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(Legislative day of Wednesday, April 10, 2024)

The Senate met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, our powerful deliverer, we trust in You for protection, for You save us from those who shoot from the shadows. You keep the faithful from vanishing from our planet, providing a refuge for the oppressed and a shelter when gloating evil seems to have the upper hand.

Today, use our lawmakers to help bring unity to a divided Nation and peace to a war-torn world. May our Senators make their positive impact by living blameless lives, speaking the truth, keeping their promises, and honoring You in their thoughts, words, and deeds.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

PROHIBITING THE USE OF FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT, ADMINISTER, OR ENFORCE CERTAIN RULES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY—MOTION TO PROCEED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the pending business.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 350, S. 4072, a bill to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce certain rules of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING). The Senator from Maryland.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. CARDIN. I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 478, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI).

The result was announced—yeas 49, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 123 Leg.]

YEAS—49

Baldwin	Coons	King
Bennet	Cortez Masto	Klobuchar
Blumenthal	Duckworth	Lujan
Booker	Durbin	Manchin
Brown	Fetterman	Markey
Butler	Gillibrand	Merkley
Cantwell	Hassan	Murphy
Cardin	Heinrich	Murray
Carper	Hickenlooper	Ossoff
Casey	Kaine	Padilla
Collins	Kelly	Peters

Reed
Rosen
Schatz
Schumer
Shaheen
Sinema

Smith
Stabenow
Tester
Van Hollen
Warner
Warnock

Warren
Welch
Whitehouse
Wyden

NAYS—44

Barrasso
Blackburn
Boozman
Braun
Budd
Capito
Cassidy
Cotton
Crapo
Cruz
Daines
Ernst
Fischer
Graham
Grassley

Hagerty
Hawley
Hoeven
Hyde-Smith
Johnson
Kennedy
Lankford
Lee
Lummis
Marshall
McConnell
Moran
Mullin
Paul
Ricketts

Risch
Romney
Rounds
Rubio
Schmitt
Scott (FL)
Scott (SC)
Sullivan
Thune
Tillis
Tuberville
Vance
Wicker
Young

NOT VOTING—7

Britt
Cornyn
Cramer

Hirono
Menendez
Murkowski
Sanders

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PETERS). The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of ten years. (Reappointment)

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the

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Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 478, Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of ten years. (Reappointment)

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Brian Schatz, Mazie K. Hirono, Tina Smith, Gary C. Peters, Amy Klobuchar, Raphael G. Warnock, Catherine Cortez Masto, Alex Padilla, Mark R. Warner, Tim Kaine, Sheldon Whitehouse, Martin Heinrich, Christopher A. Coons, Margaret Wood Hassan, Peter Welch.

CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF RYAN CORBETT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, as in legislative session, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 638 submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 638) calling for the immediate release of Ryan Corbett, a United States citizen who was wrongfully detained by the Taliban on August 10, 2022, and condemning the wrongful detention of Americans by the Taliban.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 638), was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD (Legislative Day of April 10, 2024) under "Submitted Resolutions.")

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, today, I am very proud that the Senate just passed Leader McCONNELL's and my resolution calling for Ryan Corbett's immediate and unconditional release.

By passing this resolution today, the Senate sends a resounding message that it is time to bring Ryan home. This weekend is Ryan's birthday. We are all thinking about him because it has now been 609 days since Ryan, a New York native, was unjustly detained by the Taliban in Afghanistan during a routine business trip.

I met with Ryan's beautiful family this week, and I told them the Senate is standing with them and has their back. I promised them that as long as Ryan is held by the Taliban, I will never stop fighting to bring him back home and unite him with Anna, his children, and his family as quickly as possible.

Again, I thank Leader McCONNELL for joining me in this legislation.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

NATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, on a few other matters. This morning Prime Minister Kishida Fumio became only the second Japanese Prime Minister to ever formally address a joint meeting of the Congress.

The best way the House can heed Prime Minister Kishida's words is to pass the national security supplemental as soon as possible, to approve defense funding, not just for Ukraine, but also for the Indo-Pacific.

If we want to protect against the Chinese Communist Party endangering Taiwan, the House should quit stalling and pass the supplemental. If we want to prevent handing Putin a victory in Europe, the House should do the right thing for democracy and pass the Senate's aid package now.

GUN SAFETY

Mr. President, on another matter, today is a big day for America for commonsense gun safety reform.

This morning, the Biden administration announced a rule expanding background checks and closing loopholes for online sales at gun shows, a direct result of the bipartisan gun safety law passed 2 years ago.

