

those members, but also every citizen of the United States, as such an investment ensures that these individuals will thrive upon their transition into civilian life; and

Whereas, It is no secret that certain services provided by the government have failed to adequately serve our nation's veterans; therefore, increased funding may improve areas where service to veterans is not sufficiently addressing veterans' needs; and

Whereas, Veterans of the United States military have served this country with honor and dignity, putting their lives on the line for this country, and at a minimum, deserve quality care and services upon their return from deployment; and

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper for this House to urge Congress to increase funding for services for veterans returning from deployment; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

1. This House hereby urges Congress to increase funding for services provided to veterans upon their return from deployment.

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro tempore of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, each Senator and Representative from New Jersey in the Congress of the United States, and the Secretary of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

POM-52. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to support the domestic beef industry; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 120

Whereas, the value of the domestic beef industry is a vital and integral part of the United States economy; and

Whereas, the 2016 economic impact was approximately sixty-seven billion dollars in farm cash receipts for cattle and calves; and

Whereas, there are over nine hundred thousand total cattle and calf operations in the United States of which ninety-one percent are family owned or individually operated, and eleven percent are operated by women; and

Whereas, domestic beef production in 2017 is estimated to be approximately twenty-five billion eight hundred million pounds; and

Whereas, the amount of beef consumed in the United States in 2016 was approximately twenty-five billion six hundred million pounds; and

Whereas, it is essential to the success of the domestic beef industry to increase international trade to key export markets; and

Whereas, the promotion of policies which highlight the quality, safety, sustainability, and nutritional value of domestic beef will drive growth in domestic beef exports; and

Whereas, it is in the nation's best interest to protect against legislative policies or agency regulations that have a negative impact on the economic health of the domestic beef industry; and

Whereas, minor changes in future domestic beef import or export levels can significantly change the net beef supply and beef prices; and

Whereas, important steps to supporting the domestic beef industry include developing a comprehensive national strategy for including beef in future dietary guidelines and investing in necessary research to improve productivity and efficiency; and

Whereas, it is critical to the success of the domestic beef industry to identify barriers and develop strategies to attract and enable the next generation of farmers into the domestic beef industry; and

Whereas, terrorist attacks have heightened the nation's awareness of agriterrorism and placed a renewed focus on ensuring the protection of the nation's critical infrastructures, including the domestic beef food supply; and

Whereas, an intentional contamination of the domestic beef food supply could harm millions of people and cripple our vast agriculture system; and

Whereas, it is critical to preserve the United States domestic beef supply and prevent reliance on foreign nations for food; and

Whereas, it will be necessary to develop a variety of federal actions to support the domestic beef industry including proposals which encourage domestic beef production, improve consumer demand, protect our nation's critical infrastructure, attract new farmers, improve the business climate, and increase trade to export markets; Therefore, be it

*Resolved* that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to take such actions as are necessary to support the domestic beef industry; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Congress of the United States is strongly encouraged to adopt import and export policies that will protect the economic survival and prosperity of the domestic beef industry in Louisiana and America and the nation's food supply; and be it further

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

POM-53. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, supporting United States Senate Bill 928 and related House Bill 2119, creating the Therapeutic Fraud Prevention Act of 2017, which would impose a nationwide prohibition on commercial sexual orientation conversion therapy as an unfair or deceptive act or practice; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### 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. ROUNDS:

S. 1443. A bill to improve Department of Defense software management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 1444. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the tax treatment of certain equity grants; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1445. A bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to ensure community accountability for areas repetitively damaged by floods, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. HARRIS (for herself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 1446. A bill to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1447. A bill to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. ERNST, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1448. A bill to affirm the authority of the President to require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1449. A bill to authorize payment by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the costs associated with training and supervision of medical residents and interns at certain facilities that are not Department facilities, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to establish or affiliate with residency programs at facilities operated by Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and the Indian Health Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' 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. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. PERDUE, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Con. Res. 19. A concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Smithsonian Folklife Festival; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 59

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 59, a bill to provide that silencers be treated the same as long guns.

S. 109

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 109, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 220

At the request of Mr. SASSE, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. STRANGE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 220, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion.

S. 266

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were

added as cosponsors of S. 266, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Anwar Sadat in recognition of his heroic achievements and courageous contributions to peace in the Middle East.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 360

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 360, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide for same day registration.

S. 654

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 654, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 667

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) were added as cosponsors of S. 667, a bill to amend titles 5, 10, 37, and 38, United States Code, to ensure that an order to serve on active duty under section 12304a or 12304b of title 10, United States Code, is treated the same as other orders to serve on active duty for determining the eligibility of members of the uniformed services and veterans for certain benefits and for calculating the deadlines for certain benefits.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 697, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to lower the mileage threshold for deduction in determining adjusted gross income of certain expenses of members of reserve components of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 822, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, and for other purposes.

S. 844

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 844, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to consider certain time spent by members of reserve components of the Armed Forces while

receiving medical care from the Secretary of Defense as active duty for purposes of eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 947

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 947, a bill to protect passengers on flights in air transportation from being denied boarding involuntarily, and for other purposes.

S. 951

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 951, a bill to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents, and for other purposes.

S. 1014

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. STRANGE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1014, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants to eligible organizations to provide service dogs to veterans with severe post-traumatic stress disorder, and for other purposes.

S. 1024

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1024, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) were added as cosponsors of S. 1024, *supra*.

S. 1172

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1172, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1196

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1196, a bill to expand the capacity and capability of the ballistic missile defense system of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1201

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1201, a bill to allow individuals living in areas without qualified health plans offered through an Exchange to have similar access to health insurance coverage as Members of Congress and congressional staff.

S. 1217

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1217, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to provide for appropriate designation of collective bargaining units.

S. 1228

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1228, a bill to require a National Diplomacy and Development Strategy.

S. 1312

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1312, a bill to prioritize the fight against human trafficking in the United States.

S. 1343

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1343, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to extend and modify certain charitable tax provisions.

S. 1393

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1393, a bill to streamline the process by which active duty military, reservists, and veterans receive commercial driver's licenses.

S. RES. 136

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 136, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 102nd anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 19—COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. PERDUE, and Mr. LEAHY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. CON. RES. 19

Whereas the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, founded by the Smithsonian Institution on July 1, 1967, is commemorating 50 years of cultural exploration, exchange, and engagement on the National Mall of the United States this year;

Whereas the purposes of the Smithsonian Folklife Festival are to collaborate with individuals and communities throughout the United States and around the world to present diverse, community-based traditions in an engaging, accessible, and culturally appropriate way, to show the connections between traditional and emerging practices, skills, and knowledge through research, performance, demonstration, conversation, and documentation, and to support the efforts of