

States, connecting much of the United States by rail and by water;

Whereas, since 1973, Memphis has served as the hub of the largest cargo airline in the world, Federal Express;

Whereas crucial events of the Civil Rights Movement and the fight for equal justice for all occurred in Memphis, including the 1968 strike by sanitation workers;

Whereas the strike by sanitation workers prompted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to travel to Memphis in April of 1968, where he delivered his famous "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech, just 1 day before his tragic assassination at the Lorraine Motel;

Whereas, since 1962, Memphis has been home to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which has provided treatment to children with cancer or other life-threatening diseases at no cost to families;

Whereas Memphis has been called "Home of the Blues", with W.C. Handy—known as the "Father of the Blues"—and his band playing in clubs throughout the historic Beale Street in downtown Memphis;

Whereas Sun Studio, opened in Memphis in 1950, is a monument in rock and roll history, where icons like Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, and Jerry Lee Lewis recorded some of their biggest hits;

Whereas Graceland, the estate of Elvis Presley, is a music landmark, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors every year; and

Whereas the city of Memphis, in its more than 205-year history, has played a pivotal role in shaping the history, culture, and economy of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the 205th anniversary of the founding of Memphis, Tennessee, as May 22, 2024; and

(2) acknowledges the pivotal role that the city of Memphis has played in shaping the history, culture, and economy of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 807—TO CONSTITUTE THE MAJORITY PARTY'S MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS, OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE CHOSEN

Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 807

Resolved, the following shall constitute the majority party's membership on the following committees for the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS: Mr. Brown (Chair), Mr. Reed, Mr. Tester, Mr. Warner, Ms. Warren, Mr. Van Hollen, Ms. Cortez Masto, Ms. Smith, Mr. Warnock, Mr. Fetterman, Ms. Butler, Mr. Helmy.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: Mr. Wyden (Chair), Ms. Stabenow, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Carper, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Casey, Mr. Warner, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Hassan, Ms. Cortez Masto, Ms. Warren, Mr. Helmy.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS: Mr. Cardin (Chair), Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Coons, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Booker, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Van Hollen, Ms. Duckworth, Mr. Helmy.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3237. Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. HAWLEY, and Mr. BOOKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her 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.

SA 3238. Mr. KELLY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3239. Mr. BRAUN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3240. Mr. YOUNG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3241. Mr. KAINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3242. Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KING) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3243. Mr. COTTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3237. Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. HAWLEY, and Mr. BOOKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her 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 end of subtitle H of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1095. CHILD LABOR PREVENTION AND INVESTIGATION.

(a) TREATMENT OF CIVIL PENALTIES UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT OF 1938.—Section 16(e)(5) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 216(e)(5)) is amended—

(1) by striking "Except for civil penalties collected for violations of section 12, sums" and inserting "(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), sums";

(2) by striking the second sentence; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(B) Sums collected for a civil penalty for a violation of section 12 shall—

"(i) for the amount of the penalty that equals the amount that would have been assessed for such a violation under this section on the day before the date of enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury;

"(ii) for the amount of the penalty that equals half of the amount of the penalty not deposited under clause (i), be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury; and

"(iii) for the amount of the penalty not deposited in accordance with clause (i) or (ii), be applied toward the reimbursement described in subparagraph (A)."

(b) CIVIL PENALTIES RELATED TO CHILD LABOR UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT OF 1938.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 16(e)(1)(A) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 216(e)(1)(A)) is amended—

(A) by aligning the left margins of clauses (i) and (ii) with the left margin of clause (i) of section 16(e)(1)(B) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938;

(B) in clause (i), by striking "\$11,000" and inserting "\$78,145"; and

(C) in clause (ii), by striking "\$50,000" and inserting "\$355,155".

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by paragraph (1) shall be applicable to violations occurring on or after the date of enactment of this section.

(c) CHILD LABOR CERTIFICATION FOR FEDERAL CONTRACTORS.—The head of an executive agency (as that term is defined in section 133 of title 41, United States Code) shall require each person submitting an offer for a contract with the agency for the procurement of goods to certify that such person will not supply goods produced, manufactured, or developed for which any oppressive child labor (as defined in section 3 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203)) has been employed in the performance of such contract.

SA 3238. Mr. KELLY 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 end of subtitle F of title III, add the following:

SEC. 358. BRIEFING ON ACTIVATION OF POWER PROJECTION WING OF THE AIR FORCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1, 2025, the Secretary of the Air Force shall brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the status of the activation of the Power Projection Wing by the Secretary.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required under subsection (a) shall identify—

(1) the personnel, aircraft, and equipment that will be transferred from other installations to support the activation described in such subsection; and

(2) any additional funding or additional authority that may be needed to complete such activation.

SA 3239. Mr. BRAUN 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 end of subtitle H of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1095. BENJAMIN HARRISON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AND WILDERNESS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—The term "Advisory Committee" means the advisory committee for the National Recreation Area established under subsection (d)(1).

(2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term "Management Plan" means the management plan for the National Recreation Area and Wilderness developed under subsection (e)(1).

(3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map entitled “Benjamin Harrison National Recreation Area and Wilderness Establishment Act of 2023” and dated March 27, 2024.

(4) NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.—The term “National Recreation Area” means the Benjamin Harrison National Recreation Area established by subsection (b)(2).

(5) NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AND WILDERNESS.—The term “National Recreation Area and Wilderness” means the Benjamin Harrison National Recreation Area and Wilderness established by subsection (b)(1).

(6) NONWILDERNESS CORRIDOR.—The term “nonwilderness corridor” means the land 100 feet in width from either side of the centerline of the existing trails and roads, as depicted on the map as “Non-Wilderness Corridor”, which is not included as part of the “Proposed Wilderness”, as depicted on the map.

(7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service.

(8) STATE.—The term “State” means the State of Indiana.

(9) WILDERNESS ADDITION.—The term “Wilderness addition” means the land added to the Charles C. Deam Wilderness by subsection (b)(3).

(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the State the Benjamin Harrison National Recreation Area and Wilderness as a subunit of the Hoosier National Forest, consisting of—

(A) the National Recreation Area; and

(B) the Wilderness addition.

(2) BENJAMIN HARRISON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.—There is established in the State the Benjamin Harrison National Recreation Area, consisting of approximately 29,382 acres of National Forest System land depicted on the map as “Proposed National Recreation Area (NRA)”.

(3) CHARLES C. DEAM WILDERNESS ADDITION.—The approximately 15,300 acres of National Forest System land in the State generally depicted on the map as “Proposed Wilderness” shall be added to and administered as part of the Charles C. Deam Wilderness in accordance with Public Law 97-384 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; 96 Stat. 1942), consisting of—

(A) the approximately 2,028.8 acres of National Forest System land in the State generally depicted on the map as the “Deckard Ridge Units A, B, and C”;

(B) the approximately 2,633 acres of National Forest System land in the State generally depicted on the map as the “Panther Creek Units A and B”;

(C) the approximately 5,456.9 acres of National Forest System land in the State generally depicted on the map as the “Nebo Ridge Units A, B, C, D, and E”;

(D) the approximately 2,141.4 acres of National Forest System land in the State generally depicted on the map as the “Browning Mountain Unit”;

(E) the approximately 2,161.9 acres of National Forest System land in the State generally depicted on the map as the “Hickory Ridge Units A, B, C, D, and E”;

(F) the approximately 878.3 acres of National Forest System land in the State generally depicted on the map as the “Mose Ray Branch Unit”.

(4) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall file the map, and make the map available for public inspection, in the appropriate offices of the Forest Service.

(c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall manage—

(1) the Wilderness addition (other than the nonwilderness corridors) in a manner that is consistent with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.); and

(2) the National Recreation Area in a manner that ensures—

(A) the protection of the water quality of the public water supply of Monroe Reservoir in the State in accordance with section 303(e)(1) of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6542(e)(1)); and

(B) the promotion of recreational opportunities in the National Recreation Area.

(3) HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall allow hunting, fishing, and trapping in the National Recreation Area and Wilderness.

(B) LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary, in consultation with designees from the State Department of Natural Resources and the Corps of Engineers, may, for reasons of public safety, species enhancement, or management of a species listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), designate areas in which, and establish seasons during which, no hunting, fishing, or trapping is permitted in the National Recreation Area and Wilderness.

(C) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section affects the jurisdiction of the State with respect to fish and wildlife in the National Recreation Area and Wilderness.

(4) RECREATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall—

(i) in the National Recreation Area, continue to permit and provide for appropriate nonmotorized and motorized recreational uses, including hiking, viewing of nature and wildlife, camping, horseback riding, mountain biking, and other existing recreational uses; and

(ii) permit the nonmechanized recreational use of the Wilderness addition, in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) within the boundary of the “Proposed Wilderness” indicated on the map.

(B) LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary, in consultation with designees from the State Department of Natural Resources and the Corps of Engineers, may designate zones in which, and establish periods during which, a recreational use shall not be permitted in the National Recreation Area and Wilderness under subparagraph (A) for reasons of public safety, species enhancement, or management of a species listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

(C) TRAIL PLAN.—Notwithstanding any provisions of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) or any other provision of law, the Secretary, in consultation with interested parties, shall establish a trail plan—

(i) to maintain existing mountain biking, hiking, and equestrian trails in the non-wilderness corridors; and

(ii) to develop mountain biking, hiking, and equestrian trails in the National Recreation Area.

(5) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.—

(A) WILDERNESS ADDITION.—Consistent with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), timber removal or management shall not be permitted in the Wilderness addition, except as the Secretary determines to be necessary for public safety and management of diseases, as described in section 293.3 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor regulation).

(B) NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.—Vegetation management within the National Recreation Area shall be consistent with—

(i) the Management Plan; and

(ii) any applicable Forest Service land management plan.

(d) NATIONAL RECREATION AREA FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish an advisory com-

mittee to advise the Secretary with respect to the management of the National Recreation Area.

(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Advisory Committee shall be composed of members appointed by the Secretary, from among—

(A) representatives of local government;

(B) forest ecologists;

(C) experts in dispersed recreation;

(D) local residents who own or reside in property located not more than 2 miles from the boundary of the National Recreation Area;

(E) representatives of conservation and outdoor recreation groups;

(F) consulting foresters;

(G) the Director of the State Department of Natural Resources (or designees);

(H) wildlife experts; and

(I) designees from the Corps of Engineers.

(e) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop a comprehensive management plan for the long-term protection and management of the National Recreation Area.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The Management Plan shall—

(A) be developed—

(i) in consultation with the Advisory Committee;

(ii) after providing an opportunity for public comment; and

(iii) after engaging with interested or affected federally recognized Indian Tribes, other Federal agencies, and State and local governments, including the State Department of Natural Resources;

(B) address management issues associated with the National Recreation Area, including—

(i) fires;

(ii) invasive species;

(iii) the response to insect and disease infestations;

(iv) measures needed to protect the public water supply provided by Monroe Reservoir;

(v) the establishment, maintenance, and closure of camp sites, campgrounds, trails, and roadways; and

(vi) any other issues identified by the Advisory Committee; and

(C) include—

(i) measures to preserve and protect native and historical resources, flora, fauna, and recreational, scenic, and aesthetic values within the National Recreation Area; and

(ii) measures to prevent degradation of the public water supply provided by Monroe Reservoir.

(f) FUNDING.—

(1) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—No additional funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section.

(2) USE OF EXISTING FUNDS.—This section shall be carried out using amounts otherwise made available to the Secretary.

(g) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section—

(1) affects the Corps of Engineers use permits for flowage rights within the National Recreation Area and Wilderness established by the order entitled “Joint Order Interchanging Administrative Jurisdiction of Department of the Army Lands and National Forest Lands” (35 Fed. Reg. 10382 (June 25, 1970));

(2) prevents the Corps of Engineers from carrying out the water control management plan of the Corps of Engineers within the National Recreation Area and Wilderness as described in the Corps of Engineers water control manual;

(3) prevents the Corps of Engineers from—

(A) disposing of, or otherwise managing, real estate interests held by the Corps of Engineers as of the date of enactment of this Act; or

(B) acquiring additional real estate interests required to support the operation or maintenance of Monroe Lake;

(4) affects the use of motor vessels (as defined in section 2101 of title 46, United States Code) on Monroe Lake;

(5) results in the closure of any State or county roadway in the National Recreation Area and the nonwilderness corridors;

(6) precludes the ownership, use, or enjoyment of private land within the National Recreation Area and Wilderness;

(7) otherwise affects access to private land or cemeteries within the National Recreation Area and Wilderness;

(8) affects the access to land within the nonwilderness corridors and within 100 feet of the outer boundary of the Wilderness addition by any State or private entity or organization with a permit, special use authorization, or other right to access land within the Wilderness addition, as described in section 5(a) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1134(a)), for the purpose of maintaining infrastructure located within the Wilderness addition, including access by—

(A) the Smithville Telephone Company;
(B) Jackson County Water Utility;
(C) Jackson County Rural Electric;
(D) the ANR Pipeline Company;
(E) the Monroe County commissioners;
(F) Hoosier Trails Council, BSA; and
(G) the State Department of Natural Resources; or

(9) affects the access to land within the Wilderness addition by the State Department of Natural Resources or appropriate public safety officers with the use of motor vehicles, mechanized equipment, or motorboats for emergencies involving the health and safety of persons within the Wilderness addition, in accordance with section 4(c) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(c)).

SA 3240. Mr. YOUNG 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 end of subtitle C of title VIII, add the following:

SEC. 855. STUDY ON PILOT PROGRAM TO EXPAND THE SHRINKING DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, in consultation with the Small Business Administration, shall conduct a study on the feasibility and advisability of implementing a pilot program to assist small businesses within the defense industrial base to transition to unrestricted contracting.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The study required under subsection (a) shall, for purposes of identifying support measures for contractors growing from small to other-than-small under North American Industry Classification System codes that are among the top ten by total Federal contract spending or are among any additional sectors the Secretary determines critical to the defense industrial base, examine the following:

(1) Whether an evaluation preference, reserves under multiple award contracts, or other procurement assistance is appropriate.