This gun safety announcement has been decades in coming. It is the first significant expansion of background checks since I led passage of the Brady Bill way back in 1993. Today's announcement expanding background checks shows change is possible when both sides work together, even if progress is hard and halting. After all, a few years ago, this announcement would have been unimaginable.

Because Democrats and Republicans both, together, cast aside the influence of groups like the NRA and worked together, today's announcement has been made possible. The expansion of background checks will save lives. It will be easier to prevent guns from falling into the wrong hands. It will show parents, kids, and teachers, and Americans everywhere impacted by gun violence that Congress is listening.

We have a lot of work to do. But today is a clear step in the right direction.

As all through the Brady law, today's announcement on background checks is a proud moment and a galvanizing one. We should build on these historic bills passed in 2022 and cure our Nation of the disease of gun violence.

FEDERAL JUDICIARY

Mr. President, finally, just a note. Yesterday, I led a group of 40 Senators introducing a bill that would curtail judge shopping and restore fairness to the judicial system. I will work with my colleagues to enact this important legislation.

We here in Congress have a duty to hold the Federal judiciary accountable. And when the Federal judiciary is being exploited by dangerous practices like judge shopping, it is both proper and appropriate for Congress to exercise oversight authority.

Some of my Republican colleagues have suggested it is unconstitutional for Congress to oversee its judicial branch. That is ridiculous and avoids a plain reading of the Constitution. Even the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court—hardly a liberal—agrees that judge shopping is a problem and ought to be addressed.

Congress has clear authority under the Constitution to exercise oversight of the courts. We will continue weighing legislative options to ensure the Federal judiciary is committed to equal justice under the law.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture motion filed today ripen at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 15.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MOTION TO RECESS

Mr. SCHUMER. I move to recess until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 15, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. I announce that the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE).

The result was announced—yeas 48, nays 40, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 124 Ex.]

YEAS—48

Baldwin	Hassan	Paul
Bennet	Heinrich	Peters
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Reed
Booker	Hirono	Rosen
Brown	Kaine	Schatz
Butler	Kelly	Schumer
Cantwell	King	Shaheen
Cardin	Klobuchar	Smith
Carper	Luján	Tester
Casey	Manchin	Van Hollen
Collins	Markey	Warner
Coons	Merkley	Warnock
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Warren
Duckworth	Murray	Welch
Fetterman	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Padilla	Wyden

NAYS—40

Barrasso	Cotton	Hoeben
Blackburn	Crapo	Hyde-Smith
Boozman	Cruz	Johnson
Braun	Daines	Kennedy
Britt	Ernst	Lankford
Budd	Fischer	Lee
Capito	Grassley	Lummis
Cassidy	Hagerty	Marshall

McConnell	Rubio	Tillis
Moran	Schmitt	Vance
Mullin	Scott (FL)	Wicker
Ricketts	Scott (SC)	Young
Risch	Sullivan	
Rounds	Thune	

NOT VOTING—12

Cornyn	Hawley	Sanders
Cramer	Menendez	Sinema
Durbin	Murkowski	Stabenow
Graham	Romney	Tuberville

The motion was agreed to.

MORNING BUSINESS

NATIONAL SECURITY, ENERGY, AND SHOP ACT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, today, a joint session of Congress welcomed Japanese Prime Minister Kishida to the Capitol.

The importance of the U.S.-Japan alliance is front-and-center at a critical moment. As I said earlier this week, Japan is an essential partner in the security of the Indo-Pacific.

But its leaders also understand the global nature of the threats facing sovereign states, free societies, and free markets today. As the Prime Minister's office put it ahead of this week's visit, today's security environment is, "as severe and complex as it has ever been" and that "from the Japanese viewpoint, Russia's invasion of Ukraine is not a faraway European question."

In other words, Japan understands that the challenges we face can't be dealt with one at a time. Last year, Japan approved the largest ever budget for its own self-defense forces. And it is in the process of acquiring nearly 150 fifth-generation F-35 fighters and investing in long-range counterstrike capabilities to enhance deterrence.

Meanwhile, Japan also provides significant economic assistance to countries across Asia who may otherwise be vulnerable to the PRC's coercion or aggression.

And at the same time, Japan was the third largest financial contributor to Ukraine last year.

Our ally is facing linked threats simultaneously. But Japan is not an anomaly. Across the region, America's closest regional allies like Australia and South Korea understand the PRC poses the greatest long-term strategic threat to a free and open Indo-Pacific. But they also understand that what happens in Europe or the Middle East in the near-term matters an awful lot to Asia.

