

memorializing the United States Congress to take whatever actions necessary to encourage and support reunification of Ireland; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

Whereas, Ireland is an ancient and distinct land, an island-nation artificially rendered in two in 1922; partitioned by the Government of Ireland Act as an independent Irish state and Northern Ireland which remained a dominion of the United Kingdom; and

Whereas, the partition divided the nation into Northern Ireland, which is composed of six counties and is one of the four constituent countries of the British Crown, and Southern Ireland, which consists of the remaining twenty-six counties and which eventually became the Republic of Ireland in 1949; and

Whereas, the Belfast Agreement, also known as the Good Friday Agreement, was ratified by the Irish and British governments on April 10, 1998, as was successfully negotiated with support from the United States; and

Whereas, the Good Friday Agreement represents a fundamental political advance that created a framework and a mechanism for further political development toward the final resolution of the issue and reunification; and

Whereas, today with self determination, the Irish Republic enjoys an unencumbered economic future as a viable member of the European Union; and

Whereas, the time has come to bring about a seamless resolution of the partition of Ireland in favor of a more united, sovereign nation that guarantees equal rights and equal opportunities for all of its citizens; and

Whereas, in every area that affects the overall well-being of the Irish people, including their economy, education, health, governance, and social interaction, a united Ireland proffers the best opportunity for peace and prosperity for a divided Irish population; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to take whatever actions necessary to encourage and support the reunification of Ireland, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-25. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to provide additional funding for research in order to find a treatment and a cure for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

Whereas, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, is more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease; and

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

Whereas, the initial symptom of ALS is usually weakness of the skeletal muscles, especially those of the extremities; and

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

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

Whereas, ALS does not affect mental capacity of the patient, such that the patient

remains alert and aware of surroundings and aware of the loss of motor functions and the inevitable outcome of continued deterioration and death; and

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

Whereas, despite the catastrophic consequences of a diagnosis of ALS, the disease currently has no known cause, means of protection, or cure; and

Whereas, research indicates that military veterans are at a sixty percent greater risk of developing ALS than those who have not served in the military; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs has promulgated regulations to establish a presumption of service connection for ALS thereby presuming that the development of ALS was incurred or aggravated by a veteran's service in the military; and

Whereas, a national ALS registry, administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is currently identifying cases of ALS in the United States and may become the largest ALS research project ever undertaken; and

Whereas, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month increases the awareness of the circumstances of living with ALS and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has not only on the patient, but also on the family and community of anyone receiving such a diagnosis; and

Whereas, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month also increases awareness of research being done to eradicate this dire disease; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 2013 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month, and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to provide additional funding for research in order to find a treatment and a cure for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-26. A resolution adopted by the Georgia State Senate requesting that Georgia's Congressional delegation, Congress as a whole, and President Obama immediately resolve our national debt crisis with a bipartisan, balanced, comprehensive, long-term solution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 423

Whereas, our national debt is more than 70 percent of our economy (\$11.1 trillion) and is on track to exceed 100 percent of the economy next decade; and

Whereas, rising national debt threatens to stunt the strength of our economy and eventually lead to an economic crisis; and

Whereas, our national debt threatens the solvency of Social Security and medicare; and

Whereas, if Congress and President Obama fail to avoid the looming fiscal cliff and find a comprehensive solution to our national debt, Georgia could lose up to 50,000 jobs due to federal spending cuts; and

Whereas, continued missed opportunities for resolution and successive manufactured crises add to economic uncertainty, preventing business development and investment; and

Whereas, failing to resolve our national debt crisis imperils the economic and financial security of future generations; and

Whereas, smart and gradual debt reduction can reverse all of the negative economic and generational consequences of elevated and rising debt; and

Whereas, a credible plan could help strengthen our fragile economic recovery by improving confidence and reducing uncertainty; and

Whereas, fixing the debt could restore public faith in Washington's ability to solve problems; and

Whereas, our national debt can only be resolved through a bipartisan, comprehensive solution that reins in spending, raises revenues, and reforms entitlements: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this body request that Georgia's Congressional delegation, Congress as a whole, and President Obama immediately resolve our national debt crisis with a bipartisan, balanced, comprehensive, long-term solution, and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Georgia's Congressional delegation, all Congressional members, and President Obama.

POM-27. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, calling upon the Federal Emergency Management Agency to expedite the release of advisory base flood elevations for Rockland County; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-28. A resolution adopted by the Pecos River Commission requesting that the United States Congress reauthorize the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, Section 5056, and appropriate sufficient funds to carry out work related to the legislation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-29. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, urging the United States Congress to pass S. 84 and H.R. 377—Paycheck Fairness Act of 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-30. A resolution adopted by the City Council of Seaside, California expressing its support to the President of the United States, the Senate, and the House of Representatives, for comprehensive immigration reform and urging action to adopt comprehensive immigration legislation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-31. A resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey of the State of California urging the United States Supreme Court to affirm the constitutionality of the Voting Rights Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-32. A resolution adopted by the Pecos River Commission requesting that Congress fully fund the National Streamflow Information Program (NSIP) gages associated with the Pecos River Basin and the U.S. Geological Survey placing a priority on funding these gages under NSIP; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SCHUMER, from the Committee on Rules and Administration:

Report to accompany S. Res. 64, An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the period March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013 (Rept. No. 113-41).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 579. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial

International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-42).

S. 793. A bill to support revitalization and reform of the Organization of American States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-43).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Valerie E. Caproni, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Vernon S. Broderick, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Derek Anthony West, of California, to be Associate Attorney General.

(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 Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. COONS, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1156. A bill to amend the Higher Education Opportunity Act to add disclosure requirements to the institution financial aid offer form and to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make such form mandatory; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1157. A bill to reauthorize the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and the Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1158. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1159. A bill to amend the Equal Credit Opportunity Act to prohibit discrimination on account of sexual orientation or gender identity when extending credit; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 1160. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for qualified conservation contributions which include National Scenic Trails; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1161. A bill to provide for the development of a fishery management plan for the Gulf of Mexico red snapper, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1162. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities undertaken to address the marine debris impacts of the March 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1163. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as section 179 property and classify certain automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 1164. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to clarify provisions with respect to church plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1165. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements relating to the immunization of veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BURR, Mr. COATS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. KIRK, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 1166. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to provide for appropriate designation of collective bargaining units; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 1167. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for the Te-moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1168. A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to limit overbroad surveillance requests and expand reporting requirements and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1169. A bill to withdraw and reserve certain public land in the State of Montana for the Limestone Hills Training Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1170. A bill to provide for youth jobs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. VITTER):

S.J. Res. 17. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. Res. 170. A resolution commemorating John Lewis on the 50th anniversary of his chairmanship of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. NELSON):

S. Res. 171. A resolution designating June 15, 2013, as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 104

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 104, a bill to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restricts on the use of national monuments.

S. 109

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 109, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 113

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 113, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require certain creditors to obtain certifications from institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

S. 117

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 117, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 330

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr.