

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 55

Whereas, Federal law currently imposes vehicle weight limitations on vehicles that operate on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, The Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways, hereafter "Interstate Highways"; and

Whereas, The maximum gross weight typically allowed by any State for vehicles using the Interstate Highways is twenty thousand pounds carried on one axle, a tandem axle weight of thirty-four thousand pounds, and an overall maximum gross weight by formula; and

Whereas, Federal law also contains many exceptions to such weight limits; and

Whereas, The increased capacity and ability of modern vehicles to transport commodities and products, together with increased economic pressures to reduce industry transportation costs and increased environmental pressures to lower carbon dioxide emissions, create economic incentives to increase the loads vehicles may transport; and

Whereas, Increasing the types of vehicles, weight of vehicles, and types of loading and trucking configurations permitted on roads would increase economic efficiencies; and

Whereas, Excessive weights of vehicles can result in the deterioration of roads and bridges, creating significant costs in lost road and bridge use and life; and

Whereas, Certain vehicle types, vehicle configurations, load configurations, and other factors can alleviate or avoid damaging effect on infrastructure from increased vehicle and load weights; and

Whereas, The West Virginia Legislature is directing the West Virginia Department of Transportation and Division of Highways, the West Virginia Department of Commerce, private industry, including manufacturers of commodities or products, and the engineering community, including the College of Information Technology and Engineering at Marshall University and the Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources at West Virginia University, to cooperate and study the effect various trucking configurations and weights have on West Virginia's entire road system, including Interstate Highways; and

Whereas, Such study would include an analysis of which vehicle and load configurations and weights may be utilized with minimal consequence to West Virginia's infrastructure, including Interstate Highways, while permitting industry to transport commodities and products in the most economical ways; and

Whereas, In order to complete such a study and pilot program, West Virginia needs permission from the Congress of the United States to increase the weight of vehicles permitted to operate on Interstate Highways; Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia: That the Legislature urges the Congress of the United States to pass legislation permitting West Virginia to increase the weight of vehicles permitted to operate on Interstate Highways so that West Virginia may implement a pilot program to study various vehicle configurations and weights; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urges the President of the United States to sign such legislation; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from West Virginia in the Congress of the United States.

POM-218. A resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Mahwah, New Jersey, memorializing June 2, 2018, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 994. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for the protection of community centers with religious affiliation, and for other purposes.

S. 2644. A bill to ensure independent investigations and judicial review of the removal of a special counsel, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Gregory Allyn Forest, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Bradley A. Maxwell, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois 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 Mr. PAUL:

S. 2760. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to exclude energy efficiency projects, pollution control projects, and reliability projects from the definition of a modification; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2761. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to clarify when a physical change in, or change in the method of operation of, a stationary source constitutes a modification, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. JONES, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 2762. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to support opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 2763. A bill to provide grants to State, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies to purchase chemical screening devices and train personnel to use chemical screening devices in order to enhance law enforcement efficiency and protect law enforcement officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2764. A bill to amend and enhance the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Pro-

tection Act to improve the conservation of sharks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2765. A bill to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to exempt investment advisers who solely advise certain rural business investment companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. REED):

S. 2766. A bill to require congressional notification related to current and future planning and construction of federally funded military construction projects located within 100-year floodplains; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 2767. A bill to make improvements to certain wildfire and disaster recovery programs of the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 2768. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2769. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide for an action plan on recommendations for changes under Medicare and Medicaid to prevent opioids addictions and enhance access to medication-assisted treatment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 2770. A bill to direct the Attorney General to submit to Congress investigative materials in the event of certain pardons granted by the President, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. JONES):

S. 2771. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to provide grants for the construction, refurbishing, and servicing of individual household decentralized wastewater systems to individuals with low or moderate income; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. JONES):

S. 2772. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to modify provisions relating to the household water well system grant program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. CAPITO, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. 2773. A bill to improve the management of driftnet fishing; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. COONS, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2774. A bill to reauthorize the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SMITH:

S. 2775. A bill to award career pathways innovation grants to local educational agencies and consortia of local educational agencies, to provide technical assistance within the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education to administer the grants and support the local educational agencies with the

preparation of grant applications and management of grant funds, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to support community college and industry partnerships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2776. A bill to modernize the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2777. A bill to exempt State and county payments under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 from sequestration; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2778. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to include a prohibition on the listing of a living nonnative species as a threatened species or an endangered species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 2779. A bill to amend the Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 2780. A bill to require a determination on designation of the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 2781. A bill to limit the transfer of F-35 aircraft to Turkey; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2782. A bill to prohibit covenants not to compete and require employers to notify employees of such prohibition, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. NELSON:

S. 2783. A bill to improve the resilience of the built and natural environment to natural disasters and climate change using, among other measures, natural and nature-based features, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COONS, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2784. A bill to reauthorize the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2785. A bill to designate foreign persons who improperly interfere in United States elections as inadmissible aliens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2786. A bill to expand opportunities to available employee-owned business concerns through Small Business Administration loan programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 2787. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to clarify and expand food donation under the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. HEITKAMP:

S. 2788. A bill to repeal the Act entitled "An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State

of North Dakota over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Devils Lake Indian Reservation"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2789. A bill to prevent substance abuse and reduce demand for illicit narcotics; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2790. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a community wood energy and wood innovation program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. Res. 486. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Workers' Memorial Day, honoring workers who have been killed or injured in the workplace, and recognizing the importance of strengthening worker health and safety protections; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. BALDWIN, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. Res. 487. A resolution affirming a commitment to elevate the voices, leadership, and needs of historically and currently disenfranchised and underserved communities in the effort to end sexual violence and support all survivors of sexual violence, including immigrant survivors, survivors with disabilities, survivors of color, American Indian or Alaska Native survivors, survivors of child sexual abuse, queer and intersex survivors, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender survivors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PERDUE (for himself and Mr. ISAACSON):

S. Res. 488. A resolution honoring the 100th anniversary of Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 489. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. DONNELLY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. ERNST, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 490. A resolution designating April 2018 as "Financial Literacy Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KING):

S. Res. 491. A resolution recognizing the Independent Transportation Network of America on the occasion of providing 1,000,000 rides to older and visually challenged people of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. PETERS):

S. Res. 492. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 493. A resolution congratulating the Fighting Irish of the University of Notre Dame women's basketball team for winning the 2018 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women's basketball championship; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 494. A resolution congratulating the Hoosiers of