To meet these growing security challenges, our Indo-Pacific allies are making substantial commitments to grow their defense budgets.

Similarly, as our European allies grow increasingly concerned about the PRC, their combined spending rose by 9.5 percent.

This is encouraging progress. But our allies still look to America to lead. And our own defense spending is not keeping pace.

Four times, President Biden has submitted defense budget requests that

would have amounted to net cuts after inflation. And even if Congress prevails in passing an emergency national security supplemental, a 1 percent growth cap on next year's spending will still constrain our ability to meet growing threats.

We have to be honest about the urgent requirements of replenishing stockpiles, expanding defense industrial capacity, and modernizing our forces.

Deterring linked threats isn't a task America has to face alone. But as we encourage our allies to continue their own modernization efforts, we have to lead.

That means deepening technology cooperation and trade with our most advanced allies—similar to what we have promised to do with AUKUS, an agreement that we must implement with urgency and sincerity.

It also means reforming our sluggish, bureaucratic foreign military sales process to help more allies upgrade their capabilities by buying modern American equipment.

But most of all, maintaining our influence and advancing our global interests means taking our own national defense responsibilities seriously.

Our fundamental constitutional obligation is to provide for the common defense. And it will fall to Congress in the months ahead—as we consider the NDAA and FY25 defense appropriations—to make the investments that sustained American leadership requires.

Now, on another matter, yesterday's inflation report did little to help working Americans make sense of Bidenomics. The 3.5 percent year-on-year jump recorded last month puts cumulative inflation since President Biden took office at 19.4 percent. Grocery prices are up 21.2 percent, gasoline prices are up 47.8 percent, and rent prices are up 20.4 percent.

And it is getting particularly difficult to keep the lights on. The latest 5 percent jump in electricity prices is just the latest bad news for ratepayers facing overall energy inflation of 38.8 percent since January 2021. And it is no wonder why: Working families aren't just up against Democrats' reckless inflationary spending. They are also facing the effects of the mountain of devastating regulations rolled out under President Biden's activist climate agenda.

He has ticked his way down a green activist wishlist from canceling job-creating pipeline infrastructure to freezing LNG export permits to micro-managing home appliances to imposing debilitating emissions standards on automakers and effectively requiring that two of every three vehicles manufactured for America in 2032 be electric.

Honestly, it feels like the Biden administration itself cares less about a grand green future than about making the entire country follow the consumption habits of deep-blue California. And that is particularly bad news.

As the administration races to conjure up a market for expensive electric vehicles, growing evidence suggests that its grand plans to leave the most affordable and reliable forms of American energy behind are pushing electric grids to a breaking point. And grid security experts are warning that "overly rigid" environmental policies are creating significant blackout risks across the country.

Whether you call it Bidenomics or the Green New Deal, Washington Democrats are presenting working Americans with some tough choices. Here's how one California retiree described it: "Food has been a worry, but now electricity is the worry. Unless you want to go to candles and firewood, we have no other choice but to bite the bullet and pay."

Fortunately, the Senate will soon have another opportunity to pull an emergency brake on the administration's runaway regulations: legislation from Senator CRAPO to overturn the President's disastrous de facto EV mandate.

The tailpipe emissions rule would effectively force American auto dealers to sell two EVs for every gas-powered vehicle, even at the inevitable expense of further reliance on Chinese supply chains. And with electric vehicles already piling up at dealer lots across the country due to low demand, it would force American consumers to buy vehicles they don't want.

What utter madness. I am grateful to the senior Senator for Idaho for bringing this legislation to the floor. And I will encourage our colleagues to join me in supporting this step to rein in some of this administration's worst ideas.

Now, on one final matter, yesterday, with my colleagues the junior Senator for Arkansas and the senior Senator for North Carolina, I was proud to introduce the SHOP Act, a comprehensive, nonpartisan solution to venue shopping in Federal courts.

As I have said before, the problem with venue shopping is not a judge in north Texas. It is a national problem driven by the ability of single judges everywhere to grant injunctions that are national in scope.

The SHOP Act would stop that, restricting the relief that judges in Texas and in California can provide to the parties in front of them or the geographic reach of their jurisdictions.

It also addresses the problem of venue selling in bankruptcy and patent cases. Venue abuse in those specialized areas of law comes less from litigants seeking advantage than from judges creating artificially attractive venues in order to enrich their friends in the local bar. The SHOP Act would impose uniform standards for where bankruptcy and patent cases should be heard to solve this problem.

Lastly, the SHOP Act addresses the practice of actual illicit judge shopping. Recently, the Southern Poverty Law Center and Lambda Legal engaged

in this practice in Alabama, going to great and unethical lengths both to get their case steered to a particular liberal judge and to strip it from a perceived conservative.

Importantly, when these leftwing groups were caught red-handed, it was none other than President Obama's White House Counsel himself who appeared in court to defend them in their disciplinary case. I can't think of a better example of the liberal attitude of "judge shopping for me but not for thee."

Well, the SHOP Act stops all of it. It applies everywhere regardless of ideology and addresses the root causes of the issue. And I invite my Democratic colleagues to join our bill and further strengthen public confidence in our Federal judiciary.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. HIRONO. Madam President, I was absent for one rollcall vote April 11, 2024. On April 11, had I been present, I would have voted yea on the motion to proceed to Executive Session for the consideration of Executive Calendar No. 478 Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of ten years, rollcall vote No. 123.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WACO DINER

Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, in April of 1924, Nelson Watts and Ralph Colwell combined forces and syllables from their last names and opened the WaCo Diner in Eastport, ME. One hundred years later, the WaCo is still going strong as the oldest diner in the State of Maine, proudly serving great food and friendship in America's east-most city.

The WaCo began life as a lunch wagon converted from a traveling photographer's studio. With Eastport hosting more than a dozen sardine factories, a deepwater seaport, and visitors arriving by sea and rail to enjoy the very best of Maine's rocky coast, the new establishment thrived, the wheels were removed, and the wagon was boxed in to make a permanent structure.

Under a succession of owners over the years, the WaCo has expanded from a narrow lunch counter to a lovely restaurant with a spacious dining room. From the outdoor deck overlooking Passamaquoddy Bay, patrons enjoy beautiful views of Canada's Campobello Island and a passing parade of marine activity, from cargo vessels, cruise ships, and fishing boats to whales, porpoises, and seals.

The current owners, Mike Del Papa and Matt Boyle, bought the WaCo in 2022, after Mike's dad Bob retired at the age of 83 after many years of operating and growing the business. Mike and Matt both brought restaurant operations, general business, and cus-

tomers service experiences with them, and have invested significant money, time and energy into the equipment and facilities to enhance the atmosphere and efficiency, while continuing to offer amazing meals and a great customer experience, led by server Tammy McPhail, a 20-plus-year veteran, and chef Steve Sonner. In addition to providing good jobs year-round, the WaCo brings back summer staff each tourism season.

The WaCo is a mainstay, not only in Eastport but also throughout the Downeast region, welcoming locals and visitors alike. Among the many themed evenings featuring special creations, a local favorite is the "Dry Fish Dinner"—prepared Robert Patterson's Way," a tribute to the late, beloved owner/chef of the New Friendly Restaurant in the neighboring town of Perry.

The WaCo is dedicated to supporting other Maine businesses. When possible, they source seafood locally. All draft beers are from Maine breweries, and potato chips are from Maine's Fox Family in Mapleton. Several recipes utilize Raye's Mustard, made in Eastport at the last remaining traditional stone-ground mustard in North America, while others use Wyman's wild Maine blueberries, harvested from the barrens of the surrounding countryside.

In addition to dedication to excellence, the WaCo carries on another great tradition of our State's small business community: giving back. Last year, the WaCo served a free Thanksgiving dinner to more than 150 people from the Downeast community and, at Christmastime, a free pancake breakfast with Santa for children. Through charitable events in 2023, the WaCo and its customers raised more than \$5,000 to support Sarah's House of Maine, a cancer hospitality house near the Lafayette Family Cancer Center in Brewer, saving rural patients and their families hours of travel for treatments.

The WaCo Diner in Eastport is a shining example of the entrepreneurial spirit and community pride that define the State of Maine. I congratulate the entire WaCo team on this landmark anniversary and wish them much success in the years to come.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARD

• Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam President, I rise today to congratulate the Tennessee National Guard on the opening of the Major General Terry M. Haston National Guard Armory in Morriston, TN.

Since its founding in 1887, the Tennessee National Guard has upheld the Volunteer State's distinguished record of military service, fighting to preserve our Nation's security, and aiding our State in times of emergency. The

Major General Terry M. Haston National Guard Armory—with over 30,000 square feet of space dedicated to administrative, training, supply, and storage functions—will do so much to honor this tradition by strengthening the Guard's capabilities for Federal missions and bolstering their capacity to respond effectively to local emergencies and disasters.

