

Army nomination of Vernice K. Favor-Williams, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Heather M. Lee, to be Major.

Navy nominations beginning with William L. Arnest and ending with Karen J. Wood, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 14, 2017.

Navy nomination of Sharif H. Calfee, to be Captain.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Andrei Iancu, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Duane A. Kees, of Arkansas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

Stephen R. McAllister, of Kansas, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas for the term of four years.

Ronald A. Parsons, Jr., of South Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota for the term of four years.

Ryan K. Patrick, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Michael B. Stuart, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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 Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. PETERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2229. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to conduct coastal community vulnerability assessments related to ocean acidification, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2230. A bill to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to improve services for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2231. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for institutional ineligibility based on low cohort repayment rates and to require risk sharing payments of institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KING:

S. 2232. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to provide for the integration of distributed energy resources, to modernize electricity grid infrastructure, to provide for the consideration of non-wires alternatives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 2233. A bill to protect Native children and promote public safety in Indian country; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 2234. A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to develop cybersecurity resources for consumer education and awareness regarding the purchase and use of devices that are part of the Internet of Things, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 2235. A bill to establish a tiered hiring preference for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. ERNST, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. WARREN, and Mrs. McCASKILL):

S. 2236. A bill to require covered discrimination and covered harassment 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 discrimination and covered harassment complaints, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 2237. A bill to amend the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act of 1978 to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 2238. A bill to amend the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Canalway Act of 1996 to repeal the funding limitation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 2239. A bill to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to improve the scheduling of appointments, the accountability of third party administrators, and payment to providers under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2240. A bill to direct the Election Assistance Commission to carry out a pilot program under which the Commission shall provide funds to local educational agencies for initiatives to provide voter registration information to secondary school students in the 12th grade; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. KING:

S. 2241. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act by clarifying that State Exchanges are prohibited from imposing fees or assessments on issuers of excepted benefits and standalone dental plans not sold through an Exchange; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. STRANGE, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 361. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Government shall, both unilaterally and alongside the international community, consider all options for exerting maximum pressure on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), in order to denuclearize the DPRK, protect the lives of United States citizens and allies, and prevent further proliferation of nuclear weapons; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 45

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 45, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed and for other purposes.

S. 223

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to provide immunity from suit for certain individuals who disclose potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens, and for other purposes.

S. 818

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 818, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals with disabilities to save additional amounts in their ABLE accounts above the current annual maximum contribution if they work and earn income.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 946, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire additional Veterans Justice Outreach Specialists to provide treatment court services to justice-involved veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1693

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1693, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of that Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and State criminal and civil law relating to sex trafficking.

S. 1774

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1774, a bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization.

S. 2152

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2152, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for assistance for victims of child pornography, and for other purposes.

S. 2157

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2157, a bill to require drug manufacturers to disclose the prices of prescription drugs in any direct-to-consumer advertising and marketing to practitioners of a drug.

S. 2219

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2219, a bill to reduce the number of preventable deaths and injuries caused by underage crashes, to improve motor carrier and passenger motor vehicle safety, and for other purposes.

S. 2226

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 2226, a bill to prohibit recipients of disaster recovery relief assistance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development from penalizing applicants that declined assistance from the Small Business Administration.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 2230. A bill to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to improve services for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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. 2230

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 “Help End Abusive Living Situations Act” or the “HEALS Act”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act—

(1) the term “domestic violence project” means a project administered by a victim service provider designed to meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking;

(2) the term “homeless” has the meaning given the term in section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302);

(3) the terms “homeless individual with a disability”, “permanent housing”, “tenant-

based”, “transitional housing”, and “victim service provider” have the meanings given those terms in section 401 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360);

(4) the term “rapid re-housing project” means supportive services and short- or medium-term tenant-based rental assistance, as necessary, to help a homeless individual or family, with or without a disability, move as soon as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing; and

(5) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

SEC. 3. STRENGTHENING HOUSING RESOURCES PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND STALKING.

Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall take the following measures to improve services provided to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking:

(1) **EQUAL CONSIDERATION.**—For purposes of scoring applicants in the notice of funding availability for the Continuum of Care program authorized under subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) in any fiscal year, the Secretary shall give equal consideration to—

(A) rapid re-housing projects;

(B) projects that provide permanent supportive housing; and

(C) domestic violence projects that maximize client choice, including transitional housing that provide services and help participants to secure permanent housing.

(2) **TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROJECTS.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall authorize any defunded transitional housing project to reapply for funding.

(B) **TREATMENT AS RAPID RE-HOUSING PROJECT.**—The Secretary shall consider a program receiving funds under section 40299 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12351) to be a rapid re-housing project if the program—

(i) provides not less than 6 months of housing assistance to survivors; and

(ii) meets other criteria established by the Secretary.

(3) **EVALUATION.**—The Secretary shall develop—

(A) measurable criteria upon which applicants are evaluated to demonstrate their collaboration with victim service providers to develop local policy priorities focused on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including survivor-centered coordinated entry processes that appropriately assess and prioritize those survivors and take into account the safety and confidentiality needs of those survivors; and

(B) mechanisms that promote the provision of technical assistance and support for programs to improve outcomes instead of reallocating or not awarding funds.

(4) **RESEARCH AGENDA.**—The Secretary shall develop a research agenda that focuses on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and the housing modalities that best support them, especially the critical safety concerns and the link between trauma and residential stability.

SEC. 4. INCREASING ACCESS TO SAFE HOUSING FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND STALKING.

Section 427(b)(1) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11386a(b)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)—

(A) by redesignating clauses (vii) and (viii) as clauses (viii) and (ix), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after clause (vi) the following:

“(vii) success in addressing the safety needs of homeless survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;”;

(2) in subparagraph (B)—

(A) in clause (iv)(VI), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) by redesignating clause (v) as clause (vi); and

(C) by inserting after clause (iv)(VI) the following:

“(v) how the recipient will measure the success of the victim service providers in meeting the housing, safety, and trauma needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, with an explanation of how the recipient will allow flexibility on other metrics that may be impacted by the needs of survivors; and”;

(3) in subparagraph (F)(ii), by striking “, and” at the end;

(4) by redesignating subparagraph (G) as subparagraph (H); and

(5) by inserting after subparagraph (F) the following:

“(G) success of the recipient in meeting the housing, safety, and trauma needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including access to safe housing; and”.

SEC. 5. REPORT TO CONGRESS.

Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on—

(1) the trends in allocating resources to address the housing needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and

(2) the increase in the allocation of resources for domestic violence projects beginning after the date of enactment of this Act.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 361—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHALL, BOTH UNILATERALLY AND ALONGSIDE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, CONSIDER ALL OPTIONS FOR EXERTING MAXIMUM PRESSURE ON THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (DPRK), IN ORDER TO DENUCLEARIZE THE DPRK, PROTECT THE LIVES OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS AND ALLIES, AND PREVENT FURTHER PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. STRANGE, and Mr. INHOFE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 361

Whereas the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) is a brutal Communist regime that has consistently pursued a nuclear weapons program since the early 1960s;

Whereas the DPRK has a long history of humanitarian abuses against its own people; Whereas in the 1970s and 1980s, the DPRK kidnapped foreign nationals from countries including Japan, South Korea, China, France, and Italy to train DPRK spies;

Whereas the DPRK has unjustly detained visiting United States citizens, including