regulations described in item (aa) as a barrier to implementation of the Program; and

''(cc) proposed alternative legislation or regulations developed by the Secretary in consultation with recipients of grants under the Program to allow the use of formula current assisted stock within the Program.''.

SA 1974. Mr. BENNET submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4049, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ___. WAIVER OF MATCHING REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION SECURITY GRANTS TO STATES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case where the Election Assistance Commission (referred to in this section as the ''Commission'') determines exigent circumstances related to the COVID–19 pandemic prevent a State from providing matching funds as described in the last proviso under the heading ''Election Assistance Commission, Election Security Grants'' in the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116–93; 133 Stat. 2461) (relating to the State matching funds requirement), the Commission may waive the application of such State matching funds requirement under such proviso with respect to any payment made to the State using funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Commission under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136).

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136).

SA 1975. Mr. BENNET submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4049, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of section 592, add the following:

(3) The extent, if any, to which the test will affect retention in the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve of members who do not have access to the necessary training on a frequent and sustained basis.

(4) In consultation with obstetrician-gynecologists, the extent, if any, to which requiring women to take the test for record within 18 months of giving birth would affect retention of female soldiers in the Army.

SA 1976. Mr. BENNET submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4049, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1262. REVIEW OF PORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE PURCHASES AND INVESTMENTS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND ENTITIES DIRECTED OR BACKED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a review of port and infrastructure purchases and investments by—

(1) the Government of the People's Republic of China;

(2) entities directed or backed by the Government of the People's Republic of China; and

(3) entities with beneficial owners that include the Government of the People's Republic of China or a private company controlled by the Government of the People's Republic of China.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The review required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A list of port and infrastructure purchases and investments described in that subsection, prioritized in order of the purchases or investments that pose the greatest threat to United States defense and foreign policy interests.

(2) An analysis of the effects the consolidation of such investments, or the assertion of control by the Government of the People's Republic of China over entities described in paragraph (2) or (3) of that subsection, would have on Department of Defense contingency plans.

(c) COORDINATION WITH OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.—In conducting the review under subsection (a), the Secretary may coordinate with the head of any other Federal agency, as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(d) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the results of the review under subsection (a).

(2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex.

(3) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term ''appropriate committees of Congress'' means—

(A) the Committee on Armed Services and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Armed Services and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

SA 1977. Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4049, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title IX, add the following:

SEC. _____. BRIEFING ON ASSIGNMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES ON ACTIVE DUTY TO THE JOINT ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, with appropriate representatives of the Armed Forces, shall brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the feasibility and the current status of assigning members of the Armed Forces on active duty to the Joint Artificial Intelligence Center (JAIC) of the Department of Defense. The briefing shall include an assessment of such assignment on each of the following:

(1) The strengthening of ties between the Joint Artificial Intelligence Center and operational forces for purposes of—

(A) identifying tactical and operational use cases for artificial intelligence (AI);

(B) improving data collection; and

(C) establishing effective liaison between the Center and operational forces for identification and clarification of concerns in the widespread adoption and dissemination of artificial intelligence.

(2) The creation of opportunities for additional non-traditional broadening assignments for members on active duty.

(3) The career trajectory of active duty members so assigned, including potential negative effects on career trajectory.

(4) The improvement and enhancement of the capacity of the Center to influence Department-wide policies that affect the adoption of artificial intelligence.

SA 1978. Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. GARDNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4049, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title III, insert the following:

SEC. 320. PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID AND PERFLUOROOCTANOIC ACID IN DRINKING WATER.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air Force shall pay a local water authority located in the vicinity of an installation of the Air Force, or a State in which the local water authority is located, for the treatment of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and perfluorooctanoic acid in drinking water from the wells owned and operated by the local water authority to attain the lifetime health advisory level for such acids established by the Environmental Protection Agency and in effect on October 1, 2017.

(b) ELIGIBILITY FOR PAYMENT.—To be eligible to receive payment under subsection (a)—

(1) a local water authority or State, as the case may be, must—

(A) request such a payment from the Secretary of the Air Force for reimbursable expenses not already covered under a cooperative agreement entered into by the Secretary relating to treatment of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and perfluorooctanoic acid contamination before the date on which funding is made available to the Secretary for payments relating to such treatment; and

(B) upon acceptance of such a payment, waive all legal causes of action arising under chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code (commonly known as the ''Federal Tort Claims Act''), and any other Federal tort liability statute for expenses for treatment and mitigation of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and perfluorooctanoic acid incurred before January 1, 2018, and otherwise covered under this section;

(2) the elevated levels of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and perfluorooctanoic acid in the water must be the result of activities