

(2) in subsection (c)(1)—

(A) by striking “The maximum” and inserting “(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), the maximum”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) The portion of the cost of a rental described in subparagraph (A) that is attributable to building security and safety measures shall not be included in determining the annual rate paid for the rental for purposes of subparagraph (A) if—

“(i) the costs are for building security and safety measures—

“(I) of a kind authorized by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, which shall include guard services, access control, and facility monitoring; and

“(II) approved by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; and

“(ii) such costs are itemized separately in a manner approved by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.”.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 340

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I understand 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. 340) to impose sanctions with respect to foreign support for terrorist organizations, including Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

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 is heard. The bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions, introduced earlier today: S. Res. 447, S. Res. 448, and S. Res. 449.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I know of no further debate on the resolutions en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question is on adoption of the resolutions en bloc.

The resolutions were agreed to en bloc.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the preambles be agreed to and that 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 preambles were agreed to en bloc.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

DEBBIE SMITH ACT OF 2023

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. 499 and

the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 499) to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the Cornyn amendment at the desk be considered and agreed to.

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

The amendment (No. 1361) was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: To improve the bill)

Strike section 2 and insert the following:

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION.

Section 2(j) of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C. 40701(j)) is amended by striking “through 2024” and inserting “through 2029”.

SEC. 3. AUDITS TO PROTECT INTEGRITY OF GRANT AWARDS.

Section 2(c)(4) of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C. 40701(c)(4)) is amended by striking “2022” and inserting “2029”.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask that the bill be considered 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. SCHUMER. I know of no further debate on the bill, as amended.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate on the bill, as amended?

The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

The bill (S. 499), as amended, was passed, as follows:

S. 499

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 “Debbie Smith Act of 2023”.

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION.

Section 2(j) of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C. 40701(j)) is amended by striking “through 2024” and inserting “through 2029”.

SEC. 3. AUDITS TO PROTECT INTEGRITY OF GRANT AWARDS.

Section 2(c)(4) of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C. 40701(c)(4)) is amended by striking “2022” and inserting “2029”.

Mr. SCHUMER. I, finally, ask that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

TRIBUTE TO SHERRI A. BERGER

Mr. WARNOCK. Mr. President, today I have the honor of celebrating the exceptional contributions of Ms. Sherri A. Berger as she departs the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Throughout her distinguished career, Ms. Berger has been a tireless cham-

pion of public health and a catalyst for positive change.

From her early days as an epidemiologist to her current role as senior counselor, Ms. Berger has been devoted to the mission of the CDC. This includes her leadership in establishing the Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics, which harnessed the power of data, expert modeling, and high-quality communication to meet the needs of public health decision-makers.

I celebrate Ms. Berger's dedication to public service, and I congratulate her on an extraordinary tenure at the CDC.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO BENSON “BUZZ” ROBERTS

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear constituent, Benson “Buzz” Roberts, in recognition of his imminent retirement as president and chief executive officer of the National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders—NAAHL—and his 45 years of dedicated service in the affordable housing and community development field.

Throughout his career, Buzz has been an influential voice on housing and community development policy and practices. He has been among the most important leaders in helping to advance key legislation to support the Low Income Housing Tax Credit, the New Markets Tax Credit, and more recently my Neighborhood Homes Tax Credit. As the lead Senate sponsor on legislation to expand New Markets Tax Credits and legislation to create Neighborhood Homes credits, I have personally been witness to Buzz's thoughtful leadership and relentless advocacy in support of these critical initiatives. Buzz has also been a key champion of many other key housing and community development initiatives over the years, including HOME Investment Partnerships grants, the Capital Magnet Fund, Treasury Department funding for Federal Housing Administration multifamily risk-sharing loans, and regulatory changes to the Community Reinvestment Act.

Buzz began his career as a community development organizer. He later served at a national association of nonprofit neighborhood development groups before serving for over 20 years as the senior vice president for policy and program development at the Local Initiatives Support Corporation—LISC—a leading nonprofit investor in affordable housing and community revitalization. Buzz then went on to serve as the first Director of the Office of Small Business, Community Development and Housing Policy at the U.S. Treasury Department.

In 2015, Buzz joined NAAHL as its president and CEO. NAAHL is a national association that brings together banks, Community Development Financial Institutions, and other capital providers. During his time at NAAHL, Buzz has helped further the mission of the organization, which is to expand economic opportunity through responsible private financing for affordable

housing and inclusive neighborhood revitalization. This includes ensuring that policies continue to be in place to support the critical work of NAAHL members and the millions of people in the Nation who need affordable and sustainable housing. Buzz also serves as a board member of several national and local nonprofit organizations and coalitions and has written extensively about affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization.

Buzz has spent his life advocating for affordable housing, community revitalization, and lifting families out of poverty. What a wonderful vocation for a truly special person. I know that NAAHL members, current and former colleagues, and industry friends will miss him. I ask that my fellow colleagues here in the U.S. Senate join me in thanking Buzz Roberts for his lifelong commitment to serving families and communities in need and congratulating him on his well-deserved retirement. I wish him all the best.●

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT WATSON

● Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, today I want to recognize a Kansan who will be celebrating his 100th birthday this month, a man who has served others throughout his entire lifetime: Robert Watson of Overland Park, KS.

Robert came of age during the Great Depression and went to work at a young age. His work ethic and dedication were evident early on, and at the age of 12, he earned the nickname "Rapid Robert." During World War II, Robert was deployed to Germany and served as a second lieutenant in the Army. As an officer in the Army, he attended the Nuremberg Trials, but his experiences in Europe didn't end there. Robert was conveniently just the right height and weight for the Italian Olympic bobsled team, and while visiting Switzerland after the war, he trained with the team.

When he was finally back in the U.S., Robert was recruited from the Army by Southwestern Bell to help write the first manual for the home telephone in New York City. After working for Southwestern Bell, he moved back to Kansas to start a printing press company. Like so many World War II veterans, Robert's service didn't end after his time in the military. His service to others only deepened during his time in Kansas, serving as a pastor at Community Covenant Church in Lenexa for 35 years and as a church organist for 60 years. Even amidst his busy life, Robert found time to compete in the Senior Olympics in Kansas, earning a gold and silver medal in tennis and another gold in golf. In between his achievements and accomplishments, of which there are plenty, Robert also takes time to travel to nursing homes in Kansas, playing his piano to brighten the day for many seniors. His selfless service to others continues still and has blessed many people.

Members of the Greatest Generation likely didn't realize the full magnitude of their sacrifices or the history they were witnessing firsthand. They simply went about life with a work ethic second to none. This describes Robert; he went where he was needed, made an impact in the lives of others, and set a remarkable example for many.

Mr. Watson, our country is grateful for you and your service to others. You have made our Nation, the State of Kansas, and your community proud. You are a dedicated father, grandfather and great-grandfather; and your family loves you dearly. Your grandson Tom, who shares your work ethic when serving Kansans daily through my office, is proud of you too. May your special day be filled with joy as you are surrounded by family and friends. Congratulations on this incredible milestone. Happy birthday.●

RECOGNIZING THE SOUP LADIES

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Idaho's Ginger "Mama" Passarelli and the Soup Ladies, a nonprofit organization she founded to serve first responders fresh meals following Hurricane Katrina. Since 2004, the Soup Ladies have served countless meals to those responding to tragedies across the country.

From hurricanes on the East Coast, wildfires across the West, and tornadoes in the South, Ginger and the Soup Ladies provide fresh meals to first responders, police and fire departments, search and rescue teams, and military personnel. Most recently, the Soup Ladies' pink trucks and trailers traveled to the southern border, where they cooked fresh meals for Border Patrol agents working the frontlines of our illegal immigration crisis. When the Soup Ladies are not responding to national emergencies, they support emergency personnel and law enforcement agents in their local communities. They recognize the important sacrifices first responders make to selflessly serve their communities and support them as they support us.

The Soup Ladies now consist of more than 80 volunteers across the country and serve countless meals each year. All Soup Ladies are certified in crisis management because they meet first responders where they are, on the frontlines. When the Soup Ladies answer a call, they aim to feed at least 100 people on site within an hour. Their favorite recipes include soup, stroganoff, and chicken pot pie for their nutritional value and convenience. In addition to recognition by communities across the country, the Soup Ladies' honorable work has received national attention from Mike Rowe on "Returning the Favor" and the Today Show.

Thank you, Mama Passarelli, for your commitment to supporting the emergency personnel, search and rescue teams, military personnel, and law enforcement officials who selflessly serve and protect our citizens. You are truly "warming the world, one bowl at a time."●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, an-

nounced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 340. An act to impose sanctions with respect to foreign support for terrorist organizations, including Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

H.R. 3266. An act to require the Secretary of State to submit annual reports reviewing the curriculum used by the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4364. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3266. An act to require the Secretary of State to submit annual reports reviewing the curriculum used by the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4364. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 340. An act to impose sanctions with respect to foreign support for terrorist organizations, including Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1564. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to establish, or otherwise ensure the provision of, a training program on artificial intelligence for Federal management officials and supervisors, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-109).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. WYDEN for the Committee on Finance.

*Demetrios L. Kouzoukas, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

*Demetrios L. Kouzoukas, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the