behavioral health disorders” after “opioid use disorder”; and

(C) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “and mental health disorders and behavioral health disorders” after “substance use disorders”.

SEC. 404. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by this title shall take effect as is included in the enactment of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act.

SA 4975. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . ACCESS TO CAPITAL FOR RURAL-AREA SMALL BUSINESSES.

Section 4(j) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78d(j)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4)(C), by inserting “rural-area small businesses,” after “women-owned small businesses.”; and

(2) in paragraph (6)(B)(iii), by inserting “rural-area small businesses,” after “women-owned small businesses.”.

SA 4976. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3076, to provide stability to and enhance the services of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . INCLUSION OF BRAILLE GUIDES WITH COVID-19 TESTS.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall provide with each at-home test for SARS-CoV-2 sent to individuals by mail a braille guide describing how to use and interpret such test.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I have 6 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 BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the