''(v) any other Federal, State, or other criminal or civil law or regulation; and

''(B) the lender shall not be subject to any penalties relating to loan origination, forgiveness, or guarantee based on such reliance.''; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

''(m) FORGIVENESS FOR COVERED LOANS UNDER $150,000.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection (e), with respect to a covered loan made to an eligible recipient that is not more than $150,000, the covered loan amount shall be forgiven under this section if the eligible recipient submits to the lender a one-page online or paper form, to be established by the Administrator not later than 7 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, that attests that the eligible recipient complied with the requirements under section 7(a)(36) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)).

''(2) HOLD HARMLESS.—With respect to a lender that relies on an attestation submitted by an eligible recipient under paragraph (1), no enforcement action may be taken against the lender for any falsehoods contained in the attestation.

''(3) DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION.—The online or paper form established by the Administrator under paragraph (1) shall include a means by which an eligible recipient may, at the discretion of the eligible recipient, submit demographic information of the owner of the eligible recipient, including the sex, race, ethnicity, and veteran status of the owner.

''(n) ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST BORROWERS.—An eligible recipient of a covered loan may only be subject to an enforcement action or penalty relating to loan origination, forgiveness, or guarantee of the covered loan if the eligible recipient commits fraud or expends covered loan proceeds on expenses that are not allowable under section 7(a)(36)(F) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(F)).''.

SA 2575. Mr. CRAMER 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. _____. KEEPING CRITICAL CONNECTIONS EMERGENCY FUND.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the ''Keeping Critical Connections Act of 2020''.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term ''Commission'' means the Federal Communications Commission;

(2) the term ''covered program'' means a program established by a small business broadband provider under which the small business broadband provider, at any time during the COVID–19 emergency period, voluntarily—

(A) provides a customer with free or discounted broadband service, or free upgrades of existing service to meet certain capacity and speed needs, due specifically to the presence of a student in the household of the customer who needs distance learning capability; or

(B) refrains from disconnecting broadband service provided to an existing customer due to nonpayment or underpayment if the customer—

(i) has a household income, at the time of the nonpayment or underpayment, that does not exceed 135 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines (as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services);

(ii) is unable to make a full payment due specifically to the economic impact of the national emergency described in paragraph (3); and

(iii) provides sufficient documentation to the provider to show that the customer meets the criteria under clauses (i) and (ii);

(3) the term ''COVID–19 emergency period'' means the period during which the national emergency declaration by the President under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) is in effect; and

(4) the term ''small business broadband provider'' means a broadband provider that provides broadband service to fewer than 500,000 customers.

(c) FUNDING.—

(1) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there is appropriated to the Commission $2,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2020, to remain available until expended, to reimburse small business broadband providers for the costs of carrying out a covered program.

(2) RULES.—The Commission shall promulgate rules on an expedited basis, and without regard to section 553 of title 5, United States Code, regarding the provision of reimbursements to small business broadband providers under paragraph (1).

SA 2576. Mr. CRAMER 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 end, add the following:

SEC. ___. TAX CREDIT FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an eligible employer, there shall be allowed as a credit against applicable employment taxes for each calendar quarter an amount equal to 50 percent of the qualified expenses paid or incurred by such employer during such calendar quarter.

(b) LIMITATIONS AND REFUNDABILITY.—

(1) LIMITATION.—The qualified fixed expenses which may be taken into account under subsection (a) by any eligible employer for any calendar quarter shall not exceed—

(A) in the case of any calendar quarter beginning in 2020, $500,000, and

(B) in the case of any calendar quarter beginning after 2020, $250,000.

(2) CREDIT LIMITED TO CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT TAXES.—The credit allowed by subsection (a) with respect to any calendar quarter shall not exceed the applicable employment taxes for such calendar quarter (reduced by any credits allowed under subsections (e) and (f) of section 3111 of such Code, sections 7001 and 7003 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, and section 2301 of the CARES Act, for such quarter) on the wages paid with respect to the employment of all the employees of the eligible employer for such calendar quarter.

