

the Senate on June 29, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2263. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Attorney General to the Congress of the United States on the Administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, for the six months ending December 31, 2016"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2264. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rosa's Law" (RIN1801-AA11) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2265. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2017; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-60. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine memorializing the United States Congress to reduce tariffs on Maine and lobster and seafood products to keep Maine and domestic lobster and seafood products competitive with Canadian lobster and seafood products; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.P. 1120

We, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the United States Congress as follows:

Whereas, the value of marine resources commercially harvested in Maine exceeded \$700 million in 2016, and the value of lobster harvested in Maine accounts for over \$533 million of that amount; and

Whereas, total exports from Maine to the European Union exceeded \$503 million in 2016; and

Whereas, exports from Maine of lobster to the European Union totaled approximately \$158 million, or approximately 80% of all lobster exported from the United States to the European Union, in 2016; and

Whereas, the European Union is the largest global fish and seafood market in the world; and

Whereas, Maine and Canada share the same lobster species and compete for market share in the European Union and around the world; and

Whereas, the European Union imposes tariffs on fish and seafood products that range from 2% on certain types of salmon to 20% on processed lobster imported from both the United States and Canada; and

Whereas, the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, or CETA, is a free trade agreement between Canada and the European Union that will reduce tariffs on fish and seafood products exported from Canada to the European Union; and

Whereas, CETA will go into effect on the first day of the month following the date the European Union and Canada notify each other that each has completed all necessary procedures for implementation; and

Whereas, when CETA takes effect, the 8% tariff on live lobster exports from Canada to the European Union will be immediately eliminated, the 6% to 16% tariff on frozen lobster exports from Canada to the European Union will be eliminated over 3 years and the 20% tariff on processed lobster exports from Canada to the European Union will be eliminated over 5 years; and

Whereas, while tariffs on lobster and seafood products exported from Canada to the European Union are being eliminated, tariffs on Maine and other domestic lobster and seafood products exported to the European Union will remain; and

Whereas, the elimination of tariffs on Canadian lobster and seafood products will increase trade between Canada and the European Union, resulting in economic injury to Maine and other domestic lobster and seafood harvesters and processors; and

Whereas, the impact of CETA on Maine lobster harvesters, who landed over 130 million pounds of lobster in 2016, should be minimized; and

Whereas, the impact of CETA on Maine lobster dealers, who support 675 jobs and paid \$28.4 million in wages in 2016, should be minimized; and

Whereas, under the United States Constitution, Article I, the Congress of the United States has the power to regulate commerce with foreign nations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to respectfully request that the United States Congress, under the provisions of Article I of the United States Constitution, negotiate to reduce tariffs on Maine and domestic lobster and seafood products, or otherwise mitigate the effects of CETA, to ensure that historical, lucrative industries are not damaged by the economic disadvantage that will result from CETA unless these negotiations are undertaken; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-61. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to continue funding the Essential Air Service program throughout Michigan; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 59

Whereas, the Essential Air Service program was established after airlines were deregulated to ensure that small communities previously served by certificated airlines maintained commercial service. The Essential Air Service program is used to help provide business leaders, recreationalists, and residents reliable air travel to and from small airports around the country, including five airports in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and has transported countless individuals since the program's enactment; and

Whereas, the Essential Air Service program is important to the economic well-being of northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula in towns such as Alpena, Muskegon, Pelleton, Escanaba, Iron Mountain, Ironwood, Sault Ste. Marie, Manistee, and Houghton-Hancock. Northern Michigan is renowned for its vast mineral deposits and rugged wilderness that have long supplied American industry with affordable, domestically-mined metals and timbers for manufacturing. The region's breathtaking scenery

and lakeshore are some of the most stunning in the Midwest. Such a large expanse requires reliable air travel to make the region's mines, forests, lakeshores, communities, and colleges as accessible as possible; and

Whereas, President Trump has asked for a reduction in the Essential Air Service's budget. Businesses depend on reliable air travel to and from small airports in northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, and airports require funding from the Essential Air Service program to maintain critical infrastructure like runways, lighting, and safety equipment. Any reduction in federal funding for this vital program will harm economic activity in the Upper Peninsula and have a direct and negative impact on American manufacturing and these communities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Congress and President of the United States to continue to fund the Essential Air Service program throughout Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-62. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognizing the month of May 2017 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 126

Whereas, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease; and

Whereas, ALS is a fatal neurodegenerative disease characterized by degeneration of cell bodies of the upper and lower motor neurons in the gray matter of the anterior horn of the spinal cord; and

Whereas, The initial symptoms of ALS is weakness of the skeletal muscles, especially those of the extremities; and

Whereas, As ALS progresses, the patient experiences difficulty in swallowing, talking and breathing; and

Whereas, ALS eventually causes muscles to atrophy and the patient becomes a functional quadriplegic; and

Whereas, Patients with ALS typically remain alert and are aware of their loss of motor functions and the inevitable outcome of continued deterioration and death; and

Whereas, ALS affects military veterans at twice the rate of the general populations; and

Whereas, ALS occurs in adulthood, most commonly between 40 and 70 years of age; peaking at approximately 55 years of age, and affects both men and women without bias; and

Whereas, Annually, more than 5,000 new ALS patients are diagnosed throughout the nation; and

Whereas, In Pennsylvania, there are currently more than 1,000 individuals who have been formally diagnosed with ALS; and

Whereas, The \$350,000 in State funding appropriated by the General Assembly for ALS support services in the Supplement to the General Appropriation Act of 2015 provided services to more than 900 constituents and a substantial savings to the State budget and taxpayers; and

Whereas, The ALS Association reports that on average, patients diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

Whereas, ALS has no known cause, prevention or cure; and

Whereas, "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month" increases the public's

awareness of ALS patients' circumstances and acknowledges the negative impact this disease has on ALS patients and their families and recognizes the research being done to eradicate ALS; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate designate the month of May 2017 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States and to the presiding officers and members of the Pennsylvania Delegation in the Congress of the United States.

POM-63. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado designating March 20, 2017, as "Colorado Aerospace Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-019

Whereas, Our nation and the world have significantly benefitted from technological and scientific advances resulting from space exploration and aerospace activities; and

Whereas, Colorado is the second-largest state in the country for private aerospace employment; 25,500 Coloradans are directly employed in aerospace, with a payroll exceeding \$3.4 billion, and Colorado's aerospace cluster supports more than 188,000 jobs; and

Whereas, Colorado is home to the nation's top aerospace companies, including Ball Aerospace, Boeing, DigitalGlobe, Harris Corporation, Lockheed Martin Space Systems, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, Sierra Nevada Corporation, Teledyne Brown Engineering, and United Launch Alliance; and close to 500 additional companies that support the aerospace sector by developing products, including spacecraft, launch vehicles, satellites, command and control software, sensors, and navigation operations; and

Whereas, The United States Air Force Academy, along with Colorado's colleges and universities, including the University of Colorado Boulder and University of Colorado Colorado Springs, Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University, Metropolitan State University of Denver, University of Denver, Colorado Mesa University and Fort Lewis College provide access to world-class aerospace-related degrees and offer aerospace companies one of the country's most educated workforces; and

Whereas, Colorado is the home of the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics (LASP) at the University of Colorado Boulder that began in 1948, a decade before NASA, and is the world's only research institute to have sent instruments to all eight planets and Pluto and combines all aspects of space exploration through science, engineering, mission operations, and scientific data analysis; and

Whereas, Colorado is home to NOAA's Space Weather Prediction Center, a world-leading center of predictions of the solar and near-Earth space environment and the nation's official source of watches, warnings, and alerts of incoming solar storms, using satellite observations to protect and save lives and property; and

Whereas, Colorado is a strategic location for national space and cyber activity, with five key military commands—North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), the United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM), the U.S. Strategic Command's Joint Functional Component Command for Space (JFCC-Space) Missile Warning Center, the United States Air Force Space Command, and the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command and three space-related United States Air Force bases—Buckley, Peterson, and Schriever; and

Whereas, The 460th Space Wing at Buckley Air Force Base, located in Aurora, provides operational command and control of three

constellations of space-based infrared missile warning systems, has been defending America continuously since 1970, and is a critical part of global defense and national security; and

Whereas, Colorado is uniting global partners around the world to ensure space access for developing nations via the first planned United Nations space mission—Sierra Nevada Corporation located in Louisville, Colorado, together with the United Nations Office of Outer Space Affairs, will use its Dream Chaser spacecraft to allow developing countries the opportunity to develop and fly microgravity payloads for an extended duration in orbit; and

Whereas, Colorado leads the charge in bringing current and future GPS assets to life, a service provided free to the world by Air Force Space Command in Colorado Springs; and

Whereas, From the operation of GPS satellites by Schriever Air Force Base, to GPS III, the most powerful GPS satellite to date being designed and built by Lockheed Martin and launched by United Launch Alliance with Raytheon developing the command and control capabilities, and companies such as Boeing, Harris Corporation, Braxton Technologies, and Infinity Systems Engineering also supporting GPS development and operations from locations in Colorado, Colorado's GPS technologies enable an integral part of our global economy to have an incalculable impact that has improved the everyday lives of billions of people around the world; and

Whereas, Various organizations are key to Colorado's prominence in aerospace, such as the Colorado Space Coalition (CSC), a group of industry stakeholders working to make Colorado a center of excellence for aerospace; the Colorado Space Business Roundtable, working to bring together aerospace stakeholders from the industry, government, and academia for roundtable discussions and business development and to encourage grassroots citizen participation in aerospace issues; the Colorado Chapter of Citizens for Space Exploration, whose mission is to promote better understanding of aerospace and its importance in our economy and daily lives as well as promoting the importance of human space exploration; and Manufacturer's Edge, a statewide manufacturing assistance center that encourages the strength and competitiveness of Colorado manufacturers by providing on-site technical assistance through coaching, training, and consulting and collaboration-focused industry programs and leveraging government, university, and economic development partnerships: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate of the Seventieth-first General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly:

(1) Strongly urge and request the government of the United States of America to take action to preserve and enhance United States leadership in space, spur innovation, and ensure our continued national and economic security by increasing funding for space exploration and activities, including regaining the ability of the United States to deliver astronauts to low earth orbit in the next few years; to commit to sending astronauts to the moon, asteroids, and beyond within this decade; and to aggressively pursue NASA's Orion spacecraft and Space Launch System to get astronauts to Mars orbit by 2028 and boots on the ground by 2033;

(2) Recognize and appreciate Colorado's space and aerospace companies and organizations, especially the growing membership and activities of the Colorado Chapter of Citizens for Space Exploration, whose activities to promote space exploration are helping to increase public understanding and enthusiasm for exploration funding;

(3) Recognize and appreciate the contributions of Colorado's universities, colleges, and national research laboratories to the space and aerospace industries, including their expertise in exploration of the planets and the universe and space-based Earth observation;

(4) Express our most sincere and deepest appreciation to the men and women working in and supporting military and civilian aerospace companies and organizations in Colorado; and

(5) Hereby declare March 20, 2017, to be "Colorado Aerospace Day"; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to President Donald Trump; Vice President Mike Pence; Speaker Paul D. Ryan; House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi; Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell; Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer; Senator Cory Gardner; Senator Michael Bennet; Congresswoman Diana DeGette; Congressman Jared Polis; Congressman Scott Tipton; Congressman Ken Buck; Congressman Doug Lamborn; Congressman Mike Coffman; Congressman Ed Perlmutter; Robert Lightfoot, Acting NASA Administrator; Lesa Roe, Acting NASA Deputy Administrator; Mr. Michael P. Huerta, Federal Aviation Administration Administrator; Governor John Hickenlooper; Lieutenant Governor Donna Lynne; Major General H. Michael Edwards, Adjutant General, Colorado National Guard; Dr. George C. Nield, Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation at the Federal Aviation Administration; General John Raymond, Air Force Space Commander; Colonel Dan Wright, USAF, Commander Aerospace Data Facility-Colorado; Betty Sapp, Director, National Reconnaissance Office; Charles Huettner, Executive Director, Aerospace States Association; Lieutenant Colonel Shelli Brunswick, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Space Foundation; Major General (Retired) Andy Love, Co-Chair, Colorado Space Coalition; Tom Marsh, Co-Chair, Colorado Space Coalition; Rick Ward, Chair, Colorado Space Business Roundtable; and Stacey DeFore, Chair, Colorado Citizens for Space Exploration.