(2) Whether a pilot program to implement the procurement assistance described in paragraph (1) would contribute to job creation, increased competition, and a more re-

silient industrial base and align with broader national security interests.

(3) Criteria for the pilot program, including an eligibility period and criteria for participation and graduation.

(4) Methods to also encourage growth of startups and very small businesses should the program proceed.

(5) Metrics to assess the success of the program.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate, the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives, and the congressional defense committees a report on the findings of the study conducted under subsection (a).

SA 3241. Mr. KAINÉ 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 end of subtitle H of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1095. SHENANDOAH MOUNTAIN NATIONAL SCENIC AREA; DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) NATIONAL SCENIC AREA.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “National Scenic Area” means the Shenandoah Mountain National Scenic Area established by subsection (b)(1).

(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “National Scenic Area” includes—

(i) any National Forest System land within the boundary of the National Scenic Area that is administered as part of the National Scenic Area; and

(ii) any National Forest System land within the boundary of the National Scenic Area that is administered as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System under the amendments made by subsection (c).

(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service.

(3) STATE.—The term “State” means the State of Virginia.

(4) WILDERNESS AREA.—The term “Wilderness Area” means a wilderness area designated by paragraphs (21) through (25) of section 1 of Public Law 100-326 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; 102 Stat. 584; 114 Stat. 2057; 123 Stat. 1002) (as added by subsection (c)).

(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SHENANDOAH MOUNTAIN NATIONAL SCENIC AREA.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, there is established the Shenandoah Mountain National Scenic Area, consisting of approximately 92,562 acres of National Forest System land in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, as generally depicted on the map filed under section (d)(1)(A).

(2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the National Scenic Area are—

(A) to ensure the protection and preservation of the scenic quality, water quality, natural characteristics, and water resources of the National Scenic Area;

(B) to protect wildlife, fish, and plant habitat in the National Scenic Area;

(C) to protect outstanding natural biological values and habitat for plant and animal species along the Shenandoah Mountain

crest above 3,000 feet above sea level elevation, including the Cow Knob salamander;

(D) to protect forests in the National Scenic Area that may develop characteristics of old-growth forests;

(E) to protect the Wilderness Areas; and

(F) to provide for a variety of, and improve existing, recreation settings and opportunities in the National Scenic Area in a manner consistent with the purposes of the National Scenic Area described in subparagraphs (A) through (E).

(3) ADMINISTRATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall administer the National Scenic Area in accordance with—

(i) this subsection; and

(ii) the laws (including regulations) generally applicable to the National Forest System.

(B) EXCEPTION.—Subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary shall administer the Wilderness Areas in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and any other laws applicable to the Wilderness Areas, except that any reference in that Act to the effective date of that Act shall be considered to be a reference to the date of enactment of this Act for purposes of administering the Wilderness Areas.

(C) EFFECT; CONFLICTS.—

(i) EFFECT.—The establishment of the National Scenic Area shall not affect the administration of the Wilderness Areas.

(ii) CONFLICTS.—In the case of any conflict between the laws applicable to the Wilderness Areas, the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) shall control.

(D) NO BUFFER ZONES.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this subsection creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around the National Scenic Area or a Wilderness Area.

(ii) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA OR WILDERNESS AREAS.—The fact that an activity or use on land outside the National Scenic Area or a Wilderness Area can be seen or heard by humans within the National Scenic Area or Wilderness Area shall not preclude the activity or use outside the boundaries of the National Scenic Area or Wilderness Area.

(4) RECREATIONAL USES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this subsection or under applicable law, the Secretary shall authorize the continuation of, or seek to improve, authorized recreational uses of the National Scenic Area in existence on the date of enactment of this Act.

(B) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection interferes with the authority of the Secretary—

(i) to maintain or improve nonmotorized trails and recreation sites within the National Scenic Area;

(ii) to construct new nonmotorized trails and recreation sites within the National Scenic Area;

(iii) to adjust recreational uses within the National Scenic Area for reasons of sound resource management or public safety; and

(iv) to evaluate applications for, and issue or deny, special use authorizations in connection with recreation within the National Scenic Area.

(C) REQUIREMENT.—Recreation within the National Scenic Area shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the purposes of the National Scenic Area described in paragraph (2).

(5) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM TRAIL PLAN.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop a National Forest System trail plan for National Forest System land in the National Scenic Area that is

not located in a Wilderness Area in order to construct, maintain, and improve non-motorized recreation National Forest System trails in a manner consistent with the purposes of the National Scenic Area described in paragraph (2).

(B) **POTENTIAL INCLUSION.**—The Secretary may address in the National Forest System trail plan developed under subparagraph (A) National Forest System land that is near, but not within the boundary of, the National Scenic Area.

(C) **PUBLIC INPUT.**—In developing the National Forest System trail plan under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall seek input from interested parties, including members of the public.

(D) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The National Forest System trail plan developed under subparagraph (A) shall—

(i) promote sustainable trail management that protects natural resources and provides diverse, high-quality recreation opportunities, which may include loop trails for non-motorized uses;

(ii) consider natural resource protection, trail sustainability, and trail maintenance needs as primary factors in determining the location or relocation of National Forest System trails; and

(iii) develop a National Forest System trail outside the Little River Wilderness Area in the area of the Tillman Road corridor (along National Forest System road 101) to connect the Wolf Ridge Trail parking area to the Wild Oak National Recreation Trail, as generally depicted on the applicable map filed under subsection (d)(1)(B), pending completion of the required environmental analysis.

(E) **IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.**—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that describes the implementation of the National Forest System trail plan developed under subparagraph (A), including the identification of the National Forest System trail described in subparagraph (D)(iii) and any other priority National Forest System trails identified for development.

(6) ROADS.—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The establishment of the National Scenic Area shall not—

(i) result in the closure of any National Forest System roads, as generally depicted on the map filed under subsection (d)(1)(A); or

(ii) modify public access within the National Scenic Area.

(B) **NO NEW ROADS.**—No new roads shall be constructed in the National Scenic Area after the date of enactment of this Act.

(C) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection—

(i) denies any owner of private land or an interest in private land that is located within the National Scenic Area the right to access the private land;

(ii) alters the authority of the Secretary to open or close roads in the National Scenic Area in existence on the date of enactment of this Act in furtherance of the purposes of this section; or

(iii) alters the authority of the State—

(I) to maintain the access road to the crest of Shenandoah Mountain (Route 924); or

(II) to realign the access road described in subclause (I) if necessary for reasons of sound resource management or public safety.

(D) PARKING AREAS.—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to clause (ii), the reconstruction, minor relocation, and construction of parking areas and related facilities within the National Scenic Area are authorized in a manner consistent with the purposes of the National Scenic Area described in paragraph (2).

(ii) **LIMITATION.**—Additional trailhead parking areas authorized in the National Scenic Area under clause (i) may be constructed only along National Forest System roads.

(7) **MOTORIZED TRAVEL.**—Motorized travel shall be allowed only on roads within the portions of the National Scenic Area that are not Wilderness Areas, in a manner consistent with paragraph (6).

(8) **WATER.**—The Secretary shall administer the National Scenic Area in a manner that maintains and enhances water quality.

(9) **WATER IMPOUNDMENTS.**—The establishment of the National Scenic Area shall not prohibit—

(A) the operation, maintenance, or improvement of, or access to, dams, reservoirs, or related infrastructure in existence on the date of enactment of this Act, as generally depicted on the map filed under subsection (d)(1)(A); or

(B) the establishment of new dams, reservoirs, or related infrastructure if necessary for municipal use.

(10) TIMBER HARVEST.—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), no harvesting of timber shall be allowed within the National Scenic Area.

(B) EXCEPTIONS.—

(i) **NECESSARY HARVESTING.**—The Secretary may authorize harvesting of timber in the National Scenic Area if the Secretary determines that the harvesting is necessary—

(I) to control fire;

(II) to provide for public safety or trail access;

(III) to construct or maintain overlooks and vistas; or

(IV) to control insect or disease outbreaks.

(ii) **FIREWOOD FOR PERSONAL USE.**—Firewood may be harvested for personal use along roads within the National Scenic Area, subject to any conditions that the Secretary may require.

(11) INSECT AND DISEASE OUTBREAKS.—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to subparagraph (B), the Secretary may carry out activities necessary to control insect and disease outbreaks in a manner consistent with the purposes of the National Scenic Area described in paragraph (2)—

(i) to maintain scenic quality;

(ii) to reduce hazards to visitors; or

(iii) to protect National Forest System land or private land.

(B) **LIMITATIONS.**—For purposes of activities carried out under subparagraph (A)—

(i) native forest insect and disease outbreaks shall be controlled only—

(I) to prevent unacceptable damage to resources on adjacent land; or

(II) to protect threatened, endangered, sensitive, or locally rare species, with biological control methods being favored; and

(ii) nonnative insects and diseases may be eradicated or suppressed only in order to prevent a loss of a special biological community.

(12) **VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.**—The Secretary may engage in vegetation management practices within the National Scenic Area in a manner consistent with the purposes of the National Scenic Area described in paragraph (2)—

(A) to maintain wildlife clearings and scenic enhancements in existence on the date of enactment of this Act; or

(B) to construct not more than 100 acres of additional wildlife clearings by—

(i) expanding wildlife clearings in existence on the date of enactment of this Act; or

(ii) constructing new wildlife clearings of approximately 2 to 5 acres.

(13) WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION.—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Nothing in this subsection prohibits the Secretary, in coopera-

tion with other Federal, State, and local agencies, as appropriate, from carrying out wildfire suppression activities within the National Scenic Area.

(B) **REQUIREMENTS.**—Wildfire suppression activities within the National Scenic Area shall be carried out—

(i) in a manner consistent with the purposes of the National Scenic Area described in paragraph (2); and

(ii) using such means as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

(14) **PRESCRIBED FIRE.**—Nothing in this subsection prohibits the Secretary from conducting prescribed burns and necessary burn unit preparation within the National Scenic Area in a manner consistent with the purposes of the National Scenic Area described in paragraph (2).

(15) WITHDRAWAL.—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to valid existing rights, all Federal land within the National Scenic Area is withdrawn from—

(i) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws;

(ii) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws;

(iii) operation of the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws;

(iv) wind, solar, or other renewable energy development; and

(v) designation of new utility corridors, utility rights-of-way, or communications sites.

(B) **EFFECT.**—Consistent with paragraph (6)(C)(i), the withdrawal under subparagraph (A) shall not deny access to private land or an interest in private land within the National Scenic Area.

(16) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—As soon as practicable after the date of the completion of the National Forest System trail plan under paragraph (5), but not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop as an amendment to the land management plan for the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests a management plan for the National Scenic Area that is consistent with this subsection.

(B) **EFFECT.**—Nothing in this paragraph requires the Secretary to revise the land management plan for the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests under section 6 of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1604).

(C) **DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.**—Section 1 of Public Law 100-326 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; 102 Stat. 584; 114 Stat. 2057; 123 Stat. 1002) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(21) **SKIDMORE FORK WILDERNESS.**—Certain National Forest System land in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests comprising approximately 5,088 acres, as generally depicted on the applicable map filed under section 1095(d)(1)(B) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, which shall be known as the ‘Skidmore Fork Wilderness’.

“(22) **RAMSEYS DRAFT WILDERNESS ADDITION.**—Certain National Forest System land in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests comprising approximately 6,961 acres, as generally depicted on the applicable map filed under section 1095(d)(1)(B) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, which shall be incorporated into the Ramseys Draft Wilderness designated by Public Law 98-586 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; 98 Stat. 3106).

“(23) **LYNN HOLLOW WILDERNESS.**—Certain National Forest System land in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests comprising approximately 3,568 acres, as generally depicted on the applicable map filed under section 1095(d)(1)(B) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year

2025, which shall be known as the ‘Lynn Hol-low Wilderness’.

“(24) LITTLE RIVER WILDERNESS.—Certain National Forest System land in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests comprising approximately 12,461 acres, as generally depicted on the applicable map filed under section 1095(d)(1)(B) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, which shall be known as the ‘Little River Wilderness’.

“(25) BEECH LICK KNOB WILDERNESS.—Certain National Forest System land in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests comprising approximately 5,779 acres, as generally depicted on the applicable map filed under section 1095(d)(1)(B) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, which shall be known as the ‘Beech Lick Knob Wilderness’.”

(d) MAPS AND BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS.—

(1) FILING.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall file with the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives maps and boundary descriptions of—

- (A) the National Scenic Area; and
- (B) each of the Wilderness Areas.

(2) FORCE AND EFFECT.—The maps and boundary descriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this section, except that the Secretary may correct clerical and typographical errors in the maps and boundary descriptions.

(3) MAPS CONTROL.—In the case of any discrepancy between the acreage of the National Scenic Area or a Wilderness Area and the applicable map filed under paragraph (1), the applicable map filed under that paragraph shall control.

(4) AVAILABILITY.—The maps and boundary descriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Chief of the Forest Service.

SA 3242. Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KING) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her 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 end of subtitle D of title V, add the following:

SEC. 545. REQUIREMENT TO UTILIZE STATE EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER PROGRAMS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Armed Forces Crisis Intervention Notification Act”.

(b) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a policy that—

(1) requires each branch of the Armed Forces to fully utilize any applicable State extreme risk protection order program in the event a commanding officer determines that a member of the Armed Forces under the commanding officer’s command is a covered individual for purposes of subsection (c)(3); and

(2) requires each branch of the Armed Forces to fully participate in any judicial proceeding authorized under any applicable State extreme risk protection order program

to impose, review, extend, modify, or terminate an extreme risk protection order imposed on a current or former member of the Armed Forces.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPLICABLE STATE EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER PROGRAM.—The term “applicable State extreme risk protection order program” means an extreme risk protection order program of a State in which a covered individual resides or is physically present as part of such individual’s military service.

(2) ARMED FORCES.—The term “Armed Forces” means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

(3) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—The term “covered individual” means a member of the Armed Forces who—

(A) has been determined by their commanding officer to be unfit to carry or possess a firearm for the performance of official duties due to the member making a serious, credible threat of violence against one or more members of the Armed Forces, another person, himself or herself, or a military installation or facility; or

(B) is described in section 922(g)(4) of title 18, United States Code, to the extent such status is a basis for initiation of proceedings under an applicable State extreme risk protection order program.