(3) REFUNDABILITY OF EXCESS CREDIT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If the amount of the credit under subsection (a) exceeds the limitation of paragraph (2) for any calendar quarter, such excess shall be treated as an overpayment that shall be refunded under sections 6402(a) and 6413(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(B) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes of section 1324 of title 31, United States Code, any amounts due to an employer under this paragraph shall be treated in the same manner as a refund due from a credit provision referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

(1) APPLICABLE EMPLOYMENT TAXES.—The term ''applicable employment taxes'' means the following:

(A) The taxes imposed under section 3111(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(B) So much of the taxes imposed under section 3221(a) of such Code as are attributable to the rate in effect under section 3111(a) of such Code.

(2) ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ''eligible employer'' means any employer—

(i) which was carrying on a trade or business at any time during calendar quarter, and

(ii) which has not more than 2,000 full-time equivalent employees (within the meaning of section 45R(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) for the taxable year.

(B) TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS.—In the case of an organization which is described in section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code, subparagraph (A)(i) shall apply to all operations of such organization.

(3) QUALIFIED EXPENSES.—For purposes of this section—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ''qualified expenses'' means any amount paid or incurred after February 1, 2020, for—

(i) qualified equipment and services for the purposes of preventing infection related to SARS–CoV–2, or

(ii) the reconfiguration of facilities for such purposes, or

(iii) qualified education and training of employees for new business procedures related to preventing COVID–19 transmission.

(B) QUALIFIED EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES.—The term ''qualified equipment and services'' means—

(i) any product or material which—

(I) serves as personal protective equipment or as a barrier erected to prevent virus spread between customers and employees, including plexiglass installed at cashiers and other counters, and partitions to separate customers,

(II) is a disinfectant product registered by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has approved an emerging viral pathogen claim that applies with respect to use against SARS–CoV–2,

(III) is a thermometer, or

(IV) is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for testing for COVID–19 (including diagnosic testing and serology testing to detect antibodies) by the eligible employer, in conjunction with a certified diagnostics laboratory or health care provider,

(ii) any—

(I) contactless point-of-sale system,

(II) new software and technology to assist in maintaining social distancing,

(III) application for reporting employee symptom or providing wellness checks, and

(IV) property used to enable curbside pickup or delivery services,

(iii) hand sanitizer,

(iv) any sign related to public health awareness, social distancing, or altered services such as curbside pickups, and

(v) services for—

(I) cleaning and disinfecting, or

(II) testing for COVID–19 by a certified diagnostics laboratory, and

(vi) such other equipment or technology as determined by the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of Agriculture, determines is necessary and appropriate for preventing COVID–19 and is recommended as part of the Federal government's recommendations for safe workplaces.

Such term shall not include any equipment which is not for use in the United States or any service which is not conducted in the United States.

(C) QUALIFIED EDUCATION AND TRAINING.—The term ''qualified education and training'' means education or training provided by an accredited training institution, an industry-recognized trade association, or another nonprofit entity.

(4) SECRETARY.—The term ''Secretary'' means the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary's delegate.

(d) AGGREGATION RULE.—All persons treated as a single employer under subsection (a) or (b) of section 52 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or subsection (m) or (o) of section 414 of such Code, shall be treated as one employer for purposes of this section.

(e) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—For purposes of chapter 1 of such Code, the gross income of any eligible employer, for the taxable year which includes the last day of any calendar quarter with respect to which a credit is allowed under this section, shall be increased by the amount of such credit.

(f) ELECTION NOT TO HAVE SECTION APPLY.—This section shall not apply with respect to any eligible employer for any calendar quarter if such employer elects (at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may prescribe) not to have this section apply.

(g) TRANSFERS TO CERTAIN TRUST FUNDS.—There are hereby appropriated to the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund established under section 201 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401) and the Social Security Equivalent Benefit Account established under section 15A(a) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231n–1(a)) amounts equal to the reduction in revenues to the Treasury by reason of this section (without regard to this subsection). Amounts appropriated by the preceding sentence shall be transferred from the general fund at such times and in such manner as to replicate to the extent possible the transfers which would have occurred to such Trust Fund or Account had this section not been enacted.

(h) TREATMENT OF DEPOSITS.—The Secretary shall waive any penalty under section 6656 of such Code for any failure to make a deposit of applicable employment taxes if the Secretary determines that such failure was due to the anticipation of the credit allowed under this section.

(i) REGULATIONS AND GUIDANCE.—The Secretary shall issue such forms, instructions, regulations, and guidance as are necessary—

(1) to allow the advance payment of the credit under subsection (a), subject to the limitations provided in this section, based on such information as the Secretary shall require,

(2) to provide for the reconciliation of such advance payment with the amount of the credit at the time of filing the return of tax for the applicable quarter or taxable year,

(3) with respect to the application of the credit under subsection (a) to third-party payors (including professional employer organizations, certified professional employer organizations, or agents under section 3504 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986), including regulations or guidance allowing such payors to submit documentation necessary to substantiate the eligible employer status of employers that use such payors,

(4) for recapturing the benefit of credits determined under this section in cases where there is a subsequent adjustment to the credit determined under subsection (a), and

(5) for providing the benefit of the credit under subsection (a) to taxpayers who have already filed returns for calendar quarters ending before the date of the enactment of this Act.

(j) APPLICATION OF SECTION.—This section shall apply only to qualified fixed expenses paid or accrued in calendar quarters ending on or after February 1, 2020, and beginning before January 1, 2022.

SA 2577. Mr. BARRASSO 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. ___. EXPEDITED PERMITTING AUTHORITY FOR BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT ON FEDERAL LAND.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) FEDERAL LAND.—The term ''Federal land'' means land owned by the Federal Government.

(2) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term ''Secretary concerned'' means the Secretary of the department that administers the Federal land on which a project described in subsection (b) is carried out.

(b) EXPEDITED PERMITTING AUTHORITY.—The Secretary concerned shall expedite the approval of permits for a project for the deployment of broadband infrastructure on highway or road rights-of-way, easements, or other licensed or permitted access points on Federal land, including by waiving any applicable requirements for the approval of those permits, as the Secretary concerned determines to be appropriate.

(c) REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) MANAGEMENT.—The holder of a permit described in subsection (b) shall be responsible for the management and oversight of a project described in that subsection.

(2) RIGHT-OF-WAY.—A project described in subsection (b) shall be carried out in accordance with requirements of the applicable right-of-way, except that a reclamation bond shall not be required for the project.

(d) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority provided by this section shall terminate effective July 1, 2021.

SA 2578. Ms. ERNST 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. ____. HAZARDOUS DUTY PAY FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES PERFORMING DUTY IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the military department concerned shall pay hazardous duty pay under this section to a member of a regular or reserve component of the Armed Forces who—

(1) performs duty in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19); and

(2) is entitled to basic pay under section 204 of title 37, United States Code, or compensation under section 206 of such title, for the performance of such duty.

(b) REGULATIONS.—Hazardous duty pay shall be payable under this section in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense. Such regulations shall specify the duty in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 qualifying a member for payment of such pay under this section.

(c) AMOUNT.—The amount of hazardous duty pay paid a member under this section shall be such amount per month, not less than $150 per month, as the Secretary of Defense shall specify in the regulations under subsection (b).

(d) MONTHLY PAYMENT; NO PRORATION.—

(1) MONTHLY PAYMENT.—Hazardous duty pay under this section shall be paid on a monthly basis.

(2) NO PRORATION.—Hazardous duty pay is payable to a member under this section for a month if the member performs any duty in that month qualifying the person for payment of such pay.

(e) MONTHS FOR WHICH PAYABLE.—Hazardous duty pay is payable under this section for qualifying duty performed in months occurring during the period—

(1) beginning on January 1, 2020; and

(2) ending on December 31, 2020.

(f) CONSTRUCTION WITH OTHER PAY.—Hazardous duty pay payable to a member under this section is in addition to the following:

(1) Any other pay and allowances to which the member is entitled by law.

(2) Any other hazardous duty pay to which the member is entitled under section 351 of title 37, United States Code (or any other provision of law), for duty that also constitutes qualifying duty for payment of such pay under this section.

(g) SENSE OF SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of Defense should also authorize hazardous duty pay for members of the Armed Forces not under orders specific to the response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 who provide—

(1) healthcare in a military medical treatment facility for individuals infected with the Coronavirus Disease 2019; or

(2) technical or administrative support for the provision of healthcare as described in paragraph (1).

SA 2579. Ms. ERNST 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: