# CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. HAGERTY):

S. 4017. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 111 South Highland Avenue in Jackson, Tennessee, as the "James D. Todd United States Courthouse", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 4018. A bill to enable high research activity status historically Black colleges or universities to increase capacity toward achieving very high research activity status; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REED:

S. 4019. A bill to protect airline crew members, security screening personnel, and passengers by banning abusive passengers from commercial aircraft flights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 4020. A bill to require balanced budgets in concurrent resolutions on the budget, to establish limits on the waiver of budget points of order, and to prevent appropriations in excess of the amount authorized to be appropriated; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 4021. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to expand the grounds of inadmissibility and deportability for human rights violators; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 4022. A bill to codify in statute the CDC title 42 expulsion order, which suspends the right for certain aliens to enter the United States along United States land borders, until February 1, 2025; read the first time.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. THUNE):

S. Res. 577. A resolution designating April 2022 as "Parkinson's Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. Res. 578. A resolution commending and congratulating the University of Kansas Jayhawks men's basketball team for winning the 2022 National Collegiate Athletic Association Basketball National Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. Res. 579. A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of Big Bertha, one of the largest bass drums in use by a university in the United States and located at The University of Texas at Austin; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Mr. YOUNG):

S. Res. 580. A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Purdue "All-American" Marching Band's World's Largest Drum; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. Res. 581. A resolution supporting the designation of the week of April 24 through April 30, 2022, as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. REED, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. Ms. KLOBUCHAR, CASSIDY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. PADILLA, Mrs. BLACK-BURN, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. WHITE-HOUSE, Mr. BURR, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. MARSHALL, MS. ROSEN, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. CANT-WELL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. TILLIS, MS. BALDWIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BOOZ-MAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Graham, Ms. Hassan, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. WARREN, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. COTTON. Ms. SMITH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. Coons, Mr. Carper, Mr. Hickenlooper, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Stabenow, and Mr. CARPER, TESTER):

S. Res. 582. A resolution designating the week of April 16 through April 24, 2022, as "National Park Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. WICKER, and Ms. CANT-WELL):

S. Res. 593. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

#### S. 377

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 377, a bill to promote and protect from discrimination living organ donors.

#### S. 391

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 391, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to reauthorize and expand the National Threat Assessment Center of the Department of Homeland Security.

#### S. 406

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 406, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

## S. 625

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to eliminate the enrollment fee requirement for TRICARE Select for members of the Armed Forces who retired before January 1, 2018.

#### S. 765

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 765, a bill to improve United States consideration of, and strategic support for, programs to prevent and respond to gender-based violence from the onset of humanitarian emergencies and to build the capacity of humanitarian actors to address the immediate and long-term challenges resulting from such violence, and for other purposes.

## S. 976

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 976, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and to expand eligibility for dependency and indemnity compensation paid to certain survivors of certain veterans, and for other purposes.

### S. 1136

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1136, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes.

#### S. 1233

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1233, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify reporting requirements, promote tax compliance, and reduce tip reporting compliance burdens in the beauty service industry.

## S. 1467

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1467, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a series of clinical trials on the effects of cannabis on certain health outcomes of veterans with chronic pain and posttraumatic stress disorder, and for other purposes.

## S. 1489

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1489, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to establish an Inspector General of the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and for other purposes.

#### S. 1530

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1530, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 and the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to make breakfasts and lunches free for all children, and for other purposes.

### S. 1658

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1658, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to expand access to breastfeeding accommodations in the workplace, and for other purposes.

## S. 2001

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2001, a bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to exempt from inspection the slaughter of animals and the preparation of carcasses conducted at a

## S. 2607

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2607, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the former hostages of the Iran Hostage Crisis of 1979–1981, highlighting their resilience throughout the unprecedented ordeal that they lived through and the national unity it produced, marking 4 decades since their 444 days in captivity, and recognizing their sacrifice to the United States.

#### S. 2675

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2675, a bill to amend the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to increase appropriations to Restaurant Revitalization Fund, and for other purposes.

## S. 2780

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2780, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to prohibit certain adverse personnel actions taken against members of the Armed Forces based on declining the COVID-19 vaccine.

## S. 2854

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2854, a bill to allow for the transfer and redemption of abandoned savings bonds.

#### S. 2935

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2935, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter.

## S. 3171

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3171, a bill to ensure that Federal work-study funding is available for students enrolled in residency programs for teachers, principals, or school leaders, and for other purposes.

#### S. 3824

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 3824, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a grant program for screening, assessment, and treatment services for maternal mental health and substance use disorders, and for other purposes.

### S. 3904

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3904, a bill to enhance the cybersecurity of the Healthcare and Public Health Sector.

## S. 3915

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3915, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to provide technology grants to strengthen domestic mining education, and for other purposes.

#### S. 3917

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3917, a bill to apply the Medicaid asset verification program to all applicants for, and recipients of, medical assistance in all States and territories, and for other purposes.

#### S. 3975

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3975, a bill to reauthorize the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

# S.J. RES. 25

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 25, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

## S. RES. 559

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 559, a resolution expressing gratitude on behalf of the people of the United States to the journalists and news staff who are risking injury and death, are subject to grave threat, and have sacrificed their lives, to chronicle and report on the ongoing war in Ukraine resulting from the Russian Federation's invasion.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

### By Mr. REED:

S. 4019. A bill to protect airline crew members, security screening personnel, and passengers by banning abusive passengers from commercial aircraft flights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, today I am introducing the Protection from Abusive Passengers Act, a bill that is aimed at eliminating the rash of violence and abuse that is occurring on commercial flights across the country. I am pleased to be joined in this effort by Representative ERIC SWALWELL of California, who is introducing companion legislation in the other body. The goal of our bill is to send a clear signal that individuals who engage in serious abusive or violent behavior on an aircraft or at an airport security checkpoint will be banned from flying.

Since 2020, we have seen an extraordinary increase in the number of cases of violence and abuse against crewmembers and airline passengers. In 2021, the Federal Aviation Administration received 5,981 reports of "unruly passengers." Those complaints led to 1,124 investigations, nearly the same number of investigations as the previous 10 years combined. From those investigations, the Federal Aviation Administration, FAA, has initiated 350 enforcement actions and proposed \$5 million in fines. In February, it was widely reported that the FAA had referred 80 cases to the FBI for criminal investigation. Clearly, these are not minor infractions. Here some recent examples:

In December 2021, the FAA proposed a record \$52,500 fine against a passenger who tried to open the cockpit door on a Delta flight from Honolulu to Seattle, struck a flight attendant twice, and threatened him.

The FAA also proposed a \$45,000 fine against a passenger "for throwing objects, including his carry-on luggage, at other passengers; refusing to stay seated; lying on the floor in the aisle, refusing to get up, and then grabbing a flight attendant by the ankles and putting his head up her skirt."

It proposed a \$30,000 fine against a passenger on a Jan. 3, 2021, flight from Atlanta for "allegedly interfering with the flight attendants' deplaning procedures upon arrival. He attempted to gain entry to the flight deck by physically assaulting two flight attendants, threatening to kill one of them, and demanding them to open the door."

Last December, a passenger on Southwest Airlines pleaded guilty to punching a flight attendant in the face multiple times in a May 2021 incident in Sacramento. According to prosecutors, the flight attendant was taken to a hospital with injuries that included a swollen eye, a bruised arm, and a cut under her eye that had to be stitched. She also had three chipped teeth, two of which: had to be replaced with crowns.

Such actions in any setting would be deplorable and reprehensible, but on an airplane, such behavior can also represent a real threat to all passengers. Clearly, the existing regime of civil and criminal penalties has not been enough to deter the upsurge in cases. We need to send a signal that such types of behavior will not be tolerated.

The Protection from Abusive Passengers Act would require the Transportation Security Administration, TSA, to create and manage a program which bars passengers who are fined or convicted of serious physical violence and abuse from flying. Transparency and notice will be provided to banned individuals, including guidelines for removal. The bill would also permanently ban abusive passengers from participating in the TSA PreCheck or Customs' Global Entry programs.

The bill provides appropriate fairness and due process by ensuring that only