

“(8) PETITIONS FOR TRANSFERRING A FENTANYL-RELATED SUBSTANCE UNDER THE DRUG SCHEDULES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If a person petitions the Attorney General to remove a fentanyl-related substance from schedule I, to reschedule a fentanyl-related substance to another schedule, or to place a fentanyl-related substance under schedule I, the Attorney General shall consider such a petition in accordance with the procedures and standards set forth in—

“(i) subsections (a) and (b) of this section; and

“(ii) section 1308.43 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation).”

“(B) ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INFORM SECRETARY.—Not later than 30 days after the date of accepting a petition described in subparagraph (A), the Attorney General shall forward a copy of the petition to the Secretary.

“(C) DETERMINATION PROCEDURE NOT PRECLUDED BY FILING OF PETITION.—The filing of a petition described in this paragraph shall not preclude the Secretary from making a determination and sending an evaluation under paragraph (1) or (2).

“(9) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to preclude the Attorney General from—

“(A) transferring a substance listed in schedule I to another schedule, or removing such substance entirely from the schedules, pursuant to other provisions of this section and section 202; or

“(B) transferring a fentanyl-related substance from a schedule other than schedule I to schedule I if information supports such a transfer.

“(10) SUBSEQUENT CONTROLLING OF REMOVED SUBSTANCE.—A substance removed from schedule I or II pursuant to this subsection may, at any time, be controlled pursuant to the other provisions of this section and section 202 without regard to the removal pursuant to this subsection.

“(11) EVALUATIONS OR STUDIES.—The Secretary may enter into contracts or other agreements to conduct or support evaluations or studies of fentanyl-related substances.

“(12) ANNUAL REVIEW BY SECRETARY.—Not less frequently than annually, the Secretary shall review fentanyl-related substances identified under paragraph (8) and evaluate those substances for potential removal or rescheduling under paragraphs (1) and (2).”

SEC. 1099A. RULEMAKING.

(a) INTERIM FINAL RULES.—The Attorney General—

(1) shall, not later than 1 year of the date of enactment of this Act, issue rules to implement this subtitle and the amendments made by this subtitle; and

(2) may issue the rules under paragraph (1) as interim final rules.

(b) PROCEDURE FOR FINAL RULE.—

(1) EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERIM FINAL RULES.—A rule issued by the Attorney General as an interim final rule under subsection (a) shall become immediately effective as an interim final rule without requiring the Attorney General to demonstrate good cause therefor, notwithstanding subparagraph (B) of section 553(b) of title 5, United States Code.

(2) OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT AND HEARING.—An interim final rule issued under subsection (a) shall give interested persons the opportunity to comment and to request a hearing.

(3) FINAL RULE.—After the conclusion of such proceedings, the Attorney General shall issue a final rule to implement this subtitle and the amendments made by this subtitle in

accordance with section 553 of title 5, United States Code.

SA 2918. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title II, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TESTING OF HYPERSONIC WEAPON SYSTEMS WITH B-1 BOMBER.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—The amount authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2025 by section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation is hereby increased by \$30,000,000, with the amount of the increase to be available for the testing of hypersonic weapon systems with the B-1 bomber.

(b) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—The amount made available by subsection (a) for the purpose described in such subsection shall supplement and not supplant amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated for such purpose.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Madam President, I have seven 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 ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 9 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

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, July 11, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

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 Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 10:30 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 Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct an executive business meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55, Public Law 107-228, and Public Law 112-75, appoints the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Dr. Meir Soloveichik of New York.

The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 117-263, announces the appointment of the following individual to serve as member of the Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State: Mr. Walter Russell Mead of Washington, DC.

RELATING TO THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JAMES MOUNTAIN INHOFE

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 765, remembering the Honorable James Mountain Inhofe, which is at the desk.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 765) relating to the death of the Honorable James Mountain Inhofe, former Senator for the State of Oklahoma.

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

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I ask unanimous consent that this resolution be agreed to, that its preamble be agreed to, and that 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. 765) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I take a moment to offer my condolences to Senator Inhofe's family and friends.

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 766, submitted earlier today.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 766) recognizing September 17, 2024, as “National Voter Registration Day”.

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

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and that 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 resolution (S. Res. 766) was agreed to.

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

DEBBIE SMITH ACT OF 2023

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 246, H.R. 1105.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1105) 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 Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I ask unanimous consent that the bill 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 bill (H.R. 1105) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVOR TAX RELIEF ACT

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of S. 159 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. 159) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from gross income for mandatory restitution or civil damages as recompense for trafficking in persons.

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

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I now ask unanimous consent that the bill 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 bill (S. 159) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 159

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 “Human Trafficking Survivor Tax Relief Act”.

SEC. 2. EXEMPTING FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION RESTITUTION AND CIVIL DAMAGES AWARDED UNDER SECTIONS 1593 AND 1595 OF TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting before section 140 the following new section:

“SEC. 139J. CERTAIN AMOUNT RECEIVED AS RESTITUTION OR CIVIL DAMAGES AS RECOMPENSE FOR TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS.

“(a) EXCLUSION FROM GROSS INCOME.—Gross income shall not include any civil damages, restitution, or other monetary award (including compensatory or statutory damages and restitution imposed in a criminal matter) awarded—

“(1) pursuant to an order of restitution under section 1593 of title 18, United States Code, or

“(2) in an action under section 1595 of title 18, United States Code.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting before the item relating to section 140 the following new item:

“Sec. 139J. Certain amount received as restitution or civil damages as recompense for trafficking in persons.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

VA HOME LOAN AWARENESS ACT OF 2023

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 3068 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. 3068) to require each enterprise to include on the Uniform Residential Loan Application a disclaimer to increase awareness of the direct and guaranteed home loan programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I ask unanimous consent that the bill 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 bill (S. 3068) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 3068

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 “VA Home Loan Awareness Act of 2023”.

SEC. 2. MILITARY SERVICE QUESTION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart A of part 2 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4541 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 1329. UNIFORM RESIDENTIAL LOAN APPLICATION.

“Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this section, the Director shall, by regulation or order, require each enterprise to include a disclaimer below the military service question on the form known as the Uniform Residential Loan Application stating, ‘If yes, you may qualify for a VA Home Loan. Consult your lender regarding eligibility.’”.

(b) GAO STUDY.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study and submit to Congress a report on whether not less than 80 percent of lenders using the Uniform Residential Loan Application have included on that form the disclaimer required under section 1329 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992, as added by subsection (a).

POISON CONTROL CENTERS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2024

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 428, S. 4351.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4351) to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain poison control programs.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I 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.

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

The bill (S. 4351) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 4351

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 “Poison Control Centers Reauthorization Act of 2024”.

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF POISON CONTROL PROGRAMS.

(a) NATIONAL TOLL-FREE NUMBER AND OTHER COMMUNICATION CAPABILITIES.—Section 1271(c) of the Public Health Service Act