

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 398. A bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL:

S.J. Res. 8. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service of the Department of the Treasury relating to taxable medical devices; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 58. A resolution authorizing the reporting of committee funding resolutions for the period March 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. Res. 59. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance; from the Committee on Finance; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 60. A resolution supporting women's reproductive health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. Res. 61. A resolution designating March 1, 2013, as "Read Across America Day"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 62. A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 15

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 15, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

S. 146

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 146, a bill to enhance the safety of America's schools.

S. 170

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land and ensure continued opportunities for those activities.

S. 172

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 172, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to address certain issues related to the extension of consumer credit, and for other purposes.

S. 177

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 177, a bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely.

S. 186

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 186, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where the 4 little Black girls lost their lives, which served as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement.

S. 210

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 210, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 234, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 296

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 296, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 310

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 310, a bill to jump-start economic recovery through the forma-

tion and growth of new businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 346

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

S. RES. 26

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 26, a resolution recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 395. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide further protection for puppies; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent 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. 395

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 "Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety Act".

SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF PUPPIES UNDER THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT.

(a) HIGH VOLUME RETAIL BREEDER DEFINED.—Section 2 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2132) is amended—

(1) in subsection (1), by striking "research." and inserting "research";

(2) in subsection (n), by striking "section 13(b); and" and inserting "section 13(b);";

(3) in subsection (o), by striking "experimentation." and inserting "experimentation; and"; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

"(p) HIGH VOLUME RETAIL BREEDER.—

"(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

“(A) BREEDING FEMALE DOG.—The term ‘breeding female dog’ means an intact female dog aged 4 months or older.

“(B) HIGH VOLUME RETAIL BREEDER.—The term ‘high volume retail breeder’ means a person who, in commerce, for compensation or profit—

“(i) has an ownership interest in or custody of 1 or more breeding female dogs; and

“(ii) sells or offers for sale, via any means of conveyance (including the Internet, telephone, or newspaper), more than 50 of the offspring of such breeding female dogs for use as pets in any 1-year period.

“(2) RELATIONSHIP TO DEALERS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this Act, a high volume retail breeder shall be considered to be a dealer and subject to all provisions of this Act applicable to a dealer.

“(B) EXCEPTION.—The retail pet store exemption in subsection (f)(i) shall not apply to a high volume retail breeder.”

(b) LICENSES.—Section 3 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2133) is amended—

(1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”;

(2) in subsection (a) (as so designated), in the second proviso of the first sentence, by inserting “(other than a high volume retail breeder)” after “any retail pet store or other person”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) DEALERS.—A dealer (including a high volume retail breeder) applying for a license under subsection (a) (including annual renewals) shall include on the license application the total number of dogs exempted from exercise on the premises of the dealer in the preceding year by a licensed veterinarian under section 13(j)(2).”

(c) EXERCISE REQUIREMENTS.—Section 13 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2143) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (g) and (h) as subsections (h) and (i), respectively;

(2) by redesignating the second subsection (f) (as redesignated by section 1752(a)(1) of Public Law 99-198 (99 Stat. 1645)) as subsection (g); and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(j) EXERCISE REQUIREMENTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall promulgate standards covering dealers that include requirements for the exercise of dogs at facilities owned or operated by a dealer, including exercise regulations that ensure that—

“(A) each dog that is at least 12 weeks old (other than a female dog with unweaned puppies) has daily access to exercise that—

“(i) allows the dog—

“(I) to move sufficiently to develop or maintain normal muscle tone and mass as appropriate for the age, breed, sex, and reproductive status of the dog; and

“(II) the ability to achieve a running stride; and

“(ii) is not a forced activity (other than a forced activity used for veterinary treatment) or other physical activity that is repetitive, restrictive of other activities, solitary, and goal-oriented;

“(B) the provided area for exercise—

“(i) is separate from the primary enclosure if the primary enclosure does not provide sufficient space to achieve a running stride;

“(ii) has flooring that—

“(I) is sufficient to allow for the type of activity described in subparagraph (A); and

“(II)(aa) is solid flooring; or

“(bb) is nonsolid, nonwire flooring, if the nonsolid, nonwire flooring—

“(AA) is safe for the breed, size, and age of the dog;

“(BB) is free from protruding sharp edges; and

“(CC) is designed so that the paw of the dog is unable to extend through or become caught in the flooring;

“(iii) is cleaned at least once each day;

“(iv) is free of infestation by pests or vermin; and

“(v) is designed in a manner to prevent escape of the dogs.

“(2) EXEMPTION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If a licensed veterinarian determines that a dog should not exercise because of the health, condition, or well-being of the dog, this subsection shall not apply to that dog.