This facility honors a great Tennessean and a great guardsman. For nearly a decade, MG Terry M. Haston served as the 75th adjutant general for the Tennessee National Guard, strengthening the Guard's military readiness and operational efficiency. Among his many honors, General Haston received the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3250. An act to recognize the Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum in Rochester, New York.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 2754. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2395 East Del Mar Boulevard in Laredo, Texas, as the "Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza, Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez and Sergeant Roberto Arizola Jr. Post Office Building".

S. 3851. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 McCamly Street South in Battle Creek, Michigan, as the "Sojourner Truth Post Office".

H.R. 3865. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South 8th Street in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, as the "Lieutenant William D. Lebo Post Office Building".

H.R. 3947. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 859 North State Road 21 in Melrose, Florida, as the "Pamela Jane Rock Post Office Building".

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. DURBIN for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sanket Jayshukh Bulsara, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Dena M. Coggins, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

Eric C. Schulte, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota.

Camela C. Theeler, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota.

David O. Barnett, Jr., of New Mexico, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico for the term of four years.

Clinton J. Fuchs, of Maryland, to be United States Marshal for the District of Maryland for the term of four years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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 Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 4107. A bill to require Amtrak to report to Congress information on Amtrak compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 with respect to trains and stations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 4108. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide a process to lock and suspend domain names used to facilitate the online sale of drugs illegally, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. ERNST, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. KING, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. MULLIN):

S. 4109. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to clarify roles and responsibilities within the Department of Defense relating to subconcussive and concussive brain injuries and to improve brain health initiatives of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. BENNET, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 4110. A bill to reauthorize the African Growth and Opportunity Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mr. COTTON):

S. 4111. A bill to provide for a study by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on the prevalence and mortality of cancer among individuals who served as active duty aircrew in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MARKEY, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 4112. A bill to provide protections from prosecution for drug possession to individ-

uals who seek medical assistance when witnessing or experiencing an overdose, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 4113. A bill to allow States to require payment of State fees related to boating as a condition for issuance of a vessel number and to collect such fees in conjunction with other fees related to vessel numbering; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 4114. A bill to authorize a higher Federal share for emergency relief funds for the reconstruction of the Francis Scott Key Bridge located in Baltimore City and Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties, Maryland, that collapsed on March 26, 2024, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. SCHMITT):

S. 4115. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit graduate medical schools from receiving Federal financial assistance if such schools adopt certain policies and requirements relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Ms. SINEMA, and Mr. FETTERMAN):

S. 4116. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to allow members of the Selected Reserve and National Guard holding employment within the Federal Government the choice between military and civilian healthcare plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. BUTLER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 4117. A bill to require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish a Climate Change Education Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. BALDWIN:

S. 4118. A bill to establish the Open Translation Center, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. RICKETTS):

S.J. Res. 71. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. REED, Ms. BUTLER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. KING, and Mr. PADILLA):

S. Res. 637. A resolution expressing support for the staff of public, school, academic, and special libraries in the United States and the essential services those libraries provide to communities, recognizing the need for funding commensurate with the broad scope of social service and community supports provided by libraries, preserving the right of all citizens of the United States to freely access information and resources in their communities, supporting a strong union voice for library workers, and defending the civil rights of library staff; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 638. A resolution calling for the immediate release of Ryan Corbett, a United States citizen who was wrongfully detained by the Taliban on August 10, 2022, and condemning the wrongful detention of Americans by the Taliban; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. Res. 639. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the month of April 2024 as "Parkinson's Awareness Month"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 711

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 711, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the invaluable service that working dogs provide to society.

S. 738

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 738, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow workers an above-the-line deduction for union dues and expenses and to allow a miscellaneous itemized deduction for workers for all unreimbursed expenses incurred in the trade or business of being an employee.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 799, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare coverage for all physicians' services furnished by doctors of chiropractic within the scope of their license, and for other purposes.

S. 1064

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a national project to prevent and cure Parkinson's, to be known as the National Parkinson's Project, and for other purposes.

S. 1303

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1303, a bill to require sellers of event tickets to disclose comprehensive information to consumers about ticket prices and related fees.

S. 1430

At the request of Ms. LUMMIS, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1430, a bill to exempt certain entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 with respect to releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.

S. 1433

At the request of Ms. LUMMIS, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1433, a bill to exempt certain aviation entities from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 for the release of certain perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.

S. 1842

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1842, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the regulation of zootechnical animal food substances.

S. 2016

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2016, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to telehealth services, and for other purposes.

S. 2121

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2121, a bill to establish a centralized system to allow individuals to request the simultaneous deletion of their personal information across all data brokers, and for other purposes.

S. 2256

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2256, a bill to authorize the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to establish an apprenticeship program and to establish a pilot program on cybersecurity training for veterans and members of the Armed Forces transitioning to civilian life, and for other purposes.

