

their number of years in any given office to fewer than twelve years.

5. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy of this Resolution to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona and the presiding officers of each house of the several state legislatures, requesting their cooperation.

POM-119. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona formally applying to the United States Congress, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, to call a convention of the states for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution to require a balanced federal budget; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2013

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring:

1. That, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States, the Legislature of the State of Arizona formally applies to the Congress of the United States to call a convention of the states only for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that, in the absence of a national emergency, the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenue for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints.

2. That this application is to be considered as covering the same subject matter as the currently outstanding balanced budget applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and West Virginia and shall be aggregated with those applications for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of the states necessary to require the calling of a convention, but may not be aggregated with any applications on any other subjects.

3. That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have made application on the same subject, and supersedes all previous applications by this Legislature on the same subject.

4. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy of this Resolution to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona and the presiding officers of each house of the several state legislatures.

POM-120. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona formally applying to the United States Congress, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, to call a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the United States Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of the United States Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2010

Whereas, the founders of the Constitution of the United States empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against fu-

ture abuses of power by the federal government; and

Whereas, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

Whereas, the federal government has invaded the legitimate role of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

Whereas, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come, and to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention of the states under Article V to place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power; Therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring:

1. That, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States, the Legislature of the State of Arizona formally applies to the Congress of the United States to call a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government and limit the terms of office for federal officials and for members of Congress.

2. That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have made application on the same subjects.

3. That this application is revoked, withdrawn, nullified and superseded, retroactive to the date of enactment, if the application is used for the purpose of calling a convention or is used in support of conducting a convention to amend the Constitution of the United States for any purpose other than to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government or limit the terms of office for federal officials and members of Congress.

4. That the Legislature of the State of Arizona may provide further instructions to its delegates and may recall its delegates at any time for a breach of duty or a violation of the instructions provided. The Arizona delegates are instructed to not support term limits for members of Congress that would limit their number of years in any given office to fewer than twelve years.

5. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy of this Resolution to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona and the presiding officers of each house of the several state legislatures, requesting their cooperation.

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2. That this application is to be considered as covering the same subject matter as the currently outstanding balanced budget applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and West Virginia and shall be aggregated with those applications for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of the states necessary to require the calling of a convention, but may not be aggregated with any applications on any other subjects.

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4. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy of this Resolution to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona and the presiding officers of each house of the several state legislatures.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. ALEXANDER for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Carlos G. Muniz, of Florida, to be General Counsel, Department of Education.

*Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

*Kyle Fortson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2019.

*Janet Dhillon, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2022.

*Gerald W. Fauth, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2020.

*Daniel M. Gade, of North Dakota, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2021.

*Cheryl Marie Stanton, of South Carolina, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

*David G. Zatezalo, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

*Peter B. Robb, of Vermont, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of four years.

*Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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. BROWN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. NELSON, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1977. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the 7.5 percent threshold for the medical expense deduction for individuals age 65 or older; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 1978. A bill to delay the annual fee on health insurance providers until 2020 and to make such fee tax-deductible; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. COONS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1979. A bill to block the implementation of certain presidential actions that restrict individuals from certain countries from entering the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1980. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide credits for the production of renewable chemicals and investments in renewable chemical production facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1981. A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to expedite approval of exports of small volumes of natural gas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PERDUE:

S. 1982. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to establish a national security freeze standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1983. A bill to establish a process to review foreign investment to determine the economic effect of the investment on the United States, and for other purposes; 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. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. Res. 293. A resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of Morgan State University; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 194

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Illinois

(Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 194, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a public health insurance option, and for other purposes.

S. 200

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 200, a bill to prohibit the conduct of a first-use nuclear strike absent a declaration of war by Congress.

S. 236

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 236, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 569

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, 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. 843

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the issuance of exempt facility bonds for qualified carbon dioxide capture facilities.

S. 980

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) were added as cosponsors of S. 980, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for payments for certain rural health clinic and Federally qualified health center services furnished to hospice patients under the Medicare program.

S. 1016

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1016, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to telehealth services, and for other purposes.

S. 1050

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1050, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Chinese-American Veterans of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1050, *supra*.

S. 1334

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from South Da-

kota (Mr. ROUNDS) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1334, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for advanced illness care coordination services for Medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes.

S. 1361

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) were added as cosponsors 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. 1505

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1505, a bill to provide that silencers be treated the same as firearms accessories.

S. 1568

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1568, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of President John F. Kennedy.

S. 1595

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1595, a bill to amend the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015 to impose additional sanctions with respect to Hizballah, and for other purposes.

S. 1690

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1690, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide greater support to students with dependents, and for other purposes.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1697, a bill to condition assistance to the West Bank and Gaza on steps by the Palestinian Authority to end violence and terrorism against Israeli citizens and United States Citizens.

S. 1829

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1829, a bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to extend the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program.

S. 1839

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1839, a bill to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to extend and expand the market access program and