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1) Amendment by Senator Hagerty (Voting- Related Activities).

On page 10 of the report at the appropriate place, insert the following:

The Committee notes that neither the Department nor Agency has provided the briefing required under this heading in Senate Report 118-83. As such, the Committee directs the Secretary or Administrator to provide to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a briefing, within 30 days after enactment of this act, regarding any strategic plans developed by the Department or Agency since January 20, 2021 outlining ways for the Department to promote voter registration and voter participation.

2) Amendment by Senator Rubio (regarding Big Cypress National Preserve and Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge).

On page 13 of the report at the appropriate place, insert the following:

Big Cypress National Preserve and Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge.—The Committee is aware of the ecological and cultural significance of the Big Cypress National Preserve and Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge and of the potential damage to these public lands should the owners of the subsurface rights engage in oil, gas, or mineral exploration or extraction. The Committee also is aware of the time-sensitive opportunity for the Department of the Interior to acquire the subsurface rights to these lands, thereby ensuring permanent protection for these areas. The Committee urges the Department to prioritize and expedite the review of due diligence and the decision-making process with respect to this opportunity, and directs the Appraisal and Valuation Services Office to report to the Committee on its decision no later than 180 days after enactment of this act.

3) Amendment by Senator Hyde-Smith (regarding Mississippi Flyway).

On page 31 of the report, strike the paragraph “Mississippi Flyway” and replace with the following:

Mississippi Flyway.—The Mathews Brake National Wildlife Refuge encompasses more than 2,000 acres of migratory bird habitat in the Yazoo River Basin, which is the heart of the Mississippi Flyway. The Committee is concerned about the impact of water hyacinth and other invasive aquatic plants on habitat availability within the Refuge, and urges the Service to address the problem using funding made available in this act to improve this important habitat, as appropriate.

4) Amendment by Senator Graham and Senator Manchin (regarding mineral resources)

On page 49 of the report at the appropriate place, insert the following:

Mineral Resources.—The Committee directs the Survey to explore the inclusion of items on the Department of Energy (DOE) Critical Materials list and the Department of Defense (DOD) Critical and Strategic Materials list on the Survey’s Critical Mineral List. Further, the Committee directs the Survey to provide a report to the Committee not later than 120 days after the enactment of this act that discusses the methodologies used to determine which new critical minerals shall be added and a plan to collaborate with DOE and DOD on future updates.

5) Amendment by Senator Manchin (regarding Conventional Energy).

On page 55 of the report, in the paragraph titled “Conventional Energy”, insert “, and to conduct its predecisional work in accordance with those deadlines” after “deadlines”.

6) Amendment by Senator Manchin (regarding Carbon Sequestration).

On page 56 of the report, at the appropriate place insert the following:

Carbon Sequestration.—The Committee strongly urges the Bureau to publish the proposed rule on carbon, capture, and sequestration required by Public Law 117-58 by the end of calendar year 2024 and to provide a briefing to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and Energy and Natural Resources and the House Committees on Appropriations and Natural Resources on the Bureau's progress toward meeting that deadline within 30 days of enactment of this act and every 30 days thereafter until it is published.

7) Amendment by Senator Tester (regarding Pre-Conviction Detention in Indian Country).

On page 64 of the report, after the paragraph titled “Detention/Corrections”, insert the following:

Pre-Conviction Detention.—The Committee is concerned about the practice of sending individuals to out-of-state detention facilities in other BIA regions for pre-conviction detention, particularly prevalent in the Rocky Mountain Region. This practice is costly and results in the separation of individuals who have not been convicted of a crime from their communities, causing undue hardship for both the detainees and their families. Thus, the Committee directs the BIA to explore and consider alternatives to this practice. The BIA should prioritize solutions that keep individuals closer to their communities, reduce costs, and maintain the integrity of the pre-conviction process. The Committee expects the BIA to engage with tribal governments and local stakeholders to identify viable alternatives and to provide a briefing within 90 days of enactment of this act on the progress of these efforts.

8) Amendment by Senator Tester (regarding International Drug Trafficking in Indian Country).

On page 64 of the report, before the paragraph titled, “Detention/Corrections”, insert the following:

International Drug Trafficking.—The Committee is deeply concerned about the growing presence of international drug trafficking organizations in Indian Country, despite the efforts of Tribal law enforcement. These organizations are contributing to violent crime and drug trafficking and exacerbating the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women. The Committee directs the BIA to develop a comprehensive plan to address these issues. This plan should be created in close cooperation with relevant Tribal, federal, state, and local agencies, and through thorough consultation with tribal governments and surrounding communities. The goal is to create a coordinated and effective response to the threats posed by these organizations. Furthermore, the Committee directs the BIA to provide a briefing to the Committee within 90 days of the enactment of this act. This briefing should cover the progress made in developing this plan, the policies that have been established, and the steps that will be taken to combat the influence of these organizations in Indian Country.

