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### SECURING SEMICONDUCTOR SUPPLY CHAINS ACT OF 2023

The bill (S. 229) to require SelectUSA to coordinate with State-level economic development organizations to increase foreign direct investment in semiconductor-related manufacturing and production, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 265

*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 “Supporting and Improving Rural EMS Needs Reauthorization Act” or the “SIREN Reauthorization Act”.

#### SEC. 2. RURAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Section 330J of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c-15) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (referred to in this section as the ‘Secretary’)” and inserting “the Assistant Secretary,”;

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (C), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following:

“(E) ensure emergency medical services personnel are trained on mental health and substance use disorders and care for individuals with such disorders in emergency situations; and”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking “; or” and inserting a semicolon; and

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period and inserting “; or”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) acquire drugs or devices approved, cleared, or otherwise legally marketed under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for emergency treatment of known or suspected overdose.”;

(3) by striking subsection (f);

(4) by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection (f);

(5) in subsection (f)(1), as so redesignated, by striking “2019 through 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”;

(6) by redesignating such section 330J as section 553 of the Public Health Service Act; and

(7) by transferring such section 553, as so redesignated, to appear at the end of part D of title V of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290dd et seq.).

### SAVE OUR SEAS 2.0 AMENDMENTS ACT

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 318) 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, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

#### 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) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2 of the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act (33 U.S.C. 4201) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (7)(D), by striking “(as defined)” and all that follows through “5304)”;

(2) by redesignating paragraph (11) as paragraph (13); and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (10) the following:

“(11) TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.—The term ‘Tribal government’ means the recognized governing body of any Indian or Alaska Native Tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, community, component band, or component reservation, individually identified (including parenthetically) in the list published most recently as of the date of the enactment of the Save Our Seas 2.0 Amendments Act pursuant to section 104 of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 5131).

“(12) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘Tribal organization’ has the meaning given that term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).”

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

(c) PURPOSES.—Section 111(b)(3) of such Act (33 U.S.C. 4211(b)(3)) is amended by inserting “Indian Tribes,” after “Tribal governments,”.

(d) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—

(1) APPOINTMENT, VACANCIES, 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)—

(i) by striking “and considering” and inserting “considering”;

(ii) by inserting “and with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce,” after “by the Board,”; and

(iii) by inserting “and such other criteria as the Under Secretary may establish” after “subsection (a)”; and

(B) in paragraph (3)(A), by inserting “with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce” after “the Board”;

(C) in paragraph (5)—

(i) by inserting “the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development,” after “Service,”; and

(ii) by inserting “and with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce” after “EPA Administrator”;

(D) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (5) as paragraphs (3) through (6), respectively; and

(E) 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”; and

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

(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 Foundation.

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

(e) 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”.

(f) 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.”.

(g) BEST PRACTICES; RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Section 113 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 4213), as amended by subsection (f), is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(h) BEST PRACTICES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Foundation shall develop and implement best practices for conducting outreach to Indian Tribes and Tribal governments.

“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The best practices developed under paragraph (1) shall—

“(A) include a process to support technical assistance and capacity building to improve outcomes; and

“(B) promote an awareness of programs and grants available under this Act.

“(i) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act may be construed—

“(1) to satisfy any requirement for government-to-government consultation with Tribal governments; or

“(2) to affect or modify any treaty or other right of any Tribal government.”.

(h) 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, regional organizations, Indian Tribes, and Tribal organizations”; 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 the Save Our Seas 2.0 Amendments 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.

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)”; and

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

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(7) *IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.*—With respect to any project carried out pursuant to a contract or other agreement entered into under paragraph (1) that is not a cooperative agreement or an agreement to provide financial assistance in the form of a grant, the Administrator may contribute on an in-kind basis the portion of the costs of the project that the Administrator determines represents the amount of benefit the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration derives from the project.”.

The committee-reported amendment, in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 318), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions, S. Res. 499, S. Res. 500, S. Res. 501, S. Res. 502.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, these resolutions concern requests for evidence in two criminal actions pending in Federal district courts, one in the District of Columbia and the other in the Southern District of Texas. Trials in both matters are expected to commence on January 8, 2024.

In the first case, pending in Federal district court in the District of Columbia, the defendant is charged with multiple counts arising out of the events of January 6, 2021. In this case, brought against Anthony Antonio, the prosecution has requested testimony from Daniel Schwager, formerly counsel to the Secretary of the Senate, concerning his knowledge and observations of the process and constitutional and legal bases for Congress' counting of the Electoral College votes. Senate Secretary Berry would like to cooperate with this request by providing relevant testimony in this trial from Mr. Schwager.

In the second case, pending in Federal district court in the Southern District of Texas, the defendant is charged

with threatening to injure and murder Senator TED CRUZ in a voicemail he left with the Senator's Houston, TX office. In this case, brought against Isaac Ambe Nformangum, the prosecution has requested testimony from Amy English, the Senator's staff assistant, and Grant Murray, the Senator's special operations adviser, who witnessed the relevant events. The prosecution has further requested trial testimony from Anthony Rodregous, Senator CRUZ's counsel, who has knowledge of the Senator's official duties and position on the 1965 Civil Rights Act, which formed the basis of the defendant's threat. Senator CRUZ would like to cooperate with these requests by providing relevant employee testimony from his office.

In keeping with the rules and practices of the Senate, the enclosed resolutions would authorize the production of relevant testimony from Mr. Schwager, Ms. English, and Messrs. Murray and Rodregous, with representation by the Senate legal counsel.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, 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 resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

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

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 14; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, 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 Edwards nomination; further, that if any nominations are confirmed during Thursday's session, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:44 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 10 a.m.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate December 13, 2023:

##### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. SHOSHANA S. CHATFIELD

##### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

NICKOLAS GUERTIN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

##### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. MICHELE H. BREDENKAMP

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. STEPHEN G. SMITH

##### HARRY S TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

BETTY Y. JANG, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HARRY S TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 10, 2029.

##### JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION

LAURA DOVE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 17, 2029.

LAURA DOVE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 17, 2023.

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be brigadier general

COL. DAVID J. BERKLAND

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be major general

BRIG. GEN. SCOTT A. CAIN  
 BRIG. GEN. PAUL D. MOGA

##### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be major general

BRIG. GEN. LAWRENCE G. FERGUSON