(4) EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER PROGRAM.—The term “extreme risk protection order program” means extreme risk protection order program as described in section 501(a)(1)(I)(iv) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10152(a)(1)(I)(iv)).

(5) FULLY PARTICIPATE IN ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING AUTHORIZED UNDER ANY APPLICABLE STATE EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER PROGRAM.—The term “fully participate in any judicial proceeding authorized under any applicable State extreme risk protection order program” means, in the case of a branch of the Armed Forces, producing, upon the request of appropriate judicial personnel or a party to the judicial proceeding, evidence that may be relevant to the proceeding, notwithstanding the privacy regulations promulgated under section 264(c) of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 1320d-2 note) and the requirements of section 552a of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the “Privacy Act of 1974”).

(6) FULLY UTILIZE ANY APPLICABLE STATE EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER PROGRAM.—The term “fully utilize any applicable State extreme risk protection order program” means, in the case of a branch of the Armed Forces, taking the following steps:

(A) Taking action, consistent with Federal law, available to third parties under an applicable State extreme risk protection order program.

(B) Providing to appropriate law enforcement or judicial personnel an accounting of the relevant material facts related to a determination made pursuant to subsection (b)(1), notwithstanding the privacy regulations promulgated under section 264(c) of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 1320d-2 note) and the requirements of section 552a of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the “Privacy Act of 1974”).

(d) GUIDELINES AND POLICY.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish policy to ensure that commanding officers and any other relevant members of the Armed Forces are aware of the requirements of this section, including any State extreme risk protection order programs applicable to their commands, and how to fulfill such requirements.

(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to circumvent, limit, or supersede the applica-

bility of any rules governing discovery in any judicial proceeding authorized under any applicable State extreme risk protection order program.

SA 3243. Mr. COTTON 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 end of subtitle F of title III, add the following:

SEC. 358. PROTECTION OF UNITED STATES ASSETS FROM INCURSIONS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Comprehensive Operations for Unmanned-System Neutralization and Threat Elimination Response Act” or the “COUNTER Act”.

(b) MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR PROTECTION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES AND ASSETS FROM UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 130i of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in the section heading, by striking “aircraft” and inserting “systems”;

(B) by striking “or unmanned aircraft” each place it appears and inserting “, unmanned aircraft, or unmanned system”;

(C) in subsection (a)—

(i) by striking “Notwithstanding” and inserting “(1) Notwithstanding”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) The Secretary of Defense shall delegate the authority under paragraph (1) to take actions described in subsection (b)(1) to the commander of a combatant command for those covered facilities or assets that are under the protection of that combatant command.”;

(D) in subsection (b)(1)(B), by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, including through the use of remote identification broadcast”;

(E) in subsection (e)—

(i) by striking “unmanned aircraft system” each place it appears and inserting “unmanned aircraft system, unmanned aircraft, or unmanned system”; and

(ii) in paragraph (4)—

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

(II) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (D); and

(III) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following new subparagraph:

“(C) would support another Federal agency with authority to mitigate the threat of unmanned aircraft systems, unmanned aircraft, or unmanned systems in mitigating such threats; or”;

(F) by redesignating subsections (g) through (j) as subsections (h) through (k), respectively;

(G) by inserting after subsection (f) the following new subsection:

“(g) EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE.—Information pertaining to the technology, procedures, and protocols used to carry out this section, including any regulations or guidance issued to carry out this section, shall be exempt from disclosure under section 552(b)(3) of title 5 and any State or local law requiring the disclosure of information.”; and

(H) in subsection (j), as redesignated by subparagraph (F)—

(i) in paragraph (1)—

(I) by striking “subsection (j)(3)(C)” and inserting “subsection (k)(3)(C)”; and

(II) by striking “December 31, 2026” and inserting “December 31, 2030”; and

(ii) in paragraph (2)—

(I) by striking “180 days” and inserting “one year”; and

(II) by striking “November 15, 2026” and inserting “November 15, 2030”; and

(I) in subsection (k), as so redesignated—

(i) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through (6) as paragraphs (4) through (7), respectively;

(ii) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph (3):

“(3) The term ‘combatant command’ has the meaning given that term in section 161 of this title.”;

(iii) in paragraph (4), as redesignated by clause (i)—

(I) in clause (viii), by striking “; or” and inserting a semicolon;

(II) in clause (ix)—

(aa) by striking “sections” and inserting “section”; and

(bb) by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(III) by adding at the end the following new clauses:

“(x) protection of an installation of the Air National Guard;

“(xi) protection of the buildings, grounds, and property to which the public are not permitted regular, unrestricted access and that are under the jurisdiction, custody, or control of the Department of Defense and the persons on that property pursuant to section 2672 of this title;

“(xii) assistance to Federal, State, or local officials in responding to incidents involving nuclear, radiological, biological, or chemical weapons, high-yield explosives, or related materials or technologies, including pursuant to section 282 of this title or the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq);

“(xiii) transportation, storage, treatment, and disposal of explosives by the Department pursuant to section 2692(b) of this title; or

“(xiv) emergency response that is limited to a specified timeframe and location.”; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(8) The term ‘unmanned system’ means an unmanned aircraft, unmanned aircraft system, or unmanned ground or surface vehicle and any associated elements of such aircraft, system, or vehicle, including communication links and the components required to control, program, or direct navigation or function.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 3 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to section 130i and inserting the following new item:

“130i. Protection of certain facilities and assets from unmanned systems.”.

(c) PROTECTION OF UNITED STATES AIRSPACE, MARITIME DOMAIN, AND TERRITORY FROM INCURSIONS BY FOREIGN POWERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 130j. Protection of United States airspace, maritime domain, and territory from incursions by foreign powers

“(a) SUPPORT AUTHORIZED TO FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES.—Notwithstanding any provision of title 18 (except for section 1385 of such title) or the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), the Secretary of Defense may provide the support described in subsection (b) to any element of the Department of Defense, or to any other department or agency of the Federal Government at the request of the head of such department or agency—

“(1) to prevent or respond to an incursion reasonably believed to be by a foreign power

or agent of a foreign power in the territory, including the territorial waters, of the United States or the airspace above such territory; or

“(2) to respond to any exigent threat to public safety declared by the President in a declaration of national emergency issued pursuant to the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), if the Secretary reasonably believes that the threat to public safety is directed by a foreign power or an agent of a foreign power.

“(b) SUPPORT DESCRIBED.—The support described in this subsection is the collection, processing, analysis, production, and dissemination of signals intelligence information, including through the use of electronic surveillance.

“(c) PROHIBITION ON TARGETING UNITED STATES PERSONS.—The Secretary may not provide support under this section that intentionally targets a United States person to acquire information.

“(d) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall promptly report to the congressional defense committees and the congressional intelligence committees any support provided under this section.

“(e) REIMBURSABLE SUPPORT.—The head of a department or agency of the Federal Government to which support is provided under this section shall reimburse the Department of Defense for such support pursuant to section 1535 of title 31.

“(f) CLASSIFICATION REVIEW.—(1) Upon completion of support authorized under this section, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the head of a department or agency of the Federal Government to which such support was provided, shall conduct a declassification review of the report required by subsection (d) and make publicly available such report or a summary of such report to the greatest extent practicable and consistent with the protection of national security.

“(2) The Secretary of Defense shall complete the declassification review required by paragraph (1) of a report required by subsection (d) as soon as practicable following the completion of the support that is the subject such report and not later than 180 days after the date on which such declassification review begins.

“(g) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAWS TO ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE MITIGATION OF THREATS FROM UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS OR UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.—Sections 32, 1030, and 1367 of title 18 and section 46502 of title 49 may not be construed to apply to activities of the Department of Defense or the Coast Guard, whether under this section or any other provision of law, that—

“(1) are conducted outside the United States; and

“(2) are related to the mitigation of threats from unmanned aircraft systems or unmanned aircraft.

“(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The terms ‘agent of a foreign power’, ‘electronic surveillance’, ‘foreign power’, and ‘United States person’ have the meanings given those terms in section 101 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 1801).

“(2) The term ‘congressional intelligence committees’ has the meaning given such term in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 130i the following new item:

“130j. Protection of United States airspace, maritime domain, and territory from incursions by foreign powers.”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. SCHUMER, Madam President, I have two 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:

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE DATA SHARING ACT

Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 7032, which was received from the House and is at the desk.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 7032) to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide the Congressional Budget Office with necessary authorities to expedite the sharing of data from executive branch agencies, and for other purposes.

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

CBO DATA SHARING ACT

Mr. WYDEN, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to enter into a colloquy with the distinguished chairman of the Senate Committee on Budget, Senator WHITEHOUSE.

I want to ask for a clarification of H.R. 7032, the Congressional Budget Office Data Sharing Act and its application to taxpayer privacy rules. As you are aware, section 6103 of the Tax Code establishes strict limitations regarding the disclosure of confidential taxpayer information, including the disclosure of taxpayer information between government agencies or between branches of government. The authority of the Congressional Budget Office to receive confidential taxpayer information is restricted under section 6103. The Internal Revenue Service has long held that information disclosure provisions outside of the Tax Code may only override section 6103 if such disclosure provision explicitly states so.

H.R. 7032 makes certain amendments to the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to