

S. 2699. A bill to increase the rates of pay under the General Schedule and other statutory pay systems and for prevailing rate employees by 5.3 percent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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 (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 401. A resolution designating March 22, 2016, as "National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 402. A resolution to authorize testimony, documentary production, and representation in United States of America v. Chaka Fattah, Sr., et al; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 386

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 386, a bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, and for other purposes.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive co-insurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 713

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. HEITKAMP) was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 752

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 752, a bill to establish a scorekeeping rule to ensure that increases in guarantee fees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shall not be used to offset provisions that increase the deficit.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from California

(Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes.

S. 1252

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. COATS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1252, a bill to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, and for other purposes.

S. 1641

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1641, a bill to improve the use by the Department of Veterans Affairs of opioids in treating veterans, to improve patient advocacy by the Department, and to expand availability of complementary and integrative health, and for other purposes.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1944, a bill to require each agency to repeal or amend 1 or more rules before issuing or amending a rule.

S. 2179

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2179, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain agreements with non-Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers if the Secretary is not feasibly able to provide health care in facilities of the Department or through contracts or sharing agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 2218

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) were added as cosponsors of S. 2218, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain amounts paid for physical activity, fitness, and exercise as amounts paid for medical care.

S. 2403

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2403, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide a period for the relocation of spouses and dependents of certain members of the Armed Forces undergoing a permanent change of station in order to ease and facilitate the relocation of military families, and for other purposes.

S. 2502

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Nebraska

(Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2502, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to ensure that retirement investors receive advice in their best interests, and for other purposes.

S. 2531

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2531, a bill to authorize State and local governments to divest from entities that engage in commerce-related or investment-related boycott, divestment, or sanctions activities targeting Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 2551

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2551, a bill to help prevent acts of genocide and mass atrocities, which threaten national and international security, by enhancing United States civilian capacities to prevent and mitigate such crises.

S. 2621

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2621, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to genetically engineered food transparency and uniformity.

S. 2630

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2630, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to require certain disclosures be included on employee pay stubs, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 140

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 140, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

S. RES. 375

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 375, a resolution raising awareness of modern slavery.

S. RES. 378

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 378, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the courageous work and life of Russian opposition leader Boris Yefimovich Nemtsov and renewing the call for a full and transparent investigation into the tragic murder of Boris Yefimovich Nemtsov in Moscow on February 27, 2015.

AMENDMENT NO. 3450

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as co-sponsors of amendment No. 3450 proposed to S. 764, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 401—DESIGNATING MARCH 22, 2016, AS “NATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELORS APPRECIATION DAY”

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

S. RES. 401

Whereas rehabilitation counselors conduct assessments, provide counseling, support families, and plan and implement rehabilitation programs for individuals in need of rehabilitation;

Whereas the purpose of professional organizations for rehabilitation counseling and education is to promote the improvement of rehabilitation services available to individuals with disabilities through quality education for counselors and rehabilitation research;

Whereas various professional organizations have vigorously advocated for up-to-date education and training and the maintenance of professional standards in the field of rehabilitation counseling and education, including—

- (1) the National Rehabilitation Association;
- (2) the Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association;
- (3) the National Council on Rehabilitation Education;
- (4) the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association;
- (5) the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association;
- (6) the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification;
- (7) the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation; and
- (8) the Council on Rehabilitation Education;

Whereas, on March 22, 1983, the president of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education testified before the Subcommittee on Select Education of the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and was instrumental in bringing the need for qualified rehabilitation counselors to the attention of Congress; and

Whereas rehabilitation counselors with credentials may provide a higher quality of service to individuals in need of rehabilitation and the development of accreditation systems for rehabilitation counselors supports the continued education of such counselors: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 22, 2016, as “National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day”; and

(2) commends—

(A) rehabilitation counselors for the dedication and hard work rehabilitation counselors provide to individuals in need of rehabilitation; and

(B) professional organizations for the efforts professional organizations have made

to assist those individuals who require rehabilitation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 402—TO AUTHORIZE TESTIMONY, DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTION, AND REPRESENTATION IN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA V. CHAKA FATTAH, SR., ET AL

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

S. RES. 402

Whereas, in the case of *United States of America v. Chaka Fattah, Sr., et al.*, Cr. No. 15-346, pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, testimony may be needed from Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr., relating to his official responsibilities;

Whereas, by Rule VI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no Senator shall absent himself from the service of the Senate without leave;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§ 288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent Members of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for testimony relating to their official responsibilities; and

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr., is authorized to testify and to produce documents in the case of *United States of America v. Chaka Fattah, Sr., et al.*, except when his attendance at the Senate is necessary for the performance of his legislative duties, and except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Senator Casey in connection with the testimony authorized in section one of this resolution.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3455. Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. CARPER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3450 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. ROBERTS) to the bill S. 764, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3456. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1831, to establish the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3455. Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. CARPER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3450 proposed by Mr.

MCCONNELL (for Mr. ROBERTS) to the bill S. 764, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 4, strike line 17 and all that follows through page 5, line 4, and insert the following:

“(D) require that, if a food is voluntarily labeled under this section, the label shall—

“(i) clearly indicate to consumers that more information is available regarding the ingredients of the food;

“(ii) contain an approved form of electronic disclosure, such as a scannable image, code, Internet website link, or other similar technology, that provides direct access to information regarding whether the food is—

“(I) bioengineered; or

“(II) developed or produced using bioengineering; and

“(iii) contain a telephone number that provides direct access to information regarding whether the food is—

“(I) bioengineered; or

“(II) developed or produced using bioengineering.

Beginning on page 6, strike line 22 and all that follows through page 7, line 5, and insert the following:

quently consumed labeled foods through means other than the label or labeling that—

“(A) are clear and direct; and

“(B) would allow consumers to access the information as described in section 293(b)(2)(D).

On page 7, line 24, strike “70 percent” and insert “80 percent”.

On page 10, strike lines 1 through 9 and insert the following:

“(ii) clear and direct means, other than the label or labeling, including—

“(I) an approved form of electronic disclosure, such as a scannable image, code, Internet website link, social media, or other similar technology, that provides direct access to information regarding whether the food is—

“(aa) bioengineered; or

“(bb) developed or produced using bioengineering; and

“(II) a telephone number that provides direct access to information regarding whether the food is—

“(aa) bioengineered; or

“(bb) developed or produced using bioengineering.

On page 13, strike line 19 and insert the following:

duced using genetic engineering.

“SEC. 296. NO PREEMPTION OF COMMON LAW OR STATUTORY CAUSES OF ACTION.

“Nothing in this subtitle or subtitle E (or any regulation promulgated pursuant to this subtitle or subtitle E) preempts, displaces, or supplants—

“(1) any common law right; or

“(2) any Federal or State law creating a remedy for civil relief, including for civil damage or penalty for criminal conduct.”.

SA 3456. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1831, to establish the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act of 2016”.

SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.

There is established in the executive branch a commission to be known as the