

aviation programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

(c) **USE OF LEAVE.**—During a covered lapse in Airport and Airway Trust Fund expenditure authority, each excepted employee who is required to perform work shall be entitled to use leave under any existing authority governing the use of leave by the excepted employee, for which compensation shall be paid at the earliest date possible after the covered lapse, regardless of scheduled pay dates, and subject to the availability of funds.

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 5692

Mr. SCHUMER. I understand that there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5692) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

Mr. SCHUMER. I now ask for a second reading and, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection having been heard, the bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

#### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH STILLBIRTH PREVENTION ACT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be discharged and the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 2231.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2231) to amend title V of the Social Security Act to support stillbirth prevention and research, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I further 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, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The bill (S. 2231) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2231

*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 “Maternal and Child Health Stillbirth Prevention Act”.

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—

(A) in the United States, 1 in 175 births are affected by stillbirth each year amounting to approximately 21,000 stillbirths annually;

(B) of the 20,854 reported stillbirths in 2020, over 5,000 were experienced by Black mothers;

(C) the number of stillbirths each year is greater than the number of babies that die during the first year of life;

(D) annual stillbirths are more than ten times the number of annual deaths due to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS);

(E) stillbirth occurs across all demographics and in otherwise healthy pregnancies. It is most common, however, among women who—

(i) are Black or African American, at two times more likely than White women to have a stillbirth;

(ii) are of lower socioeconomic status;

(iii) are diagnosed with high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, or other medical conditions;

(iv) are 35 years of age or older;

(v) smoke cigarettes while pregnant;

(vi) have previously experienced pregnancy loss; or

(vii) have multiple pregnancies, for example triplets; and

(F) while the rate of stillbirth has declined since the 1940s due to improvements in maternity care, in recent years, the decline has slowed or halted.

(2) According to a study by researcher Wall-Wieler et al., published in *Obstetrics and Gynecology*, “the risk of severe maternal morbidity among stillbirth deliveries was more than fourfold higher compared with live birth deliveries”.

(3) According to a study by researcher McClure et al., published in the *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics*, “stillbirth was significantly associated with maternal mortality”.

(4) According to a review article by Murphy and Cacciatore, published in *Seminars in Fetal & Neonatal Medicine*, stillbirth has psychological impacts on parents like grief, shame, and guilt and impacts to family functioning and well-being.

(5) Stillbirth, and the disparity in those impacted by stillbirth requires further research, support, and prevention programming.

#### SEC. 3. CLARIFICATION SUPPORTING PERMISSIBLE USE OF FUNDS FOR STILLBIRTH PREVENTION ACTIVITIES.

Section 501(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 701(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)(B), by inserting “to reduce the incidence of stillbirth,” after “among children,”; and

(2) in paragraph (2), by inserting after “follow-up services” the following: “, and for evidence-based programs and activities and outcome research to reduce the incidence of stillbirth (including tracking and awareness of fetal movements, improvement of birth timing for pregnancies with risk factors, initiatives that encourage safe sleeping positions during pregnancy, screening and surveillance for fetal growth restriction, efforts to achieve smoking cessation during pregnancy, community-based programs that provide home visits or other types of support, and any other research or evidence-based programming to prevent stillbirths)”.

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Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 310 and the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions: S. Res. 310; S. Res. 390; S. Res. 391; and S. Res. 392, the Maui wildfire first responders.

There being no objection, the committee for the relevant resolution was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 310) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of July 25, 2023, under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

The resolutions (S. Res. 390, S. Res. 391, and S. Res. 392) were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today’s RECORD (legislative day of September 22, 2023) under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEATH OF DUNCAN McLAUCHLIN “LAUCH” FAIRCLOTH

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 393, which is at the desk.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 393) to honor the life and death of Duncan McLauchlin (“Lauch”) Faircloth, former Senator for the State of North Carolina.

There being no objection, 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 with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 393) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD (legislative day of September 22, 2023) under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, finally, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned under the provisions of S. 393 until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the O'Brien nomination; further, that the cloture motions filed during today's session ripen at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

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

#### ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SCHUMER. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order following the remarks of Chairman MURRAY.

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

The President pro tempore.

#### CONTINUING RESOLUTION

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I have been down here all week, saying again and again that the only way that we are going to avoid a shutdown is with a CR that can get bipartisan support to quickly pass the House and Senate, and we have been working nonstop to pass that commonsense, bipartisan CR that I put together with my colleagues across the aisle.

But, tonight, we had a bill from the House that passed in a bipartisan way, with nearly every House Democrat voting in support, and I am now glad the Senate has been able to pass it, as well, and get it the President's desk for his signature. This bill does not contain the devastating cuts House Republicans were pushing just yesterday. It does not contain the ineffective, partisan border provisions they were demanding. So there were good reasons to vote for it.

First and foremost, it will prevent a senseless government shutdown, one that House Republicans have been pushing us toward for weeks. But this bill also meets the President's full request for disaster relief funds, and that is good and important to so many of

us. It will ensure that our brave Federal firefighters don't see a drastic pay cut, and it maintains current funding levels through November 17.

We know a CR is never a good long-term policy outcome, but it is certainly good to see that some House Republicans have, at least for this moment, given up the fruitless and cruel cuts they were demanding just yesterday. It is good to see some of those Members coming to their senses.

But we also have to be clear about where this bill falls seriously short, why we found ourselves in this moment, and how House Republicans' recklessness has caused so much unnecessary chaos, because let's be clear: There is a lot of work left to do now that we have passed this bill.

First, we have to absolutely do more to support our allies in Ukraine. Dictators across the world are watching. Will we stand with democracy? I say yes. The Senate absolutely will stand with our friends in Ukraine as they continue to defend themselves against Putin's brutal invasion, because continuing to support Ukraine is not just about addressing a humanitarian crisis; it is also about our own national security, what kind of world we want to live in. It is in America's national security interest to send a strong message to dictators like Putin that they cannot just invade a sovereign nation and steamroll democracy wherever and whenever they want.

And let's make sure we are crystal clear about this: There are strong bipartisan supermajorities in both Chambers that have shown they understood that. Just a few days ago, support for Ukraine got over 330 votes in the House—3 in 4 House Members. The United States does not abandon its allies, and the United States will not give Putin a free pass to continue his brutal war of aggression.

I need to make it clear: We are sticking with our allies in Ukraine, and we are not letting up. We are going to make sure we get this done, period. So I will work with all of my colleagues to make certain we stand with Ukraine and deliver the resources in a supplemental we know are so vital at this moment and do it in a timely manner.

I know my vice chair shares that commitment. We both look forward to continuing our efforts and working with many colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

We, of course, also need to take action to address the childcare crisis, especially as the funding cliff makes things even worse for parents, providers, and our economy.

To my Republican colleagues, I am positive you are hearing from your constituents on this. I am ready to work with anyone to make progress here. So please talk to me, and let's work together on that front.

Now, let me also say that there was no reason for it to come this close. House Republicans should have worked with us from the very start. Instead,

they spent weeks entertaining the most extreme ideas from their far right, spending the last week voting on really extreme appropriations bills that would not even, actually, have averted a shutdown—appropriations bills that would deny our servicemembers the ability to get the reproductive care they need in emergencies, severely restricting women's access to medication abortion in every State; bills that would decimate rural communities, eliminate essential resources for our diplomats abroad, and so much more.

And then, just yesterday, they proposed an across-the-board 30-percent cut to virtually all domestic spending. They wanted to gut funding, come Monday, for childcare, support for K-12 schools, law enforcement, heating assistance for families on tight budgets, air traffic controllers, lifesaving cancer research, and much more. Even that proposal, apparently, wasn't enough for the most extreme Members of the House Republican conference, and it went down in flames.

But let's not forget—and I know the American people won't—that the vast majority of House Republicans voted, just yesterday, to gut programs families count on—programs that keep all of us safe—by 30 percent. Needless to say, I am glad to see some of them have, at least for the moment, abandoned those cruel efforts to slash funding for families, with no rhyme or reason.

Now, as we look ahead, I urge my House Republican colleagues to spare us and the American people the unnecessary drama and chaos, and learn to work with your colleagues, not against them.

Look, the Speaker and the President shook hands on a deal. Congress passed it into law. We are going to stick with it. I voted for this bill today with a firm commitment that, here in the Senate, we will not waste any time in moving forward to support our Ukrainian allies and a continued determination to make bipartisan progress on the many issues we need to address.

And, of course, we still need to pass all 12 of our bipartisan appropriations bills so we aren't back here in a few weeks.

On that note, we need to get moving to the Military Construction-Veterans Affairs, T-HUD, and Ag appropriations minibus that a few of my colleagues—very few of them—have been blocking. I hope both leaders will facilitate the vice chair and I getting back to work on those bills in the next few days. And as we pass short-term CRs, we need to make progress and begin conferring our spending bills with the House to avoid another CR or an omnibus at the end of this year, which I know my colleagues are focused on avoiding.

If we are going to get any of that done, it has to be bipartisan. It is going to involve our being serious and focused on getting our job done to have real results for the American people.

If there is one lesson for House Republicans to take from the absolute