

“(2) WAIVER.—If the Secretary determines that American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands of the United States is unable to comply with the requirement under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall waive such requirement.”;

(6) in subsection (g)—

(A) by striking “In this section” and inserting “In this subtitle”; and

(B) by striking “or Puerto Rico” and inserting “American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and any other territory of the United States”; and

(7) in subsection (h), by striking “fiscal year 2004” and inserting “each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022”.

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in section 1(b) of the PROTECT Act (Public Law 108-21) is amended by striking the item relating to section 303 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 303. Grant program for notification and communications systems along highways and major transportation routes for recovery of abducted children.”.

SEC. 4. AMBER ALERT COMMUNICATION PLANS IN THE TERRITORIES.

Section 304 of the PROTECT Act (34 U.S.C. 20504) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(4), by inserting after “with” the following: “a territorial government or”;

(2) by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) FEDERAL SHARE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Federal share of the cost of any activities funded by a grant under this section may not exceed 50 percent.

“(2) WAIVER.—If the Attorney General determines that American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, or an Indian tribe is unable to comply with the requirement under paragraph (1), the Attorney General shall waive such requirement.”; and

(3) in subsection (d), by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, including territories of the United States”.

SEC. 5. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REPORT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 5 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall conduct a study assessing—

(1) the implementation of the amendments made by this Act;

(2) any challenges related to integrating the territories of the United States into the AMBER Alert system;

(3) the readiness, educational, technological, and training needs of territorial law enforcement agencies in responding to cases involving missing, abducted, or exploited children; and

(4) any other related matters the Attorney General or the Secretary of Transportation determines appropriate.

(b) REPORT REQUIRED.—The Comptroller General shall submit a report on the findings of the study required under subsection (a) to—

(1) the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and the House of Representatives;

(2) the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate;

(3) the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives; and

(4) each of the delegates or resident commissioner to the House of Representatives from American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.

(c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Comptroller General shall make the report required under subsection (b) available on a public Government website.

(d) OBTAINING OFFICIAL DATA.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General may secure information necessary to conduct the study under subsection (a) directly from any Federal agency and from any territorial government receiving grant funding under the PROTECT Act. Upon request of the Comptroller General, the head of a Federal agency or territorial government shall furnish the requested information to the Comptroller General.

(2) AGENCY RECORDS.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), nothing in this subsection shall require a Federal agency or any territorial government to produce records subject to a common law evidentiary privilege. Records and information shared with the Comptroller General shall continue to be subject to withholding under sections 552 and 552a of title 5, United States Code. The Comptroller General is obligated to give the information the same level of confidentiality and protection required of the Federal agency or territorial government. The Comptroller General may be requested to sign a nondisclosure or other agreement as a condition of gaining access to sensitive or proprietary data to which the Comptroller General is entitled.

(3) PRIVACY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION.—The Comptroller General, and any Federal agency and any territorial government that provides information to the Comptroller General, shall take such actions as are necessary to ensure the protection of the personal information of a minor.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REBECCA TERESA WEICHHAND

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 717 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 717) honoring the life and legacy of Rebecca Teresa Weichhand.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I further ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to; that the preamble be agreed to; and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 717) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of December 6, 2018, under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 731, submitted earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 731) designating December 10, 2018, as “Human Rights Day” and recognizing the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I further ask that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 731) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

NATIONAL QUANTUM INITIATIVE ACT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6227 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 6227) to provide for a coordinated Federal program to accelerate quantum research and development for the economic and national security of the United States.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Thune substitute amendment at the desk be considered and agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The amendment (No. 4114) in the nature of a substitute was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.)

(The amendment is printed in today’s RECORD under “Text of Amendments.”)

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

The bill (H.R. 6227), as amended, was passed.

ORDER FOR PRINTING OF SENATE DOCUMENTS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be printed as a Senate document a compilation of materials from the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in tribute to retiring Members of the 115th Congress, and

that Members have until Friday, December 21, to submit such tributes.

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

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, in consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, pursuant to Public Law 115-232, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission: Suzanne Spaulding of Virginia.

The Chair, pursuant to Public Law 115-254, on behalf of the Democratic Leader of the Senate, appoints the following individual as a member of the Syria Study Group: Dana L. Stroul, of Maryland.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 3 p.m., Monday, December 17; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business closed; further, that following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the House message to accompany S. 756 and that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the House message to accompany S. 756 be at 3:15 p.m. on Monday; finally, that the cloture motion filed during today's session ripen at 5:30 p.m. on Monday.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:59 p.m., adjourned until Monday, December 17, 2018, at 3 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

JOHNATHAN BRAGG, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 28, 2019, VICE WALTER A. BARROWS, TERM EXPIRED.

JOHNATHAN BRAGG, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 28, 2024. (REAPPOINTMENT)

THOMAS JAYNE, OF MISSOURI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 28, 2023, VICE STEVEN JOEL ANTHONY, TERM EXPIRED.