

fact that, when this body is at its best, it has the power to change the course of history. Success is possible. Cutting funding now—shrinking from our commitment now, instead of sustaining it—will negate the investments and progress we have made so far. We owe it to people like Simon, to their families, and to millions of others dealing with the scourge of HIV/AIDS to keep working toward a world free of the disease.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF DAMIANI STORES

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate Damiani Stores on their 30th anniversary of providing south Florida with exceptional service and quality men's clothing. With three locations serving the south Florida area, Damiani is an example of a successful local business, one that started by selling suits out of the owner's vehicle in 1987. They uphold a strong, long-standing reputation of prestige in our community, and I have no doubt they will see many more years of continued success.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Cuccia, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 995. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to modernize terms in certain regulations.

H.R. 1491. An act to reaffirm the action of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for the benefit of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2228. An act to provide support for law enforcement agency efforts to protect the mental health and well-being of law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2615. An act to authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2768. An act to designate certain mountain peaks in the State of Colorado as "Fowler Peak" and "Boskoff Peak".

H.R. 3115. An act to provide for a land exchange involving Federal land in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota acquired by the Secretary of Agriculture through the Weeks Law, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 995. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to modernize terms in certain regulations; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1491. An act to reaffirm the action of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for the benefit of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 2228. An act to provide support for law enforcement agency efforts to protect the mental health and well-being of law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2615. An act to authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2768. An act to designate certain mountain peaks in the State of Colorado as "Fowler Peak" and "Boskoff Peak"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3115. An act to provide for a land exchange involving Federal land in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota acquired by the Secretary of Agriculture through the Weeks Law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BARRASSO for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

\*Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

\*Kathleen Hartnett White, of Texas, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality.

\*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. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2169. A bill to establish a new higher education data system to allow for more accurate, complete, and secure data on student retention, graduation, and earnings out-

comes, at all levels of postsecondary enrollment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO:

S. 2170. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the deduction for local lobbying expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 2171. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to set the rate of pay for employees of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection in accordance with the General Schedule; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. 2172. A bill to authorize the collection of supplemental payments to increase congressional investments in medical research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Ms. HARRIS):

S. 2173. A bill to amend subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend State court funding for child welfare, 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. NELSON (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. THUNE):

S. Res. 344. A resolution honoring the life and achievements of Dr. Robert Lawrence Jr.; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 414

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 414, a bill to promote conservation, improve public land management, and provide for sensible development in Pershing County, Nevada, and for other purposes.

S. 1027

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1027, a bill to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

S. 1161

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1161, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate copayments by the Department of Veterans Affairs for medicines relating to preventative health services, and for other purposes.

S. 1256

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan

(Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1256, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 23d Headquarters, Special Troops and the 3133d Signal Service Company in recognition of their unique and distinguished service as a “Ghost Army” that conducted deception operations in Europe during World War II.

S. 1591

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1591, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, and for other purposes.

S. 1806

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1806, a bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 and the Head Start Act to promote child care and early learning, and for other purposes.

S. 1911

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1911, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to transfer certain funds to the 1974 United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan, and for other purposes.

S. 2098

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2098, a bill to modernize and strengthen the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to more effectively guard against the risk to the national security of the United States posed by certain types of foreign investment, and for other purposes.

S. 2101

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2101, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the crew of the USS Indianapolis, in recognition of their perseverance, bravery, and service to the United States.

S. 2135

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2135, a bill to enforce current law regarding the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

S. 2143

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 2143, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment, to expand coverage under such Act, to provide a

process for achieving initial collective bargaining agreements, and to provide for stronger remedies for interference with these rights, and for other purposes.

S. 2159

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 2159, a bill to require covered harassment and covered discrimination awareness and prevention training for Members, officers, employees, interns, fellows, and detailees of Congress within 30 days of employment and annually thereafter, to require a biennial climate survey of Congress, to amend the enforcement process under the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights for covered harassment and covered discrimination complaints, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 138

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 138, a resolution honoring National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day on April 9, 2017, and commemorating the 75th anniversary of the fall of Bataan.

S. RES. 220

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 220, a resolution expressing solidarity with Falun Gong practitioners who have lost lives, freedoms, and rights for adhering to their beliefs and practices and condemning the practice of non-consenting organ harvesting, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 319

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 319, a resolution supporting the goals, activities, and ideals of Prematurity Awareness Month.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Ms. HARRIS):

S. 2173. A bill to amend subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend State court funding for child welfare, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2173

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Continuation of Useful Resources to States Act” or “COURTS Act”.

#### SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF STATE COURT FUNDING FOR CHILD WELFARE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 436(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629f) is amended by striking “2012 through 2016” and inserting “2018 through 2022”.

(b) PROGRAM CHANGES.—Section 438 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 629h) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “in a timely and complete manner” before “, as set forth”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking the semicolon and inserting “, including by training judges, attorneys, and other legal personnel.”; and

(B) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4);

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking paragraph (2);

(B) by striking all that precedes “be eligible to receive” and inserting the following:

“(b) APPLICATIONS.—In order to”; and

(C) in the matter preceding paragraph (2)—

(i) by moving the matter 2 ems to the left;

(ii) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking “(A) in the case of a grant for the purpose described in subsection (a)(3),” and inserting “(1)”; and

(II) by inserting “use not less than 30 percent of grant funds to” before “collaborate”;

(iii) in the case of a grant for the purpose described in subsection (a)(4),” and inserting “(2)”; and

(iv) in subparagraph (C), by striking “(C) in the case of a grant for the purpose described in subsection (a),” and inserting “(3)”; and

(3) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

“(c) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts reserved under sections 436(b)(2) and 437(b)(2) for a fiscal year, each highest State court that has an application approved under this section for the fiscal year shall be entitled to payment of an amount equal to the sum of—

“(A) \$255,000; and

“(B) the amount described in paragraph (2) with respect to the court and the fiscal year.

“(2) AMOUNT DESCRIBED.—The amount described in this paragraph with respect to a court and a fiscal year is the amount that bears the same ratio to the total of the amounts reserved under sections 436(b)(2) and 437(b)(2) for grants under this section for the fiscal year (after applying paragraphs (1)(A) and (3) of this subsection) as the number of individuals in the State in which the court is located who have not attained 21 years of age bears to the total number of such individuals in all States with a highest State court that has an approved application under this section for the fiscal year.

“(3) INDIAN TRIBES.—From the amounts reserved under section 436(b)(2) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall, before applying paragraph (1) of this subsection, allocate \$1,000,000 for grants to be awarded on a competitive basis among the highest courts of Indian tribes or tribal consortia that—

“(A) are operating a program under part E, in accordance with section 479B;

“(B) are seeking to operate a program under part E and have received an implementation grant under section 476; or

“(C) have a court responsible for proceedings related to foster care or adoption.”;

(4) in subsection (d), by striking “2012 through 2016” and inserting “2018 through 2022”; and

(5) by striking subsection (e).

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on October 1, 2017.