S. 2415

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2415, a bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize Federal support of States in their work to save and sustain the health of mothers during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period, to eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes for pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated deaths, to identify solutions to improve health care quality and health outcomes for mothers, and for other purposes.

S. 2465

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2465, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to furnish doula services to veterans.

S. 2515

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2515, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 2626

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2626, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Supreme Leader of Iran and the President of Iran and their respective offices for human rights abuses and support for terrorism.

S. 2891

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2891, a bill to reauthorize the program of grants for innovative programs to address dental workforce needs.

S. 3193

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3193, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow for the use of telehealth in substance use disorder treatment, and for other purposes.

S. 3482

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3482, a bill to establish a multi-stakeholder advisory committee tasked with providing detailed recommendations to address challenges to transmitting geolocation information with calls to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and for other purposes.

S. 3556

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3556, a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue reports after activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System and to make improvements to network outage reporting, to categorize public safety telecommunicators as a protective service occupation under the Standard Occupational Classification system, and for other purposes.

S. 3714

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 3714, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to require the President to set a minimum annual goal for the number of refugees to be admitted, and for other purposes.

S. 3755

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3755, a bill to amend the CARES Act to remove a requirement on lessors to provide notice to vacate, and for other purposes.

S. 3805

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3805, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to prohibit health plans from imposing fees on health care providers for electronic funds transfers and health care payment and remittance advice transactions, and for other purposes.

S. 3842

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3842, a bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Muhammed Ali, in recognition of his contributions to the United States.

S. 4002

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4002, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program, and for other purposes.

S. 4004

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4004, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 4051

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4051, a bill to prohibit transportation of any alien using certain methods of identification, and for other purposes.

S. 4072

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. 4072, a bill to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce certain rules of the Environmental Protection Agency.

S.J. RES. 39

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 39, a joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress that

the article of amendment commonly known as the “Equal Rights Amendment” has been validly ratified and is enforceable as the 28th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and the Archivist of the United States must certify and publish the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment without delay.

S. RES. 593

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 593, a resolution expressing support for the continued value of arms control agreements and condemning the Russian Federation’s purported suspension of its participation in the New START Treaty.

S. RES. 610

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 610, a resolution honoring Dr. Jane Goodall and her legacy as an ethologist, conservationist, and activist.

S. RES. 629

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 629, a resolution condemning the arbitrary arrest of United States citizens by the Government of the Russian Federation and calling for the immediate and unconditional release of such citizens.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 637—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE STAFF OF PUBLIC, SCHOOL, ACADEMIC, AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES THOSE LIBRARIES PROVIDE TO COMMUNITIES, RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR FUNDING COMMENSURATE WITH THE BROAD SCOPE OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTS PROVIDED BY LIBRARIES, PRESERVING THE RIGHT OF ALL CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES TO FREELY ACCESS INFORMATION AND RESOURCES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, SUPPORTING A STRONG UNION VOICE FOR LIBRARY WORKERS, AND DEFENDING THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF LIBRARY STAFF

Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. REED, Ms. BUTLER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. KING, and Mr. PADILLA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 637

Whereas library staff are cornerstones of their communities in the United States, providing visitors with access to books and media, delivering high-quality programming to visitors of all ages, ensuring equitable

internet access for all, and linking people to crucial information about accessing social services;

Whereas libraries are an economic powerhouse in their communities, providing resources to small business owners, job seekers, and individuals learning new skills;

Whereas, in recent years, library staff have been called on to address the fallout from difficult public crises in the United States, taking on roles that exceed the traditional role of providing a space for, and access to, educational and cultural enrichment;

Whereas library staff provide lifesaving care to members of their communities who are suffering the effects of the ongoing and tragic opioid epidemic in the United States, including being called on to administer medication to treat overdoses;

Whereas libraries are a safe haven for individuals and families who are unhoused, and library workers provide the supportive community environment and resources needed by unhoused individuals and families;

Whereas libraries are often the only source of internet for underserved communities;

Whereas library staff maintained public access to essential library services and were relied on to distribute personal protective equipment and provide testing to the public during the worst days of the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas libraries have met an expanded and intensified demand for community, public health, and safety net services, often while contending with severe funding cuts, creating unsustainable and frequently unsafe working conditions for library staff;

Whereas the health and survival of democracy in the United States requires that everyone be able to exercise rights to information and services, and it is especially important for young people to have the opportunity to learn, encounter, and debate all manner of ideas, including controversial ones;