“(B) DOCUMENTATION.—A determination described in subparagraph (A) shall be—

“(i) documented by the veterinarian;

“(ii) subject to review and approval by the Secretary; and

“(iii) unless the basis for the determination is a permanent condition, reviewed and updated at least once every 30 days by the veterinarian.

“(C) REPORTS.—A determination described in subparagraph (A) shall be maintained by the dealer.”

SEC. 3. REGULATIONS.

Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall promulgate any regulations that the Secretary determines to be necessary to implement this Act and the amendments made by this Act.

SEC. 4. EFFECT ON STATE LAW.

Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this Act preempt any law (including a regulation) of a State, or a political subdivision of a State, containing requirements that provide equivalent or greater protection for animals than the requirements of this Act or the amendments made by this Act.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 398. A bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise to introduce the National Women's History Museum Commission Act of 2013, a bill that would create a commission to evaluate and plan the establishment of a museum dedicated to women's history in our Nation's capital city. I appreciate the co-sponsorship of Senators MIKULSKI, MURKOWSKI, KLOBUCHAR, AYOTTE, STABENOW, SHAHEEN, MURRAY, LANDRIEU, BOXER, and FEINSTEIN.

American women have made invaluable contributions to our country in such diverse fields as government, business, medicine, law, literature, sports, entertainment, the arts, and the military. The need for a museum recognizing the contributions of American women is long overdue.

In 1999, a Presidential commission on commemorating women in American history concluded that: “Efforts to implement an appropriate celebration of women's history in the next millennium should include the designation of a focal point for women's history in our Nation's Capital.”

Although Congress has made commendable provisions for the National Museum for African American History and Culture, the National Law Enforcement Museum, and the National Museum of the American Indian, there is still no institution in the capital region dedicated to women's role in our country's history.

This National Women's History Museum Commission Act would be a good step toward rectifying this oversight. The legislation is very straightforward and would simply establish a commission, similar to what was done for the African American History and Culture Museum, to develop a feasible plan for the establishment of such a museum in here in Washington, D.C. However, unlike previous museum commissions, taxpayers will not shoulder the funding of this project. The proposed legislation calls for the commission to fund its own costs.

A museum dedicated to women's history would help ensure that future generations understand what we owe to the many generations of American women who have helped build, sustain, and advance our society. These key moments in history deserve a museum, which would present the stories of pioneering women like abolitionist Harriet Tubman, founder of the Girl Scouts Juliette Gordon Low, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, astronaut Sally Ride, and Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith.

Of special pride to the State of Maine is a legendary predecessor in the Senate seat I now hold: Margaret Chase Smith who was the first woman nominated for President of the United States by a major political party, and the first woman elected to both houses of Congress. Senator Smith began representing Maine in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1940, won election to the Senate in 1948, and enjoyed bipartisan respect over her long career for her independence, integrity, wisdom, and courage. She remains my role model and, through the example of her public service, an exemplar of the virtues that would be honored in the National Women's History Museum.

Again, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

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. 398

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 “National Women's History Museum Commission Act of 2013”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission” means the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum established by section 3(a).

(2) MUSEUM.—The term “Museum” means the National Women's History Museum.

SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—There is established the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum.

(b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—The Commission shall be composed of 8 members, of whom—

(1) 2 members shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

(2) 2 members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(3) 2 members shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

(4) 2 members shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

(c) **QUALIFICATIONS.**—Members of the Commission shall be appointed to the Commission from among individuals, or representatives of institutions or entities, who possess—

(1)(A) a demonstrated commitment to the research, study, or promotion of women's history, art, political or economic status, or culture; and

(B)(i) expertise in museum administration; (ii) expertise in fundraising for nonprofit or cultural institutions;

(iii) experience in the study and teaching of women's history at the post-secondary level;

(iv) experience in studying the issue of the representation of women in art, life, history, and culture at the Smithsonian Institution; or

(v) extensive experience in public or elected service;

(2) experience in the administration of, or the planning for, the establishment of, museums; or

(3) experience in the planning, design, or construction of museum facilities.

(d) **PROHIBITION.**—No employee of the Federal Government may serve as a member of the Commission.

(e) **DEADLINE FOR INITIAL APPOINTMENT.**—The initial members of the Commission shall be appointed not later than the date that is 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(f) **VACANCIES.**—A vacancy in the Commission—

(1) shall not affect the powers of the Commission; and

(2) shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made.

(g) **CHAIRPERSON.**—The Commission shall, by majority vote of all of the members, select 1 member of the Commission to serve as the Chairperson of the Commission.

SEC. 4. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

(a) **REPORTS.**—

(1) **PLAN OF ACTION.**—The Commission shall submit to the President and Congress a report containing the recommendations of the Commission with respect to a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Women's History Museum in Washington, DC.