9) Amendment by Senator Hoeven (regarding Individual Indian Money Accounts).

On page 74 of the report, at the appropriate place insert the following:

Individual Indian Money Accounts.—The Committee has concerns with the timely distribution and management of proceeds held in Individual Indian Money accounts at the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration. Delays in disbursement and accounting impact the financial health of tribal members who reside in communities with a lack of economic opportunity, and fail to uphold the Department’s trust asset management responsibilities on behalf of tribes. The Committee encourages the Department to respond to IIM withdraw requests in as expedited a time as possible. Further, not later than 90 days after the enactment of this act, the Department shall provide a report to this Committee detailing the number of outstanding distribution requests, the status of those requests, and plans to improve the timeliness of processing distribution requests.

10) Amendment by Senator Kennedy (regarding the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act)

On page 81 of the report at the appropriate place, insert the following:

The Committee clarifies that the disbursement of funds under Public Law 109-432, as revenue sharing amounts, are not to be treated as an award or grant by the United States. It is the intent of the Committee that the single audit requirements under 2 CFR 200 do not apply for revenues disbursed under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006.

11) Amendment by Senator Kennedy (regarding cellulosic biofuels)

On page 91 of the report at the appropriate place, insert the following:

Waste Plastic and Waste Tires.—The Committee reiterates the directive included in the explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 118-42. The Committee notes continued stakeholder interest on the issue and directs the Agency to expedite its reporting to the Committee.

12) Amendment by Senator Sinema (regarding Urban Waters).

On page 100 of the report, in the paragraph titled "Urban Waters", strike "the enacted levels" and insert "\$1,500,000".

13) Amendment by Senator Manchin (regarding Waste Emissions Reporting).

On page 103 of the report, at the appropriate place insert the following:

Waste Emissions Reporting.—For each type of facility subject to Subpart W greenhouse gas reporting requirements, the Committee expects the Agency to fully comply with Section 60113(h) of Public Law 117-169. The Committee urges the Agency to ensure that waste emissions charges are not assessed in cases where a facility owner or operator empirically demonstrates to the Agency that such emissions are not occurring, consistent with Public Law 117-169.

14) Amendment by Senator Britt (regarding Congressionally Directed Spending)

On page 106, strike "\$359,200,000" and insert "\$362,500,000" and strike "\$245,691,000" and insert "\$242,391,000". On page 107, strike "329" and insert "330".

On page 163 of the report, in the table titled "Congressionally Directed Spending Items", for the project titled "City of Bayou La Batre for Wastewater System Improvements", strike "1,170,000" and insert "1,970,000".

On page 170 of the report, in the table titled "Congressionally Directed Spending Items", strike the row titled "St. Clair County for Water System Improvement".

Insert the following in the appropriate place:

Environmental Protection Agency STAG – Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) AL
City of Union Springs for Water System Improvements 3,000,000 Britt

Environmental Protection Agency STAG – Clean Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) AL
City of Gadsden for Drainage Infrastructure Improvement 2,500,000 Britt

15) Amendment by Senator Durbin (regarding Lead in Drinking Water).

On page 108, strike the section “Reducing Lead in Drinking Water” and replace with the following:

Reducing Lead in Drinking Water.—The Committee encourages these funds to be prioritized and distributed to assist the communities most burdened by lead service lines in meeting the Administration’s 10-year goal as outlined in the Lead Pipe and Paint Plan.

16) Amendment by Senator Reed (regarding Lead Pipes).

On page 108 of the report, after the paragraph titled "Reducing Lead in Drinking Water", insert the following:

Lead Service Line Replacement.—The Committee recognizes that certain states have expressed an early commitment to the Agency’s 10-year goal, as outlined in the Lead Pipe and Paint Plan, by enacting state laws requiring lead service line replacement within 10 years. The Committee encourages the Agency to provide technical and operational assistance to communities within these states and to prioritize funding to help meet these goals.

BILL AMENDMENTS

1) Amendment by Senators Merkley and Murkowski (Technical Amendment).

On page 82 of the bill, line 5, strike "\$549,192,000" and insert "\$546,004,000".

2) Amendment by Senator Britt (regarding Congressionally Directed Spending)

On page 84 of the bill, line 16, strike “\$359,200,000” and insert “\$362,500,000” and, line 18, strike “\$245,691,000” and insert “\$242,391,000”.