POM-64. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada rescinding all previous resolutions of the Nevada Legislature which requested Congress to convene a convention to propose amendments to the United States Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Whereas, The Constitutional Convention of 1787 was initially convened to make revisions to the Articles of Confederation and this Convention decided instead to discard the Articles of Confederation entirely and create a new system of government; and

Whereas, The United States Constitution has served as the cornerstone of American liberty since its creation in 1787 and was the first written national constitution to set forth a system of separation of powers and to ensure that the rights of minority groups could not be easily trampled upon by the will of the majority; and

Whereas, Despite turmoil and grave political and economic concerns, including, without limitation, the contested presidential elections of 1800, 1876 and 2000, the Civil War and the Great Depression, a subsequent constitutional convention has not been held since 1787; and

Whereas, The United States Constitution has proven to be resilient and has been amended only 27 times during the course of its 230-year history; and

Whereas, Article V of the United States Constitution requires the Congress of the United States to convene a constitutional convention upon the application of two-thirds of the several states; and

Whereas, The Nevada Legislature has, at various times, passed resolutions requesting Congress to convene a convention, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, to propose amendments to the Constitution relating to a wide range of subjects; and

Whereas, Over the course of time, the will of the people of the State of Nevada may have changed relating to these resolutions; and

Whereas, A constitutional convention convened by Congress could make sweeping changes to the United States Constitution and threaten the liberty of future generations of Nevadans; and

Whereas, The Nevada Legislature is aware that other state legislatures have made applications requesting that Congress convene a constitutional convention; and

Whereas, The Nevada Legislature no longer supports its previous resolutions which requested that Congress convene a constitutional convention, most of which were adopted over three decades ago, and does not wish for these resolutions to be included with similar applications which were made by other state legislatures; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the members of the 79th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby rescind, repeal, cancel, void, nullify and supersede each previous resolution passed by the Nevada Legislature which requested the Congress of the United States to convene a constitutional convention pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of the 79th Session of the Nevada Legislature urge each state legislature which requested Congress to convene a constitutional convention to withdraw such applications; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-65. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas applying to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states under Article V of the United States Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the United States Constitution, which impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for federal officials and members of Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas, The drafters of the United States Constitution empowered state legislatures to be guardians of liberty against abuses of power by the federal government; and

Whereas, The federal government has abused its power by creating a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

Whereas, The federal government has abused its power by invading the legitimate role of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates that are to a great extent unfunded; and

Whereas, The federal government has ceased to abide by a proper interpretation of the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, It is the solemn duty of state legislatures to protect the liberty of the people and of future generations by proposing amendments to the United States Constitution that place clear restraints on federal power; and

Whereas, Article V of the United States Constitution authorizes the several state legislatures to restrict the power of the federal government through the amendment process; and

Whereas, Article V of the United States Constitution provides that on application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states Congress shall call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the constitution: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 85th Texas Legislature apply to Congress to call a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and to limit the terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress; and, be it further

Resolved, That, unless rescinded by a succeeding legislature, this application by the 85th Texas Legislature constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have applied to Congress to call a convention for the limited purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and to limit the terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate of the Congress of the United States, and to all members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as an application to Congress for a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and to limit the terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the secretaries of state and to the presiding officers of the legislatures of the several states with the request that they join this state in applying to Congress for a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and to limit the terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress.

POM-66. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to grant temporary protective status to Haitians in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-67. A resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Mahwah, New Jersey, recognizing June 2, 2017, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1572. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide that extraction of helium from gas produced under a Federal mineral lease shall maintain the lease as if the helium were oil and gas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1573. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to place signage on Federal land along the trail known as the "American Discovery Trail", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1574. A bill to impose sanctions on individuals who are complicit in human rights abuses committed against nationals of Vietnam or their family members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. CASEY, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1575. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for taxpayers who remove lead-based hazards; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. TESTER, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1576. A bill to provide that the owner of a water right may use the water for the cultivation of industrial hemp, if otherwise authorized by State law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRAZ, Mr. SASSE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 1577. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, with respect to the judicial review of agency interpretations of statutory and regulatory provisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 425

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 425, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the historic rehabilitation tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 540

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 540, a bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States.

S. 635

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit the exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity.