

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1455. A bill to amend the United States Energy Storage Competitiveness Act of 2007 to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish new goals for the Department of Energy relating to energy storage and to carry out certain demonstration projects relating to energy storage; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. STRANGE:

S. 1456. A bill to provide that human life shall be deemed to begin with fertilization; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1457. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out demonstration projects relating to advanced nuclear reactor technologies to support domestic energy needs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1458. A bill to establish a grant program to incentivize States to reduce prison populations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1459. A bill to establish Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Park in the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1460. A bill to provide for the modernization of the energy and natural resources policies of the United States, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mrs. ERNST:

S. 1461. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of certain former members of the Armed Forces who are medically retired and who are entitled to hospital insurance benefits under Medicare part A by reason of previous entitlement to social security disability insurance benefits to enroll in the TRICARE program regardless of whether such members decline enrollment under Medicare part B, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CARPER, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KING, Mr. COONS, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. REED, Mr. CASEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 1462. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to improve cost sharing subsidies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. TESTER, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1463. A bill to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to modify the term of the independent member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 1464. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the exclusion for energy conservation subsidies provided by public utilities to include subsidies provided by public utilities and State and local governments for water conservation and storm water management; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 1465. A bill to terminate the prohibitions on the exportation and importation of natural gas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1466. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to award grants to fund research on orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COONS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 1467. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. WARREN:

S. 1468. A bill to require reports on civilian casualties in connection with United States military operations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1469. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend tax incentives to permanently extend the special expensing rules for certain film, television, and live theatrical productions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. WARREN:

S. 1470. A bill to protect members of our Armed Forces from Russian and other foreign interference, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. WARREN:

S. 1471. A bill to ensure the compliance of Department of Defense regulations with Federal consumer protection laws on the collection of debt; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 204. A resolution honoring the 100th anniversary of Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Township, Michigan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 205. A resolution honoring the 100th anniversary of Fort Custer in Augusta, Michigan; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. Res. 206. A resolution urging the Secretary of the Interior to recognize the cultural significance of Rib Mountain by adding it to the National Register of Historic Places; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. Res. 207. A resolution designating the week of July 9 through July 15, 2017 as "Sarcoma Awareness Week" and designating July 15, 2017 as "Leiomyosarcoma Awareness Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 208. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that flowers grown in the United States support the farmers, small businesses, jobs, and economy of the United States, that flower farming is an honorable vocation, and designating July as "American

Grown Flower Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. HARRIS):

S. Res. 209. A resolution commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, the preeminent public policy trade association in Silicon Valley; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 256

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 256, a bill to establish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training pilot program to address human trafficking in the health care system.

S. 298

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

S. 528

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 528, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter.

S. 681

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 705

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 705, a bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for certain individuals who, related to their employment, have access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1024

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) 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.

S. 1152

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1152, a bill to create protections for depository institutions that

provide financial services to cannabis-related businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1158, a bill to help prevent acts of genocide and other atrocity crimes, which threaten national and international security, by enhancing United States Government capacities to prevent, mitigate, and respond to such crises.

S. 1197

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1197, a bill to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals disabled by Huntington's disease.

S. 1201

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) 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. 1312

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

S. 1318

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1318, a bill to protect the rights of passengers with disabilities in air transportation, and for other purposes.

S. 1320

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1320, a bill to reform apportionments to general aviation airports under the airport improvement program, to improve project delivery at certain airports, and to designate certain airports as disaster relief airports, and for other purposes.

S. 1323

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1323, a bill to preserve United States fishing heritage through a national program dedicated to training and assisting the next generation of commercial fishermen, and for other purposes.

S. 1361

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1361, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 1393

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1393, a bill to streamline the process by which active duty military, reservists, and veterans receive commercial driver's licenses.

S. 1426

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1426, a bill to amend the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act to expand the purposes of the corporation, to designate the United States Center for Safe Sport, and for other purposes.

S. 1432

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1432, a bill to prevent the Federal Aviation Administration's Aircraft Registry Office from closing during a Government shutdown.

S. 1441

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1441, a bill to provide funding for Federally Qualified Health Centers, the National Health Service Corps, Teaching Health Centers, and the Nurse Practitioner Residency Training program.

S.J. RES. 5

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 5, a joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

S. CON. RES. 6

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 6, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

S. RES. 54

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 54, a resolution expressing the unwavering commitment of the United States to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

S. RES. 168

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 168, a resolution supporting respect for human rights and encouraging inclusive governance in Ethiopia.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 1464. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the exclusion for energy conservation subsidies provided by public utilities to in-

clude subsidies provided by public utilities and State and local governments for water conservation and storm water management; to the Committee on Finance.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, today Senators HELLER, BENNET, GARDNER, and I are introducing the Water Conservation Tax Parity Act. This bill would exempt the value of residential water conservation and storm water runoff management rebates from gross income calculations.

California and the western States have been facing a severe drought. Some public utilities, state and local governments, and water management providers offer programs to promote water conservation and storm water management by providing subsidies. These programs help stimulate responsible water use; however, residential participation is essential to their success.

For example, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California has offered a rebate program to encourage residents to replace turf with more water-responsible landscapes. More than 23,000 households have benefited from the turf removal rebates, and the average rebate per household covers 1,500 square feet or about \$3,000, which covers about half of the cost to the resident.

Section 136 of the Internal Revenue Code already exempts energy conservation rebates from inclusion in gross income. However, there is no Federal exemption for water conservation or storm water management measures, which may undermine incentives for participation in these programs. These programs are just as valuable as energy conservation programs and should be treated equally in the tax code. This bill would simply exempt water conservation and storm water management rebates from being included in gross income and would be retroactive to 2015. This would maintain the important incentives for resident participation in critical water conservation measures.

This bill is supported by a coalition of organizations and public utilities, including the Western Urban Water Coalition, Alliance for Water Efficiency, American Water Works Association, National Association of Water Companies, U.S. Water Alliance, Association of Water Agencies, WaterNow Alliance, Western Coalition of Arid States, and National Water Resources Association. This bill is crucial to ensuring residents continue participating in water conservation and storm water management programs.

Mr. President, I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation and am hopeful that this Congress will move it forward.

Thank you. I yield the floor.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1466. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to award grants to