(2) **REPORT ON ISSUES.**—The Commission shall submit to the President and Congress a report that addresses the following issues:

(A) The availability and cost of collections to be acquired and housed in the Museum.

(B) The impact of the Museum on regional women history-related museums.

(C) Potential locations for the Museum in Washington, DC, and its environs (including the location located on public land bounded by Independence Avenue SW., 14th Street SW., 15th Street SW., and Jefferson Drive SW., in Washington, DC, that is established subject to chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code (commonly known as the "Commemorative Works Act")).

(D) Whether the Museum should be part of the Smithsonian Institution.

(E) The governance and organizational structure from which the Museum should operate.

(F) Best practices for engaging women in the development and design of the Museum.

(G) The cost of constructing, operating, and maintaining the Museum.

(3) **DEADLINE.**—The reports required under paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be submitted not later than the date that is 18 months after the date of the first meeting of the Commission.

(b) **FUNDRAISING PLAN.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Commission shall develop a fundraising plan to support the establishment and maintenance of the Museum through contributions from the public.

(2) **CONSIDERATIONS.**—In developing the fundraising plan under paragraph (1), the Commission shall consider—

(A) the role of the National Women's History Museum (a nonprofit, educational organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that was incorporated in 1996 in Washington, DC, and dedicated for the purpose of establishing a women's history museum) in raising funds for the construction of the Museum; and

(B) issues relating to funding the operations and maintenance of the Museum in perpetuity.

(c) **LEGISLATION TO CARRY OUT PLAN OF ACTION.**—Based on the recommendations contained in the report submitted under paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a), the Commission shall submit for consideration to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, House Administration, Natural Resources, and Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Rules and Administration, Energy and Natural Resources, Environment and Public Works, and Appropriations of the Senate recommendations for a legislative plan of action to establish and construct the Museum.

(d) **NATIONAL CONFERENCE.**—Not later than 18 months after the date on which the initial members of the Commission are appointed under section 3, the Commission may, in carrying out the duties of the Commission under this section, convene a national conference relating to the Museum, to be comprised of individuals committed to the advancement of the life, art, history, and culture of women.

SEC. 5. DIRECTOR AND STAFF OF COMMISSION.

(a) **DIRECTOR AND STAFF.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Commission may employ and compensate an executive director and any other additional personnel that are necessary to enable the Commission to perform the duties of the Commission.

(2) **RATES OF PAY.**—Rates of pay for persons employed under paragraph (1) shall be consistent with the rates of pay allowed for employees of a temporary organization under section 3161 of title 5, United States Code.

(b) **NOT FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT.**—Any individual employed under this Act shall not be considered a Federal employee for the purpose of any law governing Federal employment.

(c) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to paragraph (2), on request of the Commission, the head of a Federal agency may provide technical assistance to the Commission.

(2) **PROHIBITION.**—No Federal employees may be detailed to the Commission.

SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

(a) **COMPENSATION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—A member of the Commission—

(A) shall not be considered to be a Federal employee for any purpose by reason of service on the Commission; and

(B) shall serve without pay.

(2) **TRAVEL EXPENSES.**—A member of the Commission shall be allowed a per diem allowance for travel expenses, at rates con-

sistent with the rates authorized under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code.

(b) **GIFTS, BEQUESTS, DEVISES.**—The Commission may solicit, accept, use, and dispose of gifts, bequests, or devises of money, services, or real or personal property for the purpose of aiding or facilitating the work of the Commission.

(c) **FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.**—The Commission shall not be subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

SEC. 7. TERMINATION.

The Commission shall terminate on the date that is 30 days after the date on which the final versions of the reports required under section 4(a) are submitted.

SEC. 8. FUNDING.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Commission shall be solely responsible for acceptance of contributions for, and payment of the expenses of, the Commission.

(b) **PROHIBITION.**—No Federal funds may be obligated to carry out this Act.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS**SENATE RESOLUTION 58—AUTHORIZING THE REPORTING OF COMMITTEE FUNDING RESOLUTIONS FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013**

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

S. RES. 58

Resolved, That notwithstanding paragraph 9 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate—

(1) not later than February 26, 2013, each committee shall report 1 resolution authorizing the committee to make expenditures out of the contingent fund of the Senate to defray its expenses, including the compensation of members of its staff, for the period March 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013; and

(2) the Committee on Rules and Administration may report 1 authorization resolution containing more than 1 committee authorization resolution for the period March 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013.

SENATE RESOLUTION 59—AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. BAUCUS submitted the following resolution; which was referred from the Committee on Finance; to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 59

Resolved, That, in carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Finance is authorized from March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013, in its discretion (1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate, (2) to employ personnel, and (3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable or non-reimbursable basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.