''Independent Agencies—Pandemic Response Accountability Committee'' in title V of division B of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136), as amended by paragraph (1), that were previously designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 are designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

(b) DEFINITION OF COVERED FUNDS.—Section 15010(a)(6) of division B of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''this Act'' and inserting ''divisions A and B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136)'';

(2) in subparagraph (C), by striking ''or'' at the end; and

(3) by striking subparagraph (D) and inserting the following:

''(D) the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Enhancement Act (Public Law 116–139); or

''(E) the Coronavirus Relief Fair Unemployment Compensation Act of 2020; and''.

(c) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON.—Section 15010(c) of division B of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking ''and (D)'' and inserting ''(D), and (E)''; and

(2) in paragraph (2)(E), by inserting ''of the Council'' after ''Chairperson''.

SA 2572. Mr. DAINES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2499 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill S. 178, to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ___. ESTABLISHMENT AND USE OF TRAIL STEWARDSHIP FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUND.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund, to be known as the ''Trail Stewardship for Economic Recovery Fund'' (referred to in this section as the ''Fund'').

(b) DEPOSIT INTO THE FUND.—On the date of enactment of this Act, out of amounts in the Treasury not otherwise obligated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit into the Fund $200,000,000, to remain available until expended and without further appropriation or fiscal year limitation, to carry out the purposes described in subsection (c).

(c) USE OF FUND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service (referred to in this section as the ''Secretary''), shall use amounts in the Fund to enter into cooperative agreements or contracts with an outfitter or guide to complete, on National Forest System land—

(A) trail maintenance projects; and

(B) additional invasive plant and noxious weed prevention and control projects.

(2) PREFERENCE.—In entering into cooperative agreements or contracts under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

(A) give preference to projects described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1) that can be performed in an area that the Secretary has selected as a priority area under section 5 of the National Forest System Trails Stewardship Act (16 U.S.C. 583k–3); and

(B) expedite projects with the goal of initiating the majority of the projects not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(3) CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS.—A cooperative agreement or contract that is entered into under paragraph (1)—

(A) shall not be subject to any requirement relating to the procurement of matching funds under any other provision of law; and

(B) may contain such terms and conditions as the Secretary requires.

(d) SUBMISSION OF LIST OF PROJECTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for each fiscal year for which amounts made available under subsection (b) are expended, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a list of projects described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(1) that—

(1) meet the criteria described in this section; and

(2) have been, or are expected to be, funded from amounts made available under subsection (b).

SA 2573. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2499 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill S. 178, to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____. SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR PANDEMIC RECOVERY.

Section 4018(e) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9053) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking ''The Special'' and inserting the following:

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the Special''; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

''(B) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii), the Special Inspector General may exercise any authority provided to the head of a temporary organization under section 3161 of title 5, United States Code, without regard to whether the Office of the Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery qualifies as a temporary organization under subsection (a) of that section.

''(ii) LIMITATIONS.—With respect to the exercise of authority under subsection (b) of section 3161 of title 5, United States Code, as permitted under clause (i) of this subparagraph—

''(I) the Special Inspector General may not make any appointment under that subsection on or after the later of—

''(aa) the date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this subparagraph; or

''(bb) the date that is 180 days after the date on which the Special Inspector General is confirmed by the Senate;

''(II) paragraph (2) of that subsection (relating to periods of appointments) shall not apply; and

''(III) no period of an appointment made under that subsection may extend after the date on which the Office of the Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery terminates under subsection (h).''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(5) REEMPLOYMENT OF ANNUITANTS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), if an annuitant receiving an annuity from the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund becomes employed in a position in the Office of the Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery—

''(i) the annuity of that annuitant shall continue; and

''(ii) that reemployed annuitant shall not be considered to be an employee for the purposes of chapter 83 or 84 of title 5, United States Code.

''(B) LIMITATIONS.—Subparagraph (A) shall apply to—

''(i) not more than 25 employees of the Office of the Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery at any particular time, as designated by the Special Inspector General; and

''(ii) pay periods beginning after the date of enactment of this paragraph.''.

SA 2574. Mr. CRAMER (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. PERDUE, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. MCSALLY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. LOEFFLER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. LANKFORD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2499 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill S. 178, to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ___. LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR PPP LOANS UNDER $150,000.

Section 1106 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9005) is amended—

(1) in subsection (e), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking ''An eligible'' and inserting ''Except as provided in subsection (m), an eligible'';

(2) in subsection (f), by inserting ''or the information required under subsection (m), as applicable'' after ''subsection (e)'';

(3) by striking subsection (h) and inserting the following:

''(h) HOLD HARMLESS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—A lender may rely on all certifications and documentation submitted by an applicant or eligible recipient pursuant to any requirement in statute regarding covered loans, or rules or guidance promulgated to carry out any action relating to covered loans, from an applicant or eligible recipient attesting that the applicant or eligible recipient has accurately verified all documentation provided to the lender.

''(2) NO ENFORCEMENT ACTION.—With respect to a lender that relies on the certifications and documentation described in paragraph (1)—

''(A) no enforcement or other action may be taken against the lender relating to loan origination, forgiveness, or guarantee based on such reliance, including claims under—

''(i) the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.);

''(ii) sections 3729 through 3733 of title 31, United States Code (commonly known as the 'False Claims Act');

''(iii) the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act (Public Law 101–73);

''(iv) section 21 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1829b), chapter 2 of title I of Public Law 91–508 (12 U.S.C. 1951 et seq.), and subchapter II of chapter 53 of title 31, United States Code (collectively known as the 'Bank Secrecy Act'); or