

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 5564. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out activities relating to neglected diseases of poverty; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. WARREN, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. LUJÁN):

S. 5565. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to authorize the use of Federal foreign assistance funds for comprehensive reproductive health care services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 5566. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish a Public Service Educational Assistance Program to provide educational assistance to the dependents of public service employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 5567. A bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a Civilian Climate Corps to help communities respond to climate change and transition to a clean economy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S.J. Res. 217. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia of certain defense articles and services; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. ROSEN:

S. Res. 898. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the additional tariffs imposed on Canadian goods under section 338 of the Tariff Act of 1930 and the rhetoric surrounding the bilateral relationship between Canada and the United States harm United States consumers and businesses and the tariffs should be rescinded; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. REED, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. JUSTICE):

S. Res. 899. A resolution recognizing suicide as a serious public health problem and expressing support for the designation of September as "National Suicide Prevention Month"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. KING, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. SMITH, Mr. GALLEGOS, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. KAINE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 900. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the second Monday in October 2026 as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" to celebrate and honor Indigenous Peoples and their shared history and culture; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 901. A resolution recognizing that the United States needs to support and strengthen mothers in the workforce by investing in the Mom Economy; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. BAR-RASSO):

S. Res. 902. A resolution supporting the designation of the week of September 20 through September 26, 2026, as "Telehealth Awareness Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. HAGERTY, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 903. A resolution designating October 30, 2026, as a national day of remembrance for the workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. Res. 904. A resolution designating the week of September 20 through September 27, 2026, as "Gold Star Families Remembrance Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HASSAN, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. Res. 905. A resolution designating September 25, 2026, as "National Lobster Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 906. A resolution supporting the designation of the week of August 24 through August 28, 2026, as the fourth annual "National Community Health Worker Awareness Week"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Mrs. BRITT):

S. Res. 907. A resolution supporting the designation of September 2026 as "National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. Res. 908. A resolution supporting the designation of the week of September 21 through September 25, 2026, as "National Hazing Awareness Week"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. Res. 909. A resolution designating September 2026 as "Hawaiian History Month" to recognize the history, culture, and contributions of Native Hawaiians and reaffirm the United States Federal trust responsibility to the Native Hawaiian Community to support their well-being; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. Res. 910. A resolution expressing support for the designation of October 2026 as "Lewy Body Dementia Awareness Month"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) was added as a co-

sponsor of S. 65, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 525

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 525, a bill to transfer the functions, duties, responsibilities, assets, liabilities, orders, determinations, rules, regulations, permits, grants, loans, contracts, agreements, certificates, licenses, and privileges of the United States Agency for International Development relating to implementing and administering the Food for Peace Act to the Department of Agriculture.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to increase the maximum loan amount for certain loans, and for other purposes.

S. 907

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) were added as cosponsors of S. 907, a bill to amend the Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022 to make technical corrections.

S. 942

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for interest-free deferment on student loans for borrowers serving in a medical or dental internship or residency program.

S. 1506

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1506, a bill to establish a Medicare-for-All national health insurance program.

S. 1792

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Utah (Mr. CURTIS) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1792, a bill to prohibit employment discrimination against whistleblowers reporting AI security vulnerabilities or AI violations, and for other purposes.

S. 1916

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1916, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to account for the protection of genetic information in bankruptcy.

S. 2448

At the request of Mr. KELLY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2448, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve dependent coverage under the TRICARE Young Adult Program.

S. 2487

At the request of Mr. KIM, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) were added as cosponsors of S. 2487, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the Buffalo Soldier regiments, authorized by Congress in 1866 to serve in the United States Armed Forces, in recognition of their superior, dedicated, and vital service to the United States.

S. 2903

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2903, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require a group health plan or health insurance coverage offered in connection with such a plan to provide an exceptions process for any medication step therapy protocol, and for other purposes.

S. 2921

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2921, a bill to amend section 7014 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to advance toward full Federal funding for impact aid, and for other purposes.

S. 3257

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) were added as cosponsors of S. 3257, a bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to revise regulations for certain individuals carrying out aviation activities who disclose a mental health diagnosis or condition, and for other purposes.

S. 3258

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors of S. 3258, a bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to publish the list of medications that the Administrator has compiled for purposes of the medical certification of airmen and air traffic control specialists, and for other purposes.

S. 3267

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) were added as cosponsors of S. 3267, a bill to amend title

XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of blood-based dementia screening tests.

S. 3525

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS), the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. ARMSTRONG) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) were added as cosponsors of S. 3525, a bill to preserve the franchise business model.

S. 3989

At the request of Mr. CURTIS, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3989, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide community-based training opportunities for medical students in rural areas and medically underserved communities, and for other purposes.

S. 3990

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3990, a bill to increase access to pre-exposure prophylaxis to reduce the transmission of HIV.

S. 4213

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) were added as cosponsors of S. 4213, a bill to require data center operators to submit to States or the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretaries of Energy and Agriculture reports on data center energy and water use, and for other purposes.

S. 4395

At the request of Mr. MCCORMICK, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4395, a bill to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 4436

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4436, a bill to nullify certain rules related to foreign assistance.

S. 4562

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4562, a bill to direct the Attorney General to conduct a study on animal cruelty, and for other purposes.

S. 4845

At the request of Ms. SLOTKIN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Mr.

KING), the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4845, a bill to require explicit Congressional approval for troops or armed men at polling places for the only exception in the United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 4972

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4972, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide bankruptcy protections for medically distressed debtors, and for other purposes.

S. 5028

At the request of Mr. HUSTED, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) were added as cosponsors of S. 5028, a bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal standard relating to the recovery of the full, incremental costs of upgrades that serve large-load customers, and for other purposes.

S. 5223

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5223, a bill to prohibit the purchase or sale of securities while aware of nonpublic information contained in certain social media accounts controlled by Government officials, and for other purposes.

S. 5313

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5313, a bill to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to consider cybersecurity risks from quantum computers, and for other purposes.

S. 5404

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5404, a bill to impose sanctions and other policy consequences in response to the death of political prisoners in Hong Kong, and for other purposes.

S. 5460

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors of S. 5460, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to increase reimbursement rates of school meals, and for other purposes.

S. 5482

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5482, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish an Office of Prison Education, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 118

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 118, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

S.J. RES. 172

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 172, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

S.J. RES. 191

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 191, a joint resolution to direct removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

S.J. RES. 200

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 200, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

S.J. RES. 211

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 211, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

S. CON. RES. 6

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 6, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that tax-exempt fraternal benefit societies have historically provided and continue to provide critical benefits to the people and communities of the United States.

AMENDMENT NO. 6828

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 6828 intended to be proposed to S. 4668, a bill to protect the name, image, and likeness rights of, and provide protections for, student athletes and to promote fair competition among intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 5515. A bill to improve Federal efforts with respect to the prevention of maternal mortality, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows

S. 5515

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Community Access, Resources, and Empowerment for Moms Act” or the “CARE for Moms Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Every year, across the United States, nearly 4,000,000 women give birth, more than 1,000 women suffer fatal complications during pregnancy, while giving birth or during the postpartum period, and about 70,000 women suffer near-fatal, partum-related complications.

(2) The maternal mortality rate is often used as a proxy to measure the overall health of a population. While the infant mortality rate in the United States has reached its lowest point, the risk of death for women in the United States during pregnancy, childbirth, or the postpartum period is higher than such risk in many other high-income countries. The estimated maternal mortality rate (deaths per 100,000 live births) for the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia, increased from 14.5 percent in 2000 to 32.0 in 2021. The United States is the only industrialized nation with a rising maternal mortality rate.

(3) The National Vital Statistics System of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has found that in 2021, there were 32.9 maternal deaths for every 100,000 live births in the United States. That ratio continues to exceed the rate in other high-income countries.

(4) It is estimated that more than 80 percent of maternal deaths in the United States are preventable.

(5) According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the maternal mortality rate varies drastically for women by race and ethnicity. There are about 26.6 deaths per 100,000 live births for White women, 69.9 deaths per 100,000 live births for non-Hispanic Black women, and 32.0 deaths per 100,000 live births for American Indian/Alaska Native women. While maternal mortality disparately impacts Black women, this urgent public health crisis traverses race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, educational background, and geography.

(6) In the United States, non-Hispanic Black women are about 3 times more likely to die from causes related to pregnancy and childbirth compared to non-Hispanic White women, which is one of the most disconcerting racial disparities in public health. This disparity widens in certain cities and States across the country.

(7) According to the National Center for Health Statistics of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the maternal mortality rate heightens with age, as women 40 and older die at a rate of 138.5 per 100,000 births compared to 20.4 per 100,000 for women under 25. This translates to women over 40 being 6.8 times more likely to die compared to their counterparts under 25 years of age.

(8) The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the maternal health crisis. A study of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggested that pregnant women are at a significantly higher risk for severe outcomes, including death, from COVID-19 as compared to non-pregnant women. The COVID-19 pandemic also decreased access to prenatal and postpartum care. A study by the Government Accountability Office found that COVID-19 contributed to 25 percent of maternal deaths in 2020 and 2021.

(9) The findings described in paragraphs (1) through (8) are of major concern to researchers, academics, members of the business

community, and providers across the obstetric continuum represented by organizations such as—

(A) the American College of Nurse-Midwives;

(B) the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists;

(C) the American Medical Association;

(D) the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses;

(E) the Black Mamas Matter Alliance;

(F) the Black Women's Health Imperative;

(G) the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative;

(H) EverThrive Illinois;

(I) the Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative;

(J) the March of Dimes;

(K) the National Association of Certified Professional Midwives;

(L) RH Impact: The Collaborative for Equity and Justice;

(M) the National Partnership for Women & Families;

(N) the National Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Association;

(O) the Preeclampsia Foundation;

(P) the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine;

(Q) the What To Expect Project;

(R) Tufts University School of Medicine Center for Black Maternal Health and Reproductive Justice;

(S) the Shades of Blue Project;

(T) the Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance;

(U) the Tulane University Mary Amelia Center for Women's Health Equity Research;

(V) In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda; and

(W) Physicians for Reproductive Health.

(10) Hemorrhage, cardiovascular and coronary conditions, cardiomyopathy, infection or sepsis, embolism, mental health conditions (including substance use disorder), hypertensive disorders, stroke and cerebrovascular accidents, and anesthesia complications are the predominant medical causes of maternal-related deaths and complications. Most of these conditions are largely preventable or manageable. Even when these conditions are not preventable, mortality and morbidity may be prevented when conditions are diagnosed and treated in a timely manner.

(11) According to a study published by the Journal of Perinatal Education, doula-assisted mothers are 4 times less likely to have a low-birthweight baby, 2 times less likely to experience a birth complication involving themselves or their baby, and significantly more likely to initiate breastfeeding and human lactation. Doula care has also been shown to produce cost savings resulting in part from reduced rates of cesarean and preterm births.

(12) Intimate partner violence is one of the leading causes of maternal death, and women are more likely to experience intimate partner violence during pregnancy than at any other time in their lives. It is also more dangerous than pregnancy. Intimate partner violence during pregnancy and postpartum crosses every demographic and has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

(13) Oral health is an important part of perinatal health. Reducing bacteria in a woman's mouth during pregnancy can significantly reduce her risk of developing oral diseases and spreading decay-causing bacteria to her baby. Moreover, some evidence suggests that women with periodontal disease during pregnancy could be at greater risk for poor birth outcomes, such as preeclampsia, pre-term birth, and low-birth weight. Furthermore, a woman's oral health during pregnancy is a good predictor of her newborn's oral health, and since mothers can