nongovernmental organizations to the Taliban, and for other purposes.

S. 317

At the request of Mr. Lankford, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. Budd) was added as a cosponsor of S. 317, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and extend the deduction for charitable contributions for individuals not itemizing deductions.

S. 334

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 334, a bill to permanently enact certain appropriations Act restrictions on the use of funds for abortions and involuntary sterilizations, and for other purposes.

S. 380

At the request of Ms. Hassan, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. Capito) was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to improve obstetric emergency care.

S. 383

At the request of Mr. Kaine, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. Ricketts) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. Risch) were added as cosponsors of S. 383, a bill to extend Federal Pell Grant eligibility of certain short-term programs.

S. 424

At the request of Mrs. Britt, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. Hagerty) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. Crapo) were added as cosponsors of S. 424, a bill to amend the Federal securities laws to enhance 403(b) plans, and for other purposes.

S. 455

At the request of Mr. Blumenthal, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. Luján) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. Merkley) were added as cosponsors of S. 455, a bill to amend section 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to limit immigration enforcement actions at sensitive locations, to clarify the powers of immigration officers at sensitive locations, and for other purposes.

S. 498

At the request of Mr. Booker, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. Markey) was added as a cosponsor of S. 498, a bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the African Americans who served with Union forces during the Civil War, in recognition of their bravery and outstanding service.

S. 537

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 537, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

\$ 540

At the request of Mr. Tuberville, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. Lankford) was added as a cosponsor of S. 540, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the consideration of continuity of health care in determining best medical interest under the Veterans Community Care Program, and for other purposes.

S. 557

At the request of Mr. Kennedy, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. Ricketts) was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to repeal the small business loan data collection requirements under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act.

S. RES. 53

At the request of Mr. Young, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. Justice), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. Rounds) and the Senator from California (Mr. Schiff) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 53, a resolution recognizing the 80th anniversary of the amphibious landing on the Japanese island of Iwo Jima during World War II and the raisings of the flag of the United States on Mount Suribachi.

S. RES. 68

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 68, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States shall not deploy United States military assets or personnel to Gaza for purposes of "taking over" Gaza.

# STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Ms. Rosen, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. Collins, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Gallego, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. Cortez Masto, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Boozman, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. Schiff, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. PETERS, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 558. A bill to provide for the consideration of a definition of antisemitism set forth by the International Holocaust Rembrance Alliance for the enforcement of Federal antidiscrimination laws concerning education programs or activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 558

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 "Antisemitism Awareness Act of 2025".

## SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

- It is the sense of Congress that-
- (1) title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- (2) while such title does not cover discrimination based solely on religion, individuals who face discrimination based on actual or perceived shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics do not lose protection under such title for also being members of a group that share a common religion;
- (3) discrimination against Jews may give rise to a violation of such title when the discrimination is based on race, color, or national origin, which can include discrimination based on actual or perceived shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics:
- (4) it is the policy of the United States to enforce such title against prohibited forms of discrimination rooted in antisemitism as vigorously as against all other forms of discrimination prohibited by such title; and
- (5) as noted in the U.S. National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism issued by the White House on May 25, 2023, it is critical to—
- (A) increase awareness and understanding of antisemitism, including its threat to America:
- (B) improve safety and security for Jewish communities;
- (C) reverse the normalization of antisemitism and counter antisemitic discrimination; and
- (D) expand communication and collaboration between communities.

# SEC. 3. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

- (1) Antisemitism is on the rise in the United States and is impacting Jewish students in K-12 schools, colleges, and universities.
- (2) The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (referred to in this Act as the "IHRA") Working Definition of Antisemitism is a vital tool which helps individuals understand and identify the various manifestations of antisemitism.
- (3) On December 11, 2019, Executive Order 13899 extended protections against discrimination under the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to individuals subjected to antisemitism on college and university campuses and tasked Federal agencies to consider the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism when enforcing title VI of such Act.
- (4) Since 2018, the Department of Education has used the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism when investigating violations of that title VI.
- (5) The use of alternative definitions of antisemitism impairs enforcement efforts by adding multiple standards and may fail to identify many of the modern manifestations of antisemitism.
- (6) The White House released the first-ever United States National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism on May 25, 2023, making clear that the fight against this hate is a national, bipartisan priority that must be successfully conducted through a whole-of-government-and-society approach.

# SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Act, the term "definition of antisemitism"—

(1) means the definition of antisemitism adopted on May 26, 2016, by the IHRA, of which the United States is a member, which definition has been adopted by the Department of State; and

(2) includes the "[c]ontemporary examples of antisemitism" identified in the IHRA definition

### SEC. 5. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964.

In reviewing, investigating, or deciding whether there has been a violation of title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) on the basis of race, color, or national origin, based on an individual's actual or perceived shared Jewish ancestry or Jewish ethnic characteristics, the Department of Education shall take into consideration the definition of antisemitism as part of the Department's assessment of whether the practice was motivated by antisemitic intent.

#### SEC. 6. OTHER RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.

- (a) GENERAL RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed—
- (1) to expand the authority of the Secretary of Education;
- (2) to alter the standards pursuant to which the Department of Education makes a determination that harassing conduct amounts to actionable discrimination; or
- (3) to diminish or infringe upon the rights protected under any other provision of law that is in effect as of the date of enactment of this Act.
- (b) CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to diminish or infringe upon any right protected under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 573. A bill to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Denali; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about a century-long dispute. A hundred years plus, there has been a dispute about the Federal designation of North America's tallest mountain. It is a pretty majestic picture, but it does nothing to really convey the amazing grandeur of Denali. It is majestic. It is breathtaking. It is something that as Alaskans and as a lifelong Alaskan, there is not a day when I am able to see Denali and just say—just kind of breathe deep, because it is that extraordinary.

And in my hometown of Anchorage, we are about 250 miles away from Denali, and on clear days, when you are on the road, just about a mile from my house, just a little bit of elevation, you can see the mountain.

And we talk about it that way. We say: She is out. The mountain is out today. The big one is out today.

It is an extraordinary gift from God, really. Snow-blanketed crevasses, the ridges are just gleaming in the sun. How this mountain connects earth to sky beyond, it is just extraordinary.

And, again, this picture is beautiful—obviously, on a summer day. There is never a time when she is not covered in snow, but Denali can also be one of the coldest, most treacherous places on Farth.

It has storms in the middle of winter. You expect that. But it has storms in the middle of July that obey no rules. It has its own rules. Denali creates its own weather. It literally creates its own weather.

I had an opportunity to go up on Ruth Glacier on my birthday. My birthday happens to be the end of May. It was going to be an extraordinary big-ticket item—it was a big-ticket item, but we were chased off that mountain after about 40 minutes because the weather which, when we had arrived at the mountain, was pretty great, and in 40 minutes, she was shutting down, and we were either going to be spending the night there, which was not prime condition to do, or we were getting off in order to get out safely. You respect her.

But it is a place where you respect the nature around you because what can be that perfect day can descend with wind and snow into chaos. It falls on you so quickly, you can't see your own footprints in the snow.

The lives that have been lost and the legends of the stories told remain, but no matter what happens with the weather, as transitory as all that is, Denali stands resilient and true.

For centuries, the Koyukon Athabascans have lived, they have hunted, they have foraged, they have loved, they have died, they have survived in the shadow of this great mountain.

They have been on the waterways, in the valleys, on the hills, and in the ridges. Alaska Natives have persevered in one of the most challenging climates, and they have done so in harmony with the food supply and the surroundings around them.

Denali is Koyukon for "the Great One," for "the Great One." This is how Native people have always known it, and as the great witness of untold stories from their ancestors.

The very first-ever map to label the mountain read "Tenada," and this is a transcription of Denali—again, the Great One.

The first mountaineers to summit the peak called it Denali. It is interesting to note that the first individual to actually summit was not the mountaineers who had paid for the climb, but it was the Alaskan Native guide who took them safely and successfully to the top. But it is the same Native people, those same mountaineers that were baffled that anyone would dare to modify the original Native name.

And yet, in 1917, the mountain was not named Denali. And there is a fair amount of legend that comes with that as well, that there was a trapper who came out of the woods—this was during the early days of the President McKinley administration—and he said: Out of respect, let's honor the new President.

But much like Native lands, health, and culture, you just don't come in and say we are going to disregard, we are going to disrespect the rightful name, the name that had been in place for generations, for thousands of years.

And so since that time in 1917, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names has

received over 20,000 letters and signatures, most of them—the vast majority of them calling for the name Denali to be restored.

This massive mountain commands a reverent name, a steadfast name—not the name of an individual, a person who comes and goes, who may have had an impact for a brief moment in time.

But this is ageless, timeless. The Great One, 20,310 feet tall, the tallest mountain in North America. So when you have something that is that significant, that is that connected as part of the land in ways that are beyond just a mere name—but, again, a reverence with which you speak of this piece of land, this geography.

When Alaskans leave our home State and boast to outsiders, whether spinning a globe or just talking about it, we say: That is Denali. That is the Great One. She is out today.

So that is why today I have introduced legislation that would officially restore the federally recognized name of this quintessential mountain as Denali.

Now, this is not the first time I have done this. This is actually the fourth Congress that I have introduced this legislation. Maybe I am persistent; I think Alaskans are just very resilient, and we will continue to be. We will continue to be because this magnificent mountain is something that each of us holds in our hearts, that we hold dear. For these last 100 years or so, we have continued to call our great mountain Denali, regardless, and will continue to do that 100 years going forward. Denali existed before any person, and it will remain long after we are dust.

So I share this with my colleagues today, letting you know that we put this legislation out there. My introduction follows on the actions of the Alaska State Legislature—both the house and the senate have moved a resolution urging us in Congress to move forward with this and officially restore the federally recognized name, and so I am pleased to be able to begin that process today.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 579. A bill to amend the National Quantum Initiative Act to provide for a research, development, and demonstration program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 579

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 "Department of Energy Quantum Leadership Act of 2025".

#### SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY QUANTUM IN-FORMATION SCIENCE RESEARCH PROGRAM.

Section 401 of the National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C. 8851) is amended—
(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

- "(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall carry out a research, development, and demonstration program on quantum information science, engineering, and technology.";
  - (2) in subsection (b)—
- (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting ", engineering, and technology" after "science";
- (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting ", engineering, and technology" after "science";
- (C) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:
- "(3) provide research experiences and training for additional undergraduate and graduate students in quantum information science, engineering, and technology, including in the fields specified in paragraph (4);";
- (D) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through (5) as paragraphs (5) through (7), respectively;
- (E) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:
- "(3) operate National Quantum Information Science Research Centers under section 402 to accelerate and scale scientific and technical breakthroughs in quantum information science, engineering, and technology, and maintain state-of-the-art infrastructure for quantum researchers and industry partners:
- "(4) conduct cooperative basic and applied research with industry, National Laboratories, institutions of higher education, and other research institutions to facilitate the development, demonstration, and commercial application of quantum information science, engineering, and technology priorities, as determined by the Secretary of Energy, including in the fields of—
  - "(A) quantum information theory;
- "(B) quantum physics;
- "(C) quantum computational science, including hardware and software, machine learning, and data science;
- "(D) applied mathematics and algorithm development;
- "(E) quantum communications and networking, including hardware and software for quantum communications and networking:
- "(F) quantum sensing, imaging, and detection:
- "(G) materials science and engineering;
- "(H) quantum modeling and simulation, including molecular modeling:
- "(I) near- and long-term application development, as determined by the Secretary of Energy:
  - "(J) quantum chemistry:
  - "(K) quantum biology;
- "(L) superconductive and high-performance microelectronics; and
  - "(M) quantum security technologies;"
- (F) in paragraph (6) (as so redesignated), in subparagraph (F), by striking "and" at the end;
- (G) in paragraph (7) (as so redesignated)—
  (i) by striking "and" before "potential";
  and
- (ii) by striking the period at the end and inserting ", and other relevant stakeholders, as determined by the Secretary of Energy; and"; and
- (H) by adding at the end the following:
- "(8) leverage the collective body of knowledge and data, including experience and resources from existing Federal research activities and commercially available quantum computing hardware and software, to the extent practicable."; and
  - (3) by adding at the end the following:

- "(c) INDUSTRY OUTREACH.—In carrying out the program under subsection (a), the Secretary of Energy shall engage with the quantum technology industry and promote commercialization of applications of quantum technology relevant to the activities of the Department of Energy by—
  - "(1) educating-
- "(A) the energy industry on near-term and commercially available quantum technologies; and
- "(B) the quantum industry on potential energy applications;
- "(2) accelerating the advancements of United States quantum computing, communications, networking, sensing, and security capabilities to protect and optimize the energy sector;
- "(3) advancing relevant domestic supply chains, manufacturing capabilities, and associated simulations or modeling capabilities:
- "(4) facilitating commercialization of quantum technologies from National Laboratories and engaging with the Quantum Economic Development Consortium and other organizations, as applicable, to transition component technologies that advance the development of a quantum supply chain; and
- "(5) to the extent practicable, ensuring industry partner access, especially for small-and medium-sized businesses, to specialized quantum instrumentation, equipment, testbeds, and other infrastructure to design, prototype, and test novel quantum hardware and streamline user access to reduce costs and other administrative burdens.
- ''(d) High-performance Computing Strategic Plan.—
- "(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary of Energy shall submit to Congress a 10-year strategic plan to guide Federal programs in designing, expanding, and procuring hybrid, energy-efficient high-performance computing systems capable of integrating with a diverse set of accelerators, including quantum, artificial intelligence, and machine learning accelerators, to enable the computing facilities of the Department of Energy to advance national computing resources.
- "(2) CONTENTS.—The strategic plan under paragraph (1) shall include the following:
- "(A) A conceptual plan to leverage capabilities and infrastructure from the exascale computing program, as the Secretary of Energy determines necessary.
- "(B) A plan to minimize disruptions to the advanced scientific computing workforce.
- "(C) A consideration of a diversity of quantum computing modalities.
- "(D) A plan to integrate cloud access of commercially available quantum hardware and software to complement on-premises high-performance computing systems and resources consistent with the QUEST program established under section 404.
- "(e) EARLY-STAGE QUANTUM HIGH-PERFORM-ANCE COMPUTING RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-MENT PROGRAM.—
- "(1) DEFINITION OF QUANTUM HIGH-PERFORM-ANCE COMPUTING.—In this subsection, the term 'quantum high-performance computing' means the use of classical high-performance computing systems with quantum processing units and hybrid quantum-classical algorithms to leverage the strength of computational architectures and solve complex prob-
- "(2) Program.—The Secretary of Energy shall establish an early-stage research and development program in quantum high-performance computing—
- "(A) to inform the 10-year strategic plan described in subsection (d)(1); and

- "(B) to build the necessary scientific computing workforce to fulfill the objectives of that plan.
- "(3) ACTIVITIES.—The program established under paragraph (2) shall—
- "(A) support early-stage quantum supercomputing testbeds and prototypes; and
- "(B) connect early-stage quantum highperformance computing projects to the Centers funded under this Act.
- "(4) FUNDING.—Of funds made available under subsection (i)(1), the Secretary of Energy shall use not more than \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030 to carry out the activities under this subsection.
- "(f) SUPPLY CHAIN STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, shall conduct a study on quantum science, engineering, and technology supply chain needs, including—
- "(1) identifying hurdles to growth in the quantum industry by leveraging the expertise of relevant stakeholders in academia and industry, including the Quantum Economic Development Consortium; and
- "(2) making recommendations on how to strengthen the domestic supply of materials and technologies necessary for the development of a robust manufacturing base and workforce.
  - "(g) Traineeship Program.—
- "(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall establish a university-led traineeship program—
- "(A) to address workforce development needs in quantum information science, engineering, and technology; and
- "(B) that will focus on supporting increased participation, workforce development, and research experiences for underrepresented undergraduate and graduate students.
- "(2) FUNDING.—Of funds made available under subsection (i)(1), the Secretary of Energy shall use not more than \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030 to carry out the activities under this subsection.
- "(h) COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary of Energy shall, to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate with the Director of the National Science Foundation, the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, and the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies to ensure that programs and activities carried out under this section complement and do not duplicate existing efforts across the Federal government.
  - "(i) FUNDING.—
- "(1) IN GENERAL.—Of amounts authorized to be appropriated for the Department of Energy, the Secretary of Energy shall use not more than \$175,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030 to carry out activities under this section.
  - "(2) Restrictions.—
- "(A) CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE.—None of the funds made available under this subsection may be obligated to or expended by an institution of higher education that maintains a contract or other agreement with a Confucius Institute or any successor of a Confucius Institute.
- ''(B) Foreign countries and entities of concern.—
  - ``(i) Definitions.—In this subparagraph:
- "(I) FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The term 'foreign country of concern' means—
- "(aa) a covered nation (as defined in section 4872(d) of title 10, United States Code); and

"(bb) any other country that the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Director of National Intelligence, determines to be engaged in conduct that is detrimental to the national security or foreign policy of the United States.

"(II) FOREIGN ENTITY OF CONCERN.—The term 'foreign entity of concern' means a foreign entity that—

"(aa) is designated as a foreign terrorist organization by the Secretary of State under section 219(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189(a));

"(bb) is included on the list of specially designated nationals and blocked persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury;

"(cc) is owned by, controlled by, or subject to the jurisdiction or direction of a government of a foreign country that is a covered nation (as defined in section 4872(d) of title 10, United States Code);

''(dd) is alleged by the Attorney General to have been involved in activities for which a conviction was obtained under—

"(AA) chapter 37 of title 18, United States Code (commonly known as the 'Espionage Act'):

"(BB) section 951 or 1030 of title 18, United States Code:

"(CC) chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code (commonly known as the 'Economic Espionage Act of 1996');

"(DD) the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.);

"(EE) section 224, 225, 226, 227, or 236 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2284):

"(FF) the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.); or

"(GG) the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); or

"(ee) is determined by the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Director of National Inteligence, to be engaged in unauthorized conduct that is detrimental to the national security or foreign policy of the United States.

"(ii) RESTRICTION.—None of the funds made available under this subsection may be obligated or expended to promote, establish, or finance quantum research activities between a United States entity and a foreign country of concern or a foreign entity of concern.".

# SEC. 3. DOE QUANTUM INSTRUMENTATION AND FOUNDRY PROGRAM.

The National Quantum Initiative Act is amended by inserting after section 401 (15 U.S.C. 8851) the following:

# "SEC. 401A. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY QUANTUM INSTRUMENTATION AND FOUNDRY PROGRAM.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall establish an instrumentation and infrastructure program to carry out the following:

"(1) Maintain United States leadership in quantum information science, engineering, and technology.

"(2) Develop domestic quantum supply chains.

 $\lq\lq(3)$  Provide resources for the broader scientific community.

"(4) Support activities carried out under sections 401, 402, 403, and 404.

"(b) PROGRAM COMPONENTS.—In carrying out the program under subsection (a), the Secretary of Energy shall—

"(1) develop, design, build, purchase, and commercialize specialized equipment, laboratory infrastructure, and state-of-the-art instrumentation to advance quantum engineering research and the development of quantum component technologies at a scale sufficient to meet the needs of the scientific community and enable commercialization of quantum technology;

"(2) leverage the capabilities of National Laboratories and Nanoscale Science Research Centers, including facilities and experts that research and develop novel quantum materials and devices; and

"(3) consider the technologies and end-use applications that have significant economic potential, as determined by the Secretary, based on consultation with relevant stakeholders in academia and industry, including the Quantum Economic Development Consortium.

"(c) QUANTUM FOUNDRIES.—In carrying out the program under subsection (a), and in coordination with institutions of higher education and industry, the Secretary of Energy shall support the development of quantum foundries focused on meeting the device, hardware, software, and materials needs of the scientific community and the quantum supply chain.

"(d) Consultation.—In carrying out the program under subsection (a), the Secretary of Energy shall consult with the following entities to identify the instrumentation, equipment, infrastructure, and materials needed to support the objectives of that program:

"(1) The National Institute of Standards and Technology.

"(2) The National Science Foundation.

"(3) The National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

"(4) Any other relevant Federal agency.

"(5) The National Laboratories.

"(6) National Quantum Information Science Research Centers.

"(7) Industry stakeholders.

"(8) Institutions of higher education.

"(9) Any other research institution.

"(e) FUNDING.—Of amounts authorized to be appropriated for the Department of Energy, the Secretary of Energy shall use not more than \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030 to carry out this section.".

# SEC. 4. NATIONAL QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTERS.

Section 402 of the National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C. 8852) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking "basic"; and

(ii) by striking "science and technology and to support research conducted under section 401" and inserting "science, engineering, and technology, expand capacity for the domestic quantum workforce, and support research conducted under sections 401, 403, and 404"; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(C), by inserting "that may include 1 or more commercial entities" after "collaborations";

(2) in subsection (b), by inserting "and should be inclusive of the variety of viable quantum technologies, as appropriate" before the period at the end;

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking "basic"; and

(B) by inserting ", engineering, and technology, accelerating quantum workforce development," after "science":

(4) in subsection (e), by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

"(2) RENEWAL.—Each Center established under this section may be renewed for an additional period of 5 years following a successful, merit-based review and approval by the Director.": and

(5) in subsection (f), in the first sentence—(A) by striking "\$25,000,000" and inserting "\$35.000,000"; and

(B) by striking "2019 through 2023" and inserting "2026 through 2030".

# SEC. 5. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY QUANTUM NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

Section 403 of the National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C. 8853) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (4)—

(i) by inserting ", including" after "networking"; and

(ii) by striking "and" at the end;

(B) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(6) as applicable, leverage a diversity of modalities and commercially available quantum hardware and software; and

"(7) develop education and training pathways related to quantum network infrastructure investments, aligned with existing programmatic investments by the Department of Energy."; and

(2) in subsection (b)-

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and (D) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), respectively; and

(ii) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following:

"(C) the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the head of any other relevant Federal agency, as determined by the Secretary;":

(B) in paragraph (2)-

(i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting "ground-to-space and" before "space-to-ground";

(ii) in subparagraph (E), by striking "photon-based" and inserting "all applicable modalities of";

(iii) in subparagraph (F), by inserting ", quantum sensors," after "quantum repeaters":

(iv) in subparagraph (G)—

(I) by inserting "data centers," after "repeaters,"; and

(II) by striking "and" at the end;

(v) in subparagraph (H)-

(I) by striking "the quantum technology stack" and inserting "quantum technology modality stacks"; and

(II) by striking "National Laboratories in" and inserting "National Laboratories such as"; and

(vi) by adding at the end the following:

"(I) development of quantum network and entanglement distribution protocols or applications, including development of network stack protocols and protocols enabling integration with existing technologies or infrastructure; and

"(J) development of high-efficiency roomtemperature photon detectors for quantum photonic applications, including quantum networking and communications;";

(C) in paragraph (4)—

(i) by striking "basic"; and

(ii) by striking "material" and inserting "materials"; and

(D) in paragraph (5), by striking "fundamental"; and

(3) in subsection (d), by striking "basic research" and inserting "research, development, and demonstration".

# SEC. 6. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY QUANTUM USER EXPANSION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.

Section 404 of the National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C. 8854) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "and quantum computing clouds" and inserting ", software, and cloud-based quantum computing";

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking "and" at the end;

(C) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

"(5) to enable development of software and applications, including estimation of resources needed to scale applications; and

- "(6) to develop near-term quantum applications to solve public and private sector problems.":
- (2) in subsection (b)-
- (A) in paragraph (4), by striking "and" at the end;
- (B) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(6) enable users to develop algorithms, software tools, simulators, and applications for quantum systems using cloud-based quantum computers; and

"(7) partner with appropriate public- and private-sector entities to develop training and education opportunities on prototype and early-stage devices to support commercial applications.";

(3) in subsection (c)—

- (A) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through (8) as paragraphs (5) through (9), respectively; and
- (B) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:
- "(4) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;"; and
- (4) in subsection (e)—
- (A) in paragraph (4), by striking "and" at the end;
- (B) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and
- (C) by adding at the end the following:
- "(6) \$38,000,000 for fiscal year 2028;
- ((7) \$39,900,000 for fiscal year 2029; and
- "(8) \$41,895,000 for fiscal year 2030.".

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. DAINES, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. MULLIN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. JUS-TICE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. Scott of South Carolina, Mrs. Blackburn, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Budd, Mr. Crapo, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BOOZMAN. Ms. ERNST, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MAR-SHALL, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Rounds, Ms. LUMMIS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRA-HAM, Mr. McCormick, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. COTTON, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Banks, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Schmitt, Mr. LEE, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. MORENO):

S. 587. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, later today, I will introduce a bill to repeal the death tax.

As I mentioned, as a resident of a rural State filled with family farms and ranches, I have made death tax repeal a priority for a long time, and I was proud to help secure a doubling of the death tax exemption in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. This doubled exemption has provided certainty to a lot of farms and ranches and small businesses over the past 7 years, but the expanded exemption is expiring at the end of this year. It is my hope that we will not merely extend this exemption but that we will get rid of this fundamentally flawed tax once and for a11.

The death tax is fundamentally flawed both in theory and in practice. There should be a limit to how many times the government can tax you. The money you leave at your death has already been taxed by the government at least once, which makes the death tax double taxation, and the government isn't even profiting all that much from this double taxation. That is right. The death tax accounts for a teeny, tiny fraction of government revenue. In fact, there is reason to believe that the government would collect more in taxes if it got rid of the death tax entirely due to the economic growth and job creation that would stem from its elimination.

So how is there any support left for this burdensome tax? That is a good question. For some, of course, heavy taxation is axiomatic. "Do well," their thinking runs, "and the government should come after you." Some think that you shouldn't be able to pass the results of hard work down to your children upon your death.

Well, death tax proponents tend to talk as if the death tax only affects the extremely wealthy, but nothing, of course, could be further from the truth. The death tax can sweep up those who have very little in the bank—notably, family farms and ranches and family businesses. How? Well, farming and ranching is often a cash-poor business. A farmer might have substantial looking assets on paper, but the vast majority of that is land and farming equipment. Only a small fraction of it is money in the bank.

On top of that, farmland can often be valued at a level that is inconsistent with its agricultural productivity value. A farmer might have land with a substantial value on paper, but the crop yield on that land could be worth far. far less.

So what happens when a farmer or a rancher dies and his estate is subject to the tax? There is a very good chance that his liquid assets—in other words, the cash he has available in the bank—won't come close to covering the tax bill from the Federal Government, and the only alternative for his heirs may be to start selling off land or farm equipment to pay the tax. In some cases, they will be able to keep the farm, just a smaller version of it; in others, they may have to sell off the family farm entirely.

The case is similar with family-owned businesses. The owner might appear to have substantial looking assets on paper, but only a small fraction of that may be money in the bank. The vast majority may be tied up in the business. Once again, when the Federal Government comes around, demanding a huge portion of this individual's taxable estate, there may not be anywhere close to enough money in the bank to pay the tax. To pay the Federal Government, the owner's descendants will have to sell off part or all of the family business

Now, family farms and ranches are the lifeblood of the rural communities in South Dakota. They are a source of jobs. They provide support for local businesses. They help build up local schools and local infrastructure. Losing a local farm can hit rural communities very, very hard, especially when that farm or ranch is bought up by an out-of-State business with few ties to the community and limited interest in building it up.

It is not just those who actually get hit by the estate tax who suffer. A lot of family farms and ranches and family businesses spend a lot of time and money on estate planning to avoid being hit by this tax. That is time and money that could have gone into building their business, investing in new equipment, hiring new workers, and the list goes on.

Some set aside capital to prepare for the death tax—capital that, again, could go into building up a farm or ranch or hiring new workers for the family business.

As one of my Democrat colleagues, the senior Senator from Washington, said a while back:

The estate tax is bad for businesses. It is bad for workers and new job creation. And it is bad for our communities who are watching their local, family-owned businesses get swallowed up by large corporations.

As I said, we protected a lot more family farms and family businesses by doubling the death tax exemption in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act back in 2017, but we didn't protect them all. And those we did protect will lose those protections at the end of this year. It is time to end this punishing and burdensome tax once and for all.

I want to thank my Republican colleagues who have joined me in sponsoring this legislation. I hope that 2025 will be the year that we permanently bid farewell to the death tax.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 587

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 "Death Tax Repeal Act of 2025".

# SEC. 2. REPEAL OF ESTATE AND GENERATION-SKIPPING TRANSFER TAXES.

(a) ESTATE TAX REPEAL.—Subchapter C of chapter 11 of subtitle B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

## "SEC. 2210. TERMINATION.

- "(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), this chapter shall not apply to the estates of decedents dying on or after the date of the enactment of the Death Tax Repeal Act of 2025.
- (°(b) CERTAIN DISTRIBUTIONS FROM QUALIFIED DOMESTIC TRUSTS.—In applying section 2056A with respect to the surviving spouse of a decedent dying before the date of the enactment of the Death Tax Repeal Act of 2025—
- "(1) section 2056A(b)(1)(A) shall not apply to distributions made after the 10-year period beginning on such date, and

- "(2) section 2056A(b)(1)(B) shall not apply on or after such date.".
- (b) GENERATION-SKIPPING TRANSFER TAX REPEAL.—Subchapter G of chapter 13 of subtitle B of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

## "SEC. 2664. TERMINATION.

"This chapter shall not apply to generation-skipping transfers on or after the date of the enactment of the Death Tax Repeal Act of 2025.".

- (c) Conforming Amendments.-
- (1) The table of sections for subchapter C of chapter 11 of the Internal Revenue Code of

1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

'Sec. 2210. Termination.".

- (2) The table of sections for subchapter G of chapter 13 of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new item: "Sec. 2664. Termination.".
- (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to the estates of decedents dying, and generationskipping transfers, after the date of the enactment of this Act.

## SEC. 3. MODIFICATIONS OF GIFT TAX.

(a) COMPUTATION OF GIFT TAX.—Subsection (a) of section 2502 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

"(a) COMPUTATION OF TAX.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The tax imposed by section 2501 for each calendar year shall be an amount equal to the excess of-

"(A) a tentative tax, computed under paragraph (2), on the aggregate sum of the taxable gifts for such calendar year and for each of the preceding calendar periods, over

"(B) a tentative tax, computed under paragraph (2), on the aggregate sum of the taxable gifts for each of the preceding calendar periods.

"(2) RATE SCHEDULE.—

"If the amount with respect to which the tentative tax to be computed is:	The tentative
•	tax is:
Not over \$10,000	18% of such amount.
Over \$20,000 but not over \$40,000	\$3,800, plus 22% of the excess over \$20,000.
Over \$40,000 but not over \$60,000	
Over \$60,000 but not over \$80,000	
Over \$80,000 but not over \$100,000	\$60,000.
Over \$100,000 but not over \$150,000	the excess over
Over \$150,000 but not over \$250,000	the excess over
Over \$250,000 but not over \$500,000	\$150,000. \$70,800, plus 34% of the excess over
Over \$500,000	\$250,000. \$155,800, plus 35% of the excess over \$500,000.''.
(b) Treatment of Certain Transfers in \$10,000, such amount shall be rounded to the Murray.	Mr. Reed, Mr. Sand-

- TRUST.—Section 2511 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:
- (c) Treatment of Certain Transfers in TRUST.-Notwithstanding any other provision of this section and except as provided in regulations, a transfer in trust shall be treated as a taxable gift under section 2503. unless the trust is treated as wholly owned by the donor or the donor's spouse under subpart E of part I of subchapter J of chapter 1."
  - (c) LIFETIME GIFT EXEMPTION —
- (1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 2505(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:
- "(1) the amount of the tentative tax which would be determined under the rate schedule set forth in section 2502(a)(2) if the amount with respect to which such tentative tax is to be computed were \$10,000,000, reduced by"
- (2) Inflation adjustment.—Section 2505 of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:
- "(d) Inflation Adjustment.-
- "(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any calendar year after 2011, the dollar amount in subsection (a)(1) shall be increased by an amount equal to-
- "(A) such dollar amount, multiplied by
- "(B) the cost-of-living adjustment determined under section 1(f)(3) for such calendar year by substituting 'calendar year 2010' for 'calendar year 2016' in subparagraph (A)(ii) thereof.
- "(2) ROUNDING.—If any amount as adjusted under paragraph (1) is not a multiple of

- nearest multiple of \$10,000."
  - (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.
- (1) Section 2505(a) of such Code is amended by striking the last sentence.
- (2) The heading for section 2505 of such Code is amended by striking "UNIFIED".
- (3) The item in the table of sections for subchapter A of chapter 12 of such Code relating to section 2505 is amended to read as follows:
- "Sec. 2505. Credit against gift tax.".
- (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to gifts made on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.
  - (f) TRANSITION RULE.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of applying sections 1015(d), 2502, and 2505 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the calendar year in which this Act is enacted shall be treated as 2 separate calendar years one of which ends on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act and the other of which begins on such date of enactment.
- (2) Application of section 2504(b).—For purposes of applying section 2504(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the calendar year in which this Act is enacted shall be treated as one preceding calendar period.
  - By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. Coons, Ms. Duckworth, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLO-BUCHAR, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs.

ERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. Warren, Mr. Whitehouse, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 597. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the purchase of certain firearms by individuals under 21 years of age, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Age 21 Act, a vital piece of legislation aimed at reducing gun violence and enhancing the safety of all Americans.

The Age 21 Act would prohibit the sale of assault weapons, large-capacity ammunition, and related items to individuals under the age of 21.

However, this bill includes reasonable exceptions to allow temporary transfer or possession of assault weapons for specific activities, such as recreational use or work-related responsibilities, including Active military service.

Every American has the right to live free from the fear of gun violence. Yet this epidemic continues to devastate our communities, claiming over 46,000 lives in 2023 alone, the third-highest number of gun-related deaths ever recorded. This ongoing crisis demands urgent and meaningful action.

Assault weapons—engineered for military purposes—are designed to inflict maximum damage in the shortest amount of time. Unsurprisingly, they are frequently chosen by those who perpetrate mass violence. Their deadly impact is tragically evident in many of our Nation's darkest moments.

In 2022, an 18-year-old gunman in Uvalde, TX, used an AR-15-style rifle to kill 19 children and 2 teachers at Robb Elementary School. In 2018, a 19-year-old gunman at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL, murdered 17 students and staff members with an AR-15 rifle. And in 2012, a 20-year-old gunman used an AR-15-style rifle to kill 20 children and 6 educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT.

These are not isolated incidents but part of devastating pattern. Data shows that more than 85 percent of fatalities in public mass shootings involving four or more deaths are caused by assault rifles. The evidence is clear: These weapons amplify the scale of violence and loss of life.

Scientific research supports raising the minimum age for accessing such destructive weapons. Studies show that the human brain continues to develop into a person's mid-20s, particularly in areas related to impulse control, judgment, and long-term planning. Recognizing this, Federal law already restricts the purchase of alcohol and tobacco to individuals over 21, commonsense measures to protect public safety. Assault weapons, with their unparalleled potential for destruction, deserve no less consideration.

Americans deserve to feel safe in their schools, places of worship, and neighborhoods. By passing the Age 21 Act, we can take a meaningful step to reduce the availability of these deadly weapons to young individuals, helping to save lives and prevent future tragedies.

Public safety is a shared responsibility, and this bill represents an important measure to strengthen our collective efforts to combat gun violence. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation and working to pass the Age 21 Act as swiftly as possible.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 602. A bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to support research and development of ungulate grazing land management techniques for purposes of wildfire mitigation, fuel reduction, and post-fire recovery; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise to introduce the bipartisan Wildfire Resilience Through Grazing Research Act. This legislation aims to advance research into the use of hooved animal grazing as a tool for wildfire prevention, mitigation, and recovery.

Wildfires in the U.S. are becoming more frequent, intense, and destructive, posing significant threats to lives, ecosystems, and property. The economic and ecological costs of these fires are devastating. To mitigate future risks and support postfire recovery, we must adopt effective land management strategies. One promising and natural method is ungulate grazing, which has proven effective in reducing the fuel loads that exacerbate fire spread.

However, we still lack sufficient scientific understanding of how to optimize grazing practices for wildfire mitigation while avoiding potential environmental harms. Supporting this research will allow the Federal Government, as well as private landowners, to make grazing a core, cost-effective tool in wildfire prevention, working alongside other mitigation strategies to protect our landscapes, our communities, and our way of life.

Our bipartisan bill would add the Grazing for Wildfire Mitigation Initiative to the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) High-Priority Research List. Specifically, this initiative would support research and development of ungulate grazing land management techniques that promote wildfire mitigation, fuels reduction, and postfire recovery. In addition, it would support information dissemination of ungulate grazing land management techniques that support wildfire mitigation to public and private landowners, land managers, and livestock owners.

I would like to thank my colleagues Senators Moran, Hirono, and Lankford for their leadership in introducing this bipartisan legislation with me. I urge my colleagues to support the Wildfire Resilience Through Grazing Research Act, and I look forward to working together to ensure our communities are better prepared to face the challenges posed by increasingly frequent and severe wildfires.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 603. A bill to designate the General George C. Marshall House in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, today, I am joining with Senator Mark Warner to again introduce legislation to designate the General George C. Marshall House, also known as the Dodona Manor, in Leesburg, VA, as an affiliated area under the National Park Service. This same bill passed unanimously in the Senate at the end of the 118th Congress.

The legislation will be the final step in the yearslong effort to recognize the Dodona Manor as a unit of the National Park System. It will also promote the public appreciation of the significant historic contributions made by U.S. military leader and statesman George C. Marshall.

George C. Marshall was an American hero, playing a significant role in the Allied victory in World War II and serving as an architect of one of the most significant foreign policy initiatives in our country's history. He led a lifetime of public service, serving as Chief of Staff to the Army during America's entry into World War II. as Secretary of State, where he orchestrated the historic Marshall Plan to rebuild Europe following the war and provided counsel to Presidents Roosevelt and Truman, and as Secretary of Defense after the onset of the Korean war. He acquired Dodona Manor while serving as the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army in 1941 and lived there until his death in 1959.

Today, the George C. Marshall House is dedicated to preserving and advancing General Marshall's life's work and legacy by hosting international exchanges, historical exhibits, and community events, and supporting educational programming based on General Marshall's desire to inspire future leaders. The legislation would bring greater resources, including technical assistance, accessibility improvements, and new programming, to this historical site and enable the Marshall House to improve and expand its work.

I am hopeful that this designation will provide new resources to preserve, honor, and celebrate General Marshall's legacy at this historic site, and I am pleased that companion legislation is also being introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by my colleague Representative SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM.

# SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 77—AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES BY THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. PAUL submitted the following resolution; from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 77

Resolved,

# SECTION 1. GENERAL AUTHORITY.

In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate and Senate Resolution 445 (108th Congress), agreed to October 9, 2004, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (in this resolution referred to as the "committee") is authorized from March 1, 2025, through February 28, 2027, in its discretion, to—

- (1) make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;
  - (2) employ personnel; and
- (3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and