

Clause ‘Government Property—USAID Reporting Requirements’” (RIN0412-AA89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2018; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4907. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment” received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4908. A communication from the Director of the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Examinations of Working Places in Metal and Nonmetal Mines” (RIN1219-AB87) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4909. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4910. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s fiscal year 2017 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4911. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department’s fiscal year 2017 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4912. A communication from the Vice Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board’s fiscal year 2017 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4913. A communication from the Acting Chief Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation” (CPCLO Order No. 001-2018) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2018; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4914. A communication from the Impact Analyst, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Schedule for Rating Disabilities; Gynecological Conditions and Disorders of the Breast” (RIN2900-AP13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2018; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 146. A bill to strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-230).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2825. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

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. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 2669. A bill to provide for accelerated approval of pain and addiction therapies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. KING):

S. 2670. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the treatment of seasonal positions for purposes of the employer shared responsibility requirement; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 2671. A bill to protect our Social Security system and improve benefits for current and future generations; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2672. A bill to authorize the Society of the First Infantry Division to make modifications to the First Division Monument located on Federal land in President’s Park in Washington, DC, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2673. A bill to limit the printing of the Congressional Record and the Senate Calendars, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 2674. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 2675. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2676. A bill to permit certain disclosures of health information during emergencies, including overdoses; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CAPITO:

S. 2677. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for coal-powered electric generation units; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. HATCH, Ms. HASSAN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2678. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through

the Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to publish and disseminate best practices for operating recovery housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KENNEDY)):

S. 2679. A bill to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2680. A bill to address the opioid crisis; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. COONS, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. NELSON):

S.J. Res. 59. A joint resolution to authorize the use of military force against the Taliban, al Qaeda, the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, and designated associated forces, and to provide an updated, transparent, and sustainable statutory basis for counterterrorism operations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. Res. 464. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Take our Daughters and Sons To Work Day; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. McCONNELL:

S. Res. 465. A resolution electing Michael C. Stenger as Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. McCONNELL:

S. Res. 466. A resolution notifying the President of the United States of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. McCONNELL:

S. Res. 467. A resolution notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 468. A resolution designating May 19, 2018, as “Kids to Parks Day”; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MURPHY:

S. Res. 469. A resolution recognizing the historic, cultural, and religious significance of the festival of Vaisakhi, and expressing support for all communities that celebrate Vaisakhi; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 298

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

S. 326

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr.

MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax-exempt financing of certain government-owned buildings.

S. 422

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 422, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 783

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 783, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to distribute maternity care health professionals to health professional shortage areas identified as in need of maternity care health services.

S. 1403

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1403, a bill to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to establish the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps to place youth and veterans in national service positions to conserve, restore, and enhance the great outdoors of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1989

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1989, a bill to enhance transparency and accountability for online political advertisements by requiring those who purchase and publish such ads to disclose information about the advertisements to the public, and for other purposes.

S. 2203

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2203, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 2260

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2260, a bill to establish and fund an Opioids and STOP Initiative to expand, intensify, and coordinate fundamental, translational, and clinical research of the National Institutes of Health with respect to opioid abuse, the understanding of pain, and the discovery and development of safer and more effective treatments and preventive interventions for pain.

S. 2346

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2346, a bill to establish an innovative water infrastructure workforce development program, and for other purposes.

S. 2404

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland

(Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2404, a bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to reauthorize the organic agriculture research and extension initiative.

S. 2586

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2586, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to increase the ability of a State to administer a permit program under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2587

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2587, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a program to allow States to assume certain Federal responsibilities under that Act with respect to agency actions applicable to highway projects within the States, and for other purposes.

S. 2588

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2588, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish a program to allow States to assume certain Federal responsibilities under that title with respect to agency actions applicable to highway projects within the States, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 57

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) and the Senator from Iowa (Mrs. ERNST) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 57, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Indirect Auto Lending and Compliance with the Equal Credit Opportunity Act".

S. RES. 460

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 460, a resolution condemning Boko Haram and calling on the Governments of the United States of America and Nigeria to swiftly implement measures to defeat the terrorist organization.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. HATCH, Ms. HASSAN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2678. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to publish and disseminate best practices for operating recovery housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President. As the opioid epidemic continues to challenge the Nation, the statistics on this public health crisis show the toll it is taking on communities across the country. In Virginia in 2016, there were over 1,400 deaths from overdoses, a 38 percent increase over 2015. Eighty percent of these deaths involved opioid use. Opioid overdoses are now the leading cause of accidental death in Virginia, surpassing car accidents and gun violence.

While we must focus on prevention and treatment to stem the tide of addiction and overdose deaths, it is also critical that our efforts include helping people recover from addiction and return to their families, the workforce, and their lives. That includes improved access and oversight Medication Assisted Treatment, wraparound services like peer recovery supports, and ensuring that "recovery residences" are safe.

After treatment, many people in the early recovery stages choose to enter recovery residences. These facilities give people a stable and sober environment as they transition back into society. While these residences are growing in number due to the epidemic, we are learning that these facilities often lack oversight or regulation. There have been deaths at recovery residences due to the lack of trained professionals and standards.

Currently, no national standards or guidelines are in place to ensure that recovery homes are providing a safe environment. This situation leaves families and victims in the dark about whether the facility that is looking after their loved one is qualified. The bill I am introducing today would authorize the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to develop best practices for recovery living facilities. It would also authorize SAMHSA to provide technical assistance and support to States willing to adopt best practices. Additionally, the bill would require States that use SAMHSA grants for recovery residences to meet established best practices, direct SAMHSA to provide best practice information directly to patients and ensure that SAMHSA consults with other relevant Federal agencies on drafting guidelines.

I would like to thank Senator WARREN and our other cosponsors for working on this legislation, and Congresswoman CHU for championing legislation on this topic in the House.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 464—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK DAY

Mr. BURR (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. TILLIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: