

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 366—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF RED RIBBON WEEK DURING THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 23 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2019

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. RISCH, and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 366

Whereas the National Family Partnership started the Red Ribbon Campaign in 1988—

(1) to preserve the memory of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, a special agent of the Drug Enforcement Administration who—

(A) served the Drug Enforcement Administration for 11 years; and

(B) was murdered in the line of duty in 1985 while engaged in the battle against illicit drugs;

(2) to commemorate the service of Special Agent Camarena to the Drug Enforcement Administration and the people of the United States; and

(3) to further the cause for which Special Agent Camarena gave his life;

Whereas the Red Ribbon Campaign is the most longstanding drug prevention program in the United States, bringing drug awareness to millions of people in the United States each year;

Whereas Red Ribbon Week is celebrated every year during the period of October 23 through October 31 by—

(1) State Governors and attorneys general;

(2) the National Family Partnership;

(3) parent-teacher associations;

(4) Boys and Girls Clubs of America;

(5) the Young Marines;

(6) the Drug Enforcement Administration; and

(7) hundreds of other organizations throughout the United States;

Whereas the objective of Red Ribbon Week is to promote the creation of drug-free communities through drug prevention efforts, education programs, parental involvement, and community-wide support;

Whereas, according to the 2018 National Drug Threat Assessment, drug poisoning deaths are the leading cause of injury death in the United States, outnumbering deaths by firearms, motor vehicle crashes, suicide, and homicide;

Whereas approximately 69,000 people died from drug overdoses in the United States in 2018;

Whereas reducing the demand for controlled substances would—

(1) curtail lethal addictions and overdoses; and

(2) reduce the violence associated with drug trafficking;

Whereas, although public awareness of illicit drug use is increasing, emerging drug threats and growing epidemics continue to demand attention;

Whereas a majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get those drugs from family, friends, and the home medicine cabinet;

Whereas the Drug Enforcement Administration hosts a National Take Back Day twice a year, on the last Saturdays of October and April, for the public to safely dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs that can lead to accidental poisoning, overdose, or abuse;

Whereas the number of people reporting heroin use during the past 12 months doubled between 2002 and 2018, from 404,000 to 808,000;

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of deaths attributable to methamphetamine has risen every year since 2008 to a high of approximately 12,815 in 2018;

Whereas cocaine availability and use in the United States continued to rise between 2016 and 2018, with total deaths attributable to cocaine exceeding 14,600 in 2018, the highest recorded total in the 21st century;

Whereas fentanyl and the analogues of fentanyl have been devastating communities and families at an unprecedented rate, claiming more than 32,000 lives in 2018;

Whereas the presence of fentanyl poses hazards to police officers and law enforcement agents; and

Whereas parents, young people, schools, businesses, law enforcement agencies, religious institutions and faith-based organizations, service organizations, senior citizens, medical and military personnel, sports teams, and individuals throughout the United States will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during the week-long celebration of Red Ribbon Week: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week during the period of October 23 through October 31, 2019;

(2) encourages the people of the United States to wear and display red ribbons during Red Ribbon Week to symbolize their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles;

(3) encourages children, teens, and other individuals to choose to live drug-free lives; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States—

(A) to promote the creation of drug-free communities; and

(B) to participate in drug prevention activities to show support for healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles.

SENATE RESOLUTION 367—CONDEMNING THE HORRIFIC ATTACK IN DAYTON, OHIO, AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND PRAYERS FOR ALL THOSE IMPACTED BY THAT TRAGEDY

Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 367

Whereas, on August 4, 2019, a mass shooting took place in Dayton, Ohio;

Whereas the people of the United States mourn the 9 innocent lives lost in that unthinkable tragedy: Megan Betts, Monica Brickhouse, Nicholas Cumer, Derrick Fudge, Thomas McNichols, Lois Oglesby, Saeed Saleh, Logan Turner, and Beatrice Warren-Curtis;

Whereas the people of the United States express gratitude for the heroic actions of the men and women of the Dayton Police Department who courageously responded to the shooting and saved countless lives;

Whereas the people of the United States express appreciation and gratitude for the first responders who responded quickly to the shooting and the professionals and volunteers who cared for the injured;

Whereas the people of the United States continue to pray for the individuals who were wounded in the attack and continue to recover;

Whereas the people of the United States commit to supporting communities and local businesses that have been devastated by gun

violence to help the communities and businesses recover and rebuild;

Whereas the entire Dayton community united in support of the victims and their families; and

Whereas the shooting in Dayton, Ohio, occurred approximately 13 hours after a mass shooting in El Paso, Texas, and the people of the United States mourn the 22 innocent lives lost in that tragedy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the senseless attack that took place in Dayton, Ohio, on Sunday, August 4, 2019;

(2) honors the memory of the victims who were killed;

(3) expresses hope for a full and speedy recovery and pledges continued support for the individuals injured in the attack;

(4) offers heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies to the Dayton community and the families, friends, and loved ones affected by the tragedy;

(5) commits to seeking solutions to reduce gun violence, mass shootings, and acts of domestic terrorism in the United States; and

(6) honors the selfless and dedicated service of—

(A) the medical professionals and other individuals who cared for the victims in the community of Montgomery County, Ohio;

(B) the emergency response teams and law enforcement officials who responded to the call of duty; and

(C) the law enforcement officials who continue to investigate the attack.

SENATE RESOLUTION 368—TO AUTHORIZE THE PRODUCTION OF RECORDS BY THE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 368

Whereas, the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs conducted an investigation into China's impact on the U.S. education system;

Whereas, the Subcommittee has received a request from the U.S. Department of Education for access to records of the Subcommittee's investigation;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate can, by administrative or judicial process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate is needed for the promotion of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, acting jointly, are authorized to provide to the U.S. Department of Education and other regulatory agencies, law enforcement officials, and entities or individuals duly authorized by Federal or State governments, records of the Subcommittee's investigation into China's impact on the U.S. education system.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, on behalf of myself and the distinguished Democratic leader, Mr. SCHUMER, I send to the desk a resolution on documentary production by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, and ask for its immediate consideration.

Mr. President, the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs recently conducted an investigation into China's impact on the U.S. education system. The Subcommittee has now received a request from the U.S. Department of Education seeking access to records that the Subcommittee obtained during the investigation.

In keeping with the Senate's practice under its rules, this resolution would authorize the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, acting jointly, to provide records, obtained by the Subcommittee in the course of its investigation, in response to this request and requests from other Federal or State government entities and officials with a legitimate need for the records.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 27—PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE CATAFALQUE SITUATED IN THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER IN CONNECTION WITH MEMORIAL SERVICES TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE HOUSE WING OF THE CAPITOL FOR THE HONORABLE ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS, LATE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE STATE OF MARYLAND

Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 27

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Architect of the Capitol is authorized and directed to transfer the catafalque which is situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center to the House Wing of the Capitol so that such catafalque may be used in connection with services to be conducted there for the Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, late a Representative from the State of Maryland.

AUTHORIZING THE PRODUCTION OF RECORDS BY THE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 368, 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. 368) to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Sub-

committee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

Mr. HOEVEN. I ask unanimous consent 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. 368) was agreed to.

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

GRANT REPORTING EFFICIENCY AND AGREEMENTS TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2019

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 200, H.R. 150.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 150) to modernize Federal grant reporting, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the "Grant Reporting Efficiency and Agreements Transparency Act of 2019" or the "GREAT Act".

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Purposes.
- Sec. 3. Definitions.
- Sec. 4. Data standards for grant reporting.
- Sec. 5. Single Audit Act.
- Sec. 6. Consolidation of assistance-related information; publication of public information as open data.
- Sec. 7. Evaluation of nonproprietary identifiers.
- Sec. 8. Rule of construction.
- Sec. 9. No additional funds authorized.

SEC. 2. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this Act are to—

- (1) modernize reporting by recipients of Federal grants and cooperative agreements by creating and imposing data standards for the information that those recipients are required by law to report to the Federal Government;
- (2) implement the recommendation by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget contained in the report submitted under section 5(b)(6) of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note) relating to the development of a "comprehensive taxonomy of standard definitions for core data elements required for managing Federal financial assistance awards";
- (3) reduce burden and compliance costs of recipients of Federal grants and cooperative agreements by enabling technology solutions, existing or yet to be developed, for use in both the public and private sectors to better manage the data that recipients already provide to the Federal Government; and

- (4) strengthen oversight and management of Federal grants and cooperative agreements by agencies by consolidating the collection and display of and access to open data that has been standardized and, where appropriate, increasing transparency to the public.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act, the terms "agency", "Director", "Federal award", and "Secretary" have the meanings given those terms in section 6401 of title 31, United States Code, as added by section 4(a) of this Act.

SEC. 4. DATA STANDARDS FOR GRANT REPORTING.

(a) **AMENDMENT.**—Subtitle V of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting after chapter 63 the following:

"CHAPTER 64—DATA STANDARDS FOR GRANT REPORTING

- "Sec.
- "6401. Definitions.
- "6402. Data standards for grant reporting.
- "6403. Guidance applying data standards for grant reporting.
- "6404. Agency requirements.

"§ 6401. Definitions

"In this chapter:
"(1) **AGENCY.**—The term 'agency' has the meaning given the term in section 552(f) of title 5.

"(2) **CORE DATA ELEMENTS.**—The term 'core data elements' means data elements relating to financial management, administration, or management that—

"(A) are not program-specific in nature or program-specific outcome measures, as defined in section 1115(h) of this title; and

"(B) are required by agencies for all or the vast majority of recipients of Federal awards for purposes of reporting.

"(3) **DIRECTOR.**—The term 'Director' means the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

"(4) **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.**—The term 'Executive department' has the meaning given the term in section 101 of title 5.

"(5) **FEDERAL AWARD.**—The term 'Federal award'—

"(A) means the transfer of anything of value for a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States, including financial assistance and Government facilities, services, and property;

"(B) includes a grant, a subgrant, a cooperative agreement, or any other transaction; and

"(C) does not include a transaction or agreement—

"(i) that provides for conventional public information services or procurement of property or services for the direct benefit or use of the Government; or

"(ii) that provides only—

"(I) direct Government cash assistance to an individual;

"(II) a subsidy;

"(III) a loan;

"(IV) a loan guarantee; or

"(V) insurance.

"(6) **SECRETARY.**—The term 'Secretary' means the head of the standard-setting agency.

"(7) **STANDARD-SETTING AGENCY.**—The term 'standard-setting agency' means the Executive department designated under section 6402(a)(1).

"(8) **STATE.**—The term 'State' means each State of the United States, the District of Columbia, each commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States, and each federally recognized Indian Tribe.

"§ 6402. Data standards for grant reporting

"(a) **IN GENERAL.**—

"(1) **DESIGNATION OF STANDARD-SETTING AGENCY.**—The Director shall designate the Executive department that administers the greatest number of programs under which Federal awards are issued in a calendar year as the standard-setting agency.