Whereas students have been shown to spend more time reading and exhibit higher reading scores when given access to diverse titles, and library staff play a crucial role in curating diverse book offerings for young readers;

Whereas a fundamental responsibility of the job of library staff is making decisions about the books and media in their collections and assisting visitors in accessing those materials without fear of censorship or reprisal for fulfilling the role of providing information and resources to the public;

Whereas, from 2023 to 2024, there were deplorable incidents throughout the United States that were orchestrated to intimidate library staff and prevent them from fulfilling their central work responsibility to provide the public with free and unfettered access to information;

Whereas library staff across the United States are mobilizing for a collective union voice in their workplaces to elevate their profession, to ensure safe and adequately resourced spaces that meet the needs of the communities they serve, and to protect the essential role of libraries in the democracy of the United States; and

Whereas the week of April 7 through April 13, 2024, would be an appropriate time to celebrate “National Library Week”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

- (1) commends the work of library staff in the United States;
- (2) supports the goals and ideals of National Library Week;
- (3) recognizes that libraries and library staff provide critical infrastructure for the United States and are essential to the future of the United States;

(4) supports the prioritization of full funding of library services at the Federal, State, and local levels to ensure the continuation and improvement of library services;

(5) reaffirms—

(A) the fundamental right of the people of the United States to access information, which is made real through the efforts of library staff;

(B) the fundamental right of library workers to organize and collectively bargain at work and to have a protected voice in their workplace; and

(C) the civil rights of library workers to exercise their responsibilities to the public without threats or intimidation; and

(6) recognizes the right of library staff—

(A) to speak out on matters of public concern;

(B) to address themselves to elected officials and to the administration of the entities that employ library staff; and

(C) to inform the people of the United States about their right to free and unfettered access to information, and about threats to that access.

SENATE RESOLUTION 638—CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF RYAN CORBETT, A UNITED STATES CITIZEN WHO WAS WRONGFULLY DETAINED BY THE TALIBAN ON AUGUST 10, 2022, AND CONDEMNING THE WRONGFUL DETENTION OF AMERICANS BY THE TALIBAN

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 638

Whereas United States citizen Ryan Corbett has lived a life of service by supporting humanitarian projects in Afghanistan that help the Afghan people start and operate small businesses;

Whereas Ryan Corbett moved his family to Afghanistan in 2010 to help the local population and lived there for more than a decade aiding the Afghan people;

Whereas, in 2017, Ryan Corbett founded “Bloom Afghanistan” to provide consulting and microloans to Afghan small businesses to help build a self-sustaining local economy;

Whereas Ryan Corbett is known to his family, friends, colleagues, and associates as a loving father and husband as well as a kind, service-oriented man;

Whereas, in August 2021, Ryan Corbett was forced to leave his life, community, and Afghan partners behind when the Taliban seized Kabul and United States citizens were evacuated;

Whereas, in August 2022, Ryan Corbett traveled to Afghanistan for a 10-day trip to check on his business and employees and was detained by the Taliban;

Whereas the Taliban detained Ryan Corbett without charging him with a crime or granting him due process in any judicial proceedings;

Whereas, on September 29, 2023, Ryan Corbett was designated as wrongfully detained by United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken;

Whereas Ryan Corbett is being held in a 9-foot by 9-foot underground cell with two other Taliban detainees and has been held in solitary confinement on multiple occasions;

Whereas Ryan Corbett has not been granted access to any physical consular visits by United States Department of State personnel but has had limited consular access via

phone to a United States consular representative;

Whereas, during his detention, Ryan Corbett seldom has had phone calls with his family and has only had limited in-person visits with personnel from Qatar, the United States' protecting power in Afghanistan;

Whereas at least five third-country nationals previously detained with Ryan Corbett have been released and have reported on Ryan's horrific and deteriorating conditions;

Whereas Ryan Corbett's former cellmates who have been subsequently released stated that prisoners at the detention facility must survive on scraps of fatty meat, seldom have access to sunlight, and cannot use the bathroom without permission;

Whereas Ryan Corbett's former cellmates who have been subsequently released stated that, during their captivity, Ryan Corbett was suffering from seizures, fainting, and discolored extremities;

Whereas Ryan Corbett turned 40 years old during his wrongful detention, and his physical and mental health is rapidly declining due to the stress and harsh conditions, such that his family fears he will not survive his wrongful detention; and

Whereas the Taliban's pursuit of international legitimacy and recognition is without merit due to the Taliban's continued use of hostages as a political tool, the Taliban's support for terrorism, and the elimination of freedoms for women and girls in Afghanistan: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) calls on the Taliban to immediately and unconditionally release Ryan Corbett;

(2) condemns the wrongful detention of Ryan Corbett by the Taliban;

(3) urges the Taliban to respect Ryan Corbett's fundamental human rights and to provide full, unfettered, and consistent health and welfare visits to Ryan Corbett while he remains in detention;

(4) urges all United States executive branch officials, including President Joseph Biden, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan, Special Representative for Afghanistan Tom West, and Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs Roger Carstens, to continue to raise the case of Ryan Corbett and to press for his immediate release in all interactions with the Taliban;

(5) condemns the Taliban's continued use of the wrongful detention of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents for political purposes and demands that the Taliban stop unjustifiably detaining United States nationals for political gain;

(6) calls for the immediate release of other United States citizens and lawful permanent residents who are wrongfully detained in Afghanistan;

(7) expresses sympathy for and solidarity with the families of all other United States citizens and lawful permanent residents wrongfully detained abroad; and

(8) expresses support for the family of Ryan Corbett and the family's commitment to bringing Ryan Corbett home.

SENATE RESOLUTION 639—EX-PRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024 AS "PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH"

Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 639

Whereas Parkinson's disease—

(1) affects over 1,000,000 individuals in the United States with nearly 90,000 individuals diagnosed each year;

(2) is the fastest-growing and second most common neurodegenerative disease in the world;

(3) is believed to be caused by a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the exact cause in most individuals is still unknown; and

(4) is the 15th leading cause of death in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

Whereas, by the year 2037, it is estimated that the number of individuals in the United States with Parkinson's disease will nearly double, and Parkinson's disease will cost the United States at least \$80,000,000,000 annually;

Whereas the symptoms of Parkinson's disease can include dementia and cognitive impairment, tremors, slowness of movement and rigidity, gait and balance difficulties, speech and swallowing difficulties, depression, and a variety of other symptoms;

Whereas there are millions of family caregivers, friends, and loved ones whose lives are greatly affected by Parkinson's disease; and

Whereas more research, education, and community support services are needed—

(1) to find better treatments and a cure for Parkinson's disease; and

(2) to maintain the dignity of individuals living with Parkinson's disease: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses support for the designation of the month of April 2024 as "Parkinson's Awareness Month";

(2) supports the goals and ideals of Parkinson's Awareness Month;

(3) continues to support research to find better treatments and a cure for Parkinson's disease;

(4) recognizes the individuals living with Parkinson's disease who participate in vital clinical trials to advance the knowledge of the disease; and

(5) commends the dedication of organizations, volunteers, researchers, and millions of individuals across the United States working to improve the quality of life of people living with Parkinson's disease and their families.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Madam President, I submit the following notice in writing:

In accordance with Rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby give notice in writing that it is my intention to move to suspend the following portions of the Rules and Procedure and Practice in the Senate When Sitting on Impeachment Trials in regard to debate by Senators during the trial of Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas: (1) The phrase "without debate" in Rule VII; (2) The following portion of Rule XX: " , unless the Senate shall direct the doors to be closed while deliberating upon its decisions. A motion to close the doors may be acted upon without objection, or, if objection is heard, the motion shall be voted on without debate by the yeas and nays, which shall be entered on the record"; and (3) In Rule XXIV, the phrases "without debate", "except when the doors shall be closed for deliberation, and in that case" and " , to be had without debate" for the purposes of allowing Senators to debate in open session during any portion of the trial.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I have four requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet in open and closed session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 8 a.m., to receive testimony.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

RECESS UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024, AT 3 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BUTLER). The Senate stands in recess until 3 p.m. on Monday.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 2:37 p.m., recessed until Monday, April 15, 2024, at 3 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

MORRIS K. UDALL AND STEWART L. UDALL FOUNDATION

HEATHER M. CAHOON, OF MONTANA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MORRIS K. UDALL AND STEWART L. UDALL FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 6, 2024, VICE ERIC DRAKE EBERHARD, TERM EXPIRED.

HEATHER M. CAHOON, OF MONTANA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MORRIS K. UDALL AND STEWART L. UDALL FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 6, 2030. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

AMANDA S. JACOBSEN, OF WASHINGTON, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA.

CHRISTOPHE ANDRE TOCCO, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

SHIRLEY SACHI SAGAWA, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 6, 2029. (REAPPOINTMENT)

POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

ANN C. FISHER, OF SOUTH DAKOTA, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 14, 2030. (REAPPOINTMENT)

ASHLEY JAY ELIZABETH POLING, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 22, 2030. (REAPPOINTMENT)