

Act, which Senator BLACKBURN and I introduced today. Representatives LINDA SÁNCHEZ and RON ESTES have introduced companion legislation in the House of Representatives.

The U.S. Tax Code allows film, television, and theater productions to fully deduct production expenses in the year they are incurred.

However, recording artists are not given the same treatment and instead must amortize their production expenses over a number of years.

Moreover, many live performance stages and venues across the country closed for months as a result of the pandemic. Independent musicians and music makers, including both technicians and creators, suffered more than most other professions during this period, and many continue to recover.

Our bill would provide a measure of relief to music creators by allowing independent musicians, technicians, and music producers to deduct the costs of producing new musical and other sound recordings in the year they are incurred, thereby putting them on a level playing field with film, television, and theater productions.

Specifically, the bill would allow qualified sound recording producers to deduct 100% of recording production expenses—up to \$150,000—in the year they are incurred, rather than in later years.

Because this change would simply accelerate a tax deduction that already exists, the bill's cost would be modest.

In addition, because the deduction would be capped at \$150,000 per production, our legislation would benefit smaller, independent musicians and music producers rather than large companies.

Music has inspired, comforted, and entertained each of us. Our bill would help create parity between musical creators and other creative producers and stimulate a sector of the economy that is a fundamental part of each of our lives.

I hope my colleagues will join me in support of this bill.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1628. A bill to prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in agriculture research; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1628

*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 “America Grows Act of 2023”.

#### SEC. 2. FUNDING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not other-

wise appropriated, to each funding recipient described in subsection (b) for the programs, projects, and activities of such funding recipient, the following amounts:

(1) For fiscal year 2024, the amount equal to 105 percent of the amount of new budget authority made available in appropriation Acts for that funding recipient for fiscal year 2023, increased by the percentage increase (if any), during fiscal year 2023, in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(2) For each of fiscal years 2025 through 2033, the amount equal to 105 percent of the amount appropriated to that funding recipient under this subsection for the previous fiscal year, increased by the percentage increase (if any), during such previous fiscal year, in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(3) For fiscal year 2034, and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount appropriated under this paragraph for the previous fiscal year, increased by the percentage increase (if any), during such previous fiscal year, in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(b) FUNDING RECIPIENTS DESCRIBED.—The funding recipients described in this subsection are—

- (1) the Agricultural Research Service;
- (2) the Economic Research Service;
- (3) the National Agricultural Statistics Service; and
- (4) the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

(c) AVAILABILITY.—Each amount appropriated under subsection (a) shall remain available for obligation through the last day of the fiscal year for which such amount is appropriated.

#### SEC. 3. EXEMPTION FROM SEQUESTRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 255(g)(1)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 905(g)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting after “Advances to the Unemployment Trust Fund and Other Funds (16–0327–0–1–600).” the following:

“Appropriations made available under section 2(a) of the America Grows Act of 2023.”.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to any sequestration order issued under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.) on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

#### SEC. 4. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

(a) STATUTORY PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary effects of this Act shall not be entered on either PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of the Statutory Pay As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933(d)).

(b) SENATE PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary effects of this Act shall not be entered on any PAYGO scorecard maintained for purposes of section 4106 of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress).

### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 214—TO AUTHORIZE TESTIMONY AND REPRESENTATION IN UNITED STATES V. NEELY

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

S. RES. 214

Whereas, in the case of *United States v. Neely*, Cr. No. 21-642, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Co-

lumbia, both the prosecution and defense are seeking the production of testimony from Michael J. Mastrian, Director of the Senate Radio and Television Gallery, a department of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§ 288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent current and former officers and employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for evidence relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate; and

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That Michael J. Mastrian, Director of the Senate Radio and Television Gallery, is authorized to provide relevant testimony in the case of *United States v. Neely*, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Mr. Mastrian, and any current or former officer or employee of his office, in connection with the production of evidence authorized in section one of this resolution.

### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. MERKLEY. Madam President, I have 11 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 Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 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 Senate on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 10:15 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, May 16, 2023, at 10:15 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 Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

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The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 2 p.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 Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 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, May 16, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE,  
CUSTOMS, AND GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

The Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness of the Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE

The Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

## PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. TUBERVILLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Preston McGee, an intern in my office, be granted floor privileges until May 17, 2023.

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

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Madam President, I ask, as a preliminary matter, unanimous consent that Martin Gurch and Michael Harris, fellows in my office, be given floor privileges for the remainder of 2023.

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

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF  
THE SENATE

MAY 16, 2023.

Hon. KAMALA HARRIS,  
President of the United States Senate,  
Washington, DC.

MADAM: I have the honor to submit a full and complete statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate, showing in detail the items of expense under proper appropriations, the aggregate thereof, and exhibiting

the exact condition of all public moneys received, paid out, and remaining in my possession from October 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, in compliance with Section 105 of Public Law 88-454, approved August 20, 1964, as amended.

Sincerely,

SONCERIA A. BERRY,  
Secretary of the Senate.

## CHANGING AGE-DETERMINED ELIGIBILITY TO STUDENT INCENTIVE PAYMENTS ACT

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 60, S. 467.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (S. 467) to modify the age requirement for the Student Incentive Payment Program of the State maritime academies.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment, as follows:

(The part of the bill intended to be inserted is printed in *italic*.)

S. 467

*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 “Changing Age-Determined Eligibility To Student Incentive Payments Act” or the “CADETS Act”.

## SEC. 2. AGE REQUIREMENT FOR THE STUDENT INCENTIVE PAYMENT PROGRAM OF THE STATE MARITIME ACADEMIES.

Section 51509 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(i) AGE REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary may make an agreement under this section only with a qualified student who will meet the age requirement for enlistment or commission in the Navy Reserve at the time of graduation from the academy.”.

Mr. BENNET. I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported amendment be considered and agreed to; 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 committee-reported amendment was agreed to.

The bill (S. 467), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

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## AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY AND REPRESENTATION IN UNITED STATES V. NEELY

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 214, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 214) to authorize testimony and representation in United States v. Neely.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, another criminal trial arising out of the events of January 6, 2021, is scheduled to begin on May 22, 2023, in Federal district court in the District of Columbia. The defendant in this case is charged with multiple counts, including unlawfully entering and remaining in a restricted area within the U.S. Capitol grounds.

The prosecution and defense are seeking trial testimony from Michael J. Mastrian, director of the Senate Radio and Television Gallery, which operates under the authority of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, relating to the Gallery's regulation of access to the Capitol by bona fide members of the electronic news media.

Senate Sergeant at Arms Gibson would like to cooperate by providing relevant testimony in this proceeding from Mr. Mastrian.

In keeping with the rules and practices of the Senate, this resolution would authorize the production of relevant testimony from Mr. Mastrian, with representation by the Senate legal counsel.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There being no objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 214) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 17,  
2023

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the