

Whereas, Regardless of their age, such past applications from Texas lawmakers remain alive and valid until such time as they are later formally rescinded: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas, Regular Session, 2017, hereby officially rescinds, repeals, revokes, cancels, voids, and nullifies any and all applications from Texas legislators prior to the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, other than the application provided by H.C.R. No. 31, Acts of the 65th Legislature, Regular Session, 1977, that apply to the United States Congress for the calling of a convention, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, regardless of how old such previous applications might be, and irrespective of what subject matters such applications pertained to; and, be it further

Resolved, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas, Regular Session, 2017, hereby declares that any application to the United States Congress for the calling of a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution that is submitted by the Texas Legislature during or after this Regular Session shall be automatically rescinded, repealed, revoked, canceled, voided, and nullified if the applicable convention is not called on or before the eighth anniversary of the date the last legislative vote is taken on the application; and, be it further

Resolved, That, in a manner which would furnish confirmation of delivery and tracking while en route, the Texas secretary of state shall transmit properly certified copies of this joint resolution of rescission, pursuant to the Standing Rules of the United States Senate (namely, Rule VII, paragraphs 4, 5, and 6), to the vice president of the United States (in his capacity as presiding officer of the United States Senate and addressed to him at the office which he maintains inside the United States Capitol Building); to the secretary and parliamentarian of the United States Senate; and to both United States senators representing Texas; accompanied by a cover letter to each addressee drawing attention to the fact that it is the 85th Texas Legislature's courteous, yet firm, request that the full and complete verbatim text of this joint resolution be duly published in the United States Senate's portion of the Congressional Record as an official memorial to the United States Senate, and that this joint resolution be referred to whichever committee or committees of the United States Senate that would have appropriate jurisdiction in this matter; and, be it further

Resolved, That, in a manner which would furnish confirmation of delivery and tracking while en route, the Texas secretary of state shall likewise transmit properly certified copies of this joint resolution of rescission, pursuant to the Rules of the United States House of Representatives (namely, Rule XII, clauses 3 and 7), to the speaker, clerk, and parliamentarian of the United States House of Representatives; and to all members of the United States House of Representatives who represent districts in Texas; likewise accompanied by a cover letter to each addressee drawing attention to the fact that it is the 85th Texas Legislature's courteous, yet firm, request that the substance of this joint resolution be accurately summarized in the United States House of Representatives' portion of the Congressional Record as an official memorial to the United States House of Representatives, and that this joint resolution be referred to whichever committee or committees of the United States House of Representatives that would have appropriate jurisdiction in this matter.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1586. A bill to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to update periodically the environmental sensitivity index products of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for each coastal area of the Great Lakes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-180).

S. 1015. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to study the feasibility of designating a simple, easy-to-remember dialing code to be used for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system.

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 Mrs. ERNST:

S. 2033. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the deduction for living expenses incurred by members of Congress; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 2034. A bill to strengthen resources for entrepreneurs by improving the SCORE program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2035. A bill to provide increased security for the voting systems of the United States, to protect against intrusion, theft, manipulation, and deletion of voter registration data and ballots, or votes cast, and to prevent cyberattacks from malicious computer hackers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mrs. ERNST, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2036. A bill to make necessary changes to the competitive need limitations provision of the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 2037. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding proprietary institutions of higher education in order to protect students and taxpayers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2038. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a presumption of herbicide exposure for certain veterans who served in Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 2039. A bill to amend the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 to promote greater transparency in the registration of persons serving as the agents of foreign principals, to provide the Attorney General with greater authority to investigate alleged violations of such Act and bring criminal and civil actions against persons who commit such violations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 2040. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 621 Kansas Avenue in Atchison, Kansas, as the "Amelia Earhart Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 2041. A bill to promote the use of resilient energy systems to rebuild infrastructure following disasters; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2042. A bill to authorize a joint action plan and report on drug waste; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2043. A bill to promote the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. REED, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. WARREN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. BOOKER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2044. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. WARREN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. BOOKER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2045. A bill to establish a grant program to encourage States to adopt certain policies and procedures relating to the transfer and possession of firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2046. A bill to amend titles 5 and 44, United States Code, to require Federal evaluation activities, improve Federal data management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. UDALL):

S. 2047. A bill to restrict the use of funds for kinetic military operations in North Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. CASEY, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2048. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for employer-provided worker training; 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. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr.

INHOFE, Mr. UDALL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. ROBERTS, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. Res. 315. A resolution designating November 4, 2017, as National Bison Day; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. THUNE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DAINES, Mr. LANKFORD, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. HELLER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. KING, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. Res. 316. A resolution recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. HARRIS (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. Res. 317. A resolution celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Senate Black Legislative Staff Caucus and its achievements in the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. Res. 318. A resolution honoring the Portland Thorns FC as the champion of the National Women's Soccer League in 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 179

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 179, a bill to expand the use of E-Verify, to hold employers accountable, and for other purposes.

S. 324

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 324, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 339, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 374

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 374, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 382

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop

a voluntary registry to collect data on cancer incidence among firefighters.

S. 497

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 497, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment.

S. 548

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) were added as cosponsors of S. 548, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes.

S. 646

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 646, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to improve the protection of members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

S. 778

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 778, a bill to require the use of prescription drug monitoring programs and to facilitate information sharing among States.

S. 793

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 793, a bill to prohibit sale of shark fins, and for other purposes.

S. 833

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 833, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand health care and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 925

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 925, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine, and for other purposes.

S. 967

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 967, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase access to ambulance services under the Medicare program and to reform payments for such services under such program, and for other purposes.

S. 1064

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to prohibit the stigmatization of children who are unable to pay for meals.

S. 1169

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1169, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide States with an option to provide medical assistance to individuals between the ages of 22 and 64 for inpatient services to treat substance use disorders at certain facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1706

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1706, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 1718

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1718, a bill to authorize the minting of a coin in honor of the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1753

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1753, a bill to amend the S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 to provide a temporary license for loan originators transitioning between employers, and for other purposes.

S. 1829

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1893

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. STRANGE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1893, a bill to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to specify when bank holding companies may be subject to certain enhanced supervision, and for other purposes.

S. 1976

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. HEITKAMP) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1976, a bill to allow all individuals purchasing health insurance in the individual market the option to purchase a lower premium copper plan.

S. 2006

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2006, a bill to require breast density reporting to physicians