

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:

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*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.