

(b) CASE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM TO INCREASE COURT APPEARANCE RATES.—

(1) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish a pilot program, which shall include the services set forth in section 413(a)(2), to increase the court appearance rates of aliens described in paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 292(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by subsection (a)(3)(A), by contracting with nongovernmental, community-based organizations to provide appropriate case management services to such aliens.

(2) SCOPE OF SERVICES.—Case management services provided under paragraph (1) shall include assisting aliens with—

- (A) accessing legal counsel;
- (B) complying with court-imposed deadlines and other legal obligations; and
- (C) accessing social services, as appropriate.

(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Homeland Security such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.

(c) REPORT ON ACCESS TO COUNSEL.—

(1) REPORT.—Not later than December 31 of each year, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Attorney General, shall prepare and submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives regarding the extent to which aliens described in section 292(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by subsection (a)(3)(A), have been provided access to counsel.

(2) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include, for the immediately preceding 1-year period—

(A) the number and percentage of aliens described in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), respectively, of section 292(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by subsection (a)(3)(A), who were represented by counsel, including information specifying—

- (i) the stage of the legal process at which the alien was represented; and
- (ii) whether the alien was in government custody; and

(B) the number and percentage of aliens who received legal orientation presentations.

Subtitle B—Reducing Significant Delays in Immigration Court

SEC. 521. ELIMINATE IMMIGRATION COURT BACKLOGS.

(a) ANNUAL INCREASES IN IMMIGRATION JUDGES.—The Attorney General shall increase the total number of immigration judges to adjudicate pending cases and efficiently process future cases by at least—

- (1) 55 judges during fiscal year 2017;
- (2) an additional 55 judges during fiscal year 2018; and
- (3) an additional 55 judges during fiscal year 2019.

(b) NECESSARY SUPPORT STAFF FOR IMMIGRATION JUDGES.—To address the shortage of support staff for immigration judges, the Attorney General shall ensure that each immigration judge has sufficient support staff, adequate technological and security resources, and appropriate courtroom facilities.

(c) ANNUAL INCREASES IN BOARD OF IMMIGRATION APPEALS PERSONNEL.—The Attorney General shall increase the number of Board of Immigration Appeals staff attorneys (including necessary additional support staff) to efficiently process cases by at least—

- (1) 23 attorneys during fiscal year 2017;
- (2) an additional 23 attorneys during fiscal year 2018; and
- (3) an additional 23 attorneys during fiscal year 2019.

(d) GAO REPORT.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall—

(1) conduct a study of the hurdles to efficient hiring of immigration court judges within the Department of Justice; and

(2) propose solutions to Congress for improving the efficiency of the hiring process.

SEC. 522. IMPROVED TRAINING FOR IMMIGRATION JUDGES AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF IMMIGRATION APPEALS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—To ensure efficient and fair proceedings, the Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review shall facilitate robust training programs for immigration judges and members of the Board of Immigration Appeals.

(b) MANDATORY TRAINING.—Training facilitated under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) expanding the training program for new immigration judges and Board members;

(2) continuing education regarding current developments in immigration law through regularly available training resources and an annual conference; and

(3) methods to ensure that immigration judges are trained on properly crafting and dictating decisions and standards of review, including improved on-bench reference materials and decision templates.

SEC. 523. NEW TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE COURT EFFICIENCY.

The Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review will modernize its case management and related electronic systems, including allowing for electronic filing, to improve efficiency in the processing of immigration proceedings.

Subtitle C—Reducing the Likelihood of Remigration

SEC. 531. ESTABLISHING REINTEGRATION AND MONITORING SERVICES FOR REPATRIATING CHILDREN.

(a) CONSULTATION WITH UNHCR.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of State, shall consult with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (referred to in this section as the “UNHCR”) to develop a child-centered repatriation process for unaccompanied children being returned to their country of origin.

(b) COLLABORATION WITH REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.—The Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall collaborate with regional governments and international and domestic nongovernmental organizations to reduce children's need to re-migrate by—

(1) establishing and expanding comprehensive reintegration services for repatriated unaccompanied children once returned to their communities of origin;

(2) establishing monitoring and verification services to determine the well-being of repatriated children in order to determine if United States protection and screening functioned effectively in identifying persecuted and trafficked children; and

(3) providing emergency referrals to the UNHCR for registration and safe passage to an established emergency transit center for refugees for any repatriated children who are facing immediate risk of harm.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 513—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 25, 2016, AS “NATIONAL LOBSTER DAY”

Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. REED, Mr. MURPHY,

Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 513

Whereas the American lobster is recognized around the world as a prized and flavorful culinary delicacy;

Whereas lobster fishing has served as an economic engine and family tradition in the United States for centuries;

Whereas thousands of families in the United States make their livelihoods from lobster fishing and processing;

Whereas more than 120,000,000 pounds of lobster is caught each year in the waters of the United States, representing one of the most valuable catches in the United States;

Whereas foreign markets for lobster from the United States are booming, with export values having more than doubled since 2009;

Whereas historical lore notes that lobster likely joined turkey on the table at the very first Thanksgiving feast in 1621;

Whereas responsible lobstering practices beginning in the 1600s have created one of the most sustainable fisheries in the world;

Whereas Lobster Newburg was featured at the inaugural dinner celebration for President John F. Kennedy;

Whereas lobster is an excellent source of lean protein and is low in saturated fat and high in vitamin B12;

Whereas lobster has become a culinary icon, with the lobster roll featured at the 2015 World Food Expo in Milan, Italy;

Whereas the White House proudly served lobster at the State Dinner with Chinese President Xi Jinping on National Lobster Day in 2015;

Whereas, on September 24, 2015, steamed lobster was prepared for the visit by Pope Francis to New York;

Whereas lobster is enjoyed at casual beachside lobster boils and also revered as a delicacy at fine dining restaurants; and

Whereas the peak of the lobstering season in the United States occurs in the late summer: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 25, 2016, as National Lobster Day; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 514—DESIGNATING MAY 5, 2017, AS THE “NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED NATIVE WOMEN AND GIRLS”

Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. TESTER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 514

Whereas, according to a study commissioned by the Department of Justice, in some tribal communities, American Indian women face murder rates that are more than 10 times the national average;

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, homicide was the third leading cause of death among American Indian and Alaska Native women between 10 and 24 years of age and the fifth leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Native women between 25 and 34 years of age;

Whereas little data exist on the number of missing American Indian and Alaska Native women in the United States;

Whereas, on July 5, 2013, Hanna Harris, a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, was reported missing by her family in Lame Deer, Montana;

Whereas the body of Hanna Harris was found 5 days after she went missing;

Whereas Hanna Harris was determined to have been raped and murdered and the individuals accused of committing those crimes were convicted;

Whereas the case of Hanna Harris is only 1 example of many similar cases; and

Whereas Hanna Harris was born on May 5, 1992; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates May 5, 2017, as the “National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls”; and

(2) calls on the people of the United States and interested groups to—

(A) commemorate the lives of missing and murdered American Indian and Alaska Native women whose cases are documented and undocumented in public records and the media; and

(B) demonstrate solidarity with the families of victims in light of these tragedies.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4870. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4871. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4872. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4873. Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. BROWN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4874. Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4875. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4876. Mr. MCCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4877. Mr. MCCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4878. Mr. MCCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4879. Mr. MCCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4880. Mr. MCCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4881. Ms. WARREN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4882. Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Ms. WARREN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4883. Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Ms. WARREN) submitted an amendment in-

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SA 4884. Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Ms. WARREN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4885. Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. BOOKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4886. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4887. Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. BOOKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4888. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4889. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4890. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4891. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4892. Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. BOOKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4893. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4894. Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. BOOKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4895. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4896. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4897. Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. BOOKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 4900. Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. BOOKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4901. Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. BOOKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4902. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 4904. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 4906. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 4910. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4911. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4912. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4913. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4914. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4915. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4916. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4917. Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BURR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4918. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4919. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4920. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 4923. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4924. Mr. CASSIDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2328, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4925. Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BURR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S.