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Amendment by Senator Kennedy and Senator Coons (technical correction)

On page 54 of the bill, line 12, strike “\$22,500,000” and insert “\$23,000,000”.

Amendment by Senator Rubio – Loan Programs Study (SBA)

On page 96 of the report, insert at the appropriate place:

Study of Loan Programs.—The Committee encourages the SBA to refrain from implementing any rulemaking or other substantive administrative action applicable to its loan programs, until the agency has a Senate-confirmed Administrator in place and the agency conducts a study of the economic impact of any rulemaking or administrative action. If, after conclusion of the study, the agency decides to move forward with a rule, the Committee encourages the agency to do so in new administrative action, subject to public notice and comment.

Amendment by Senator Van Hollen – FedScope Database

On page 88 of the report, insert at the appropriate place:

Enhancing the Utility of the FedScope Database.—The Committee notes that FedScope, a publicly-accessible database maintained by OPM, is a valuable source of information about Federal employees and agencies. FedScope provides national-level and state-level data about the number of Federal employees, the agencies that employ them, and selected characteristics of those employees. To enhance its utility to Congress and the public, the Committee urges OPM to provide information about the number of Federal employees employed in each county in the United States, or the functional equivalent in the case of U.S. States and territories that do not use the county system. Within 120 days of enactment of this act, OPM is directed to provide a report to the Committee on the feasibility and expected timeline of publishing this information.

Amendment by Senator Daines – Deceptive Online Marketing (FTC)

On page 70 of the report, insert at the appropriate place:

Deceptive Online Marketing.—The Committee urges the FTC to share with state attorneys general materials to help educate consumers about online booking scams, including the use of websites and call centers to mislead consumers into believing that they are dealing directly with hotels. The Committee also encourages the FTC to continue to ensure that state attorneys general are aware of its recent enforcement action against Reservation Counter, LLC, and its owners.

Amendment by Senator Durbin (technical correction)

On page 69 of the report, strike:

“47 million robocalls placed in 2018, an increase of more than 17 million calls since 2017”

and insert:

“26.3 billion robocalls placed in 2018, an increase of more than 8.3 billion calls since 2017”

Amendment by Senator Van Hollen and Senator Capito – Alzheimer’s Semi-Postal Stamp

On page 104 of the report, insert at the appropriate place:

Alzheimer’s Semi-Postal Fundraising Stamp.—The Committee supports the Alzheimer’s Semi-postal Fundraising Stamp. The Committee understands that millions of copies of the original printing of the stamp remain. As the law permits the U.S. Postal Service to continue to sell the stamp and as it can be done at no additional cost to the taxpayer, and in recognition of the value the stamp provides in raising funds for Alzheimer’s research at the National Institutes of Health, the Committee directs the U.S. Postal Service to continue to offer the stamp for sale to the public as long as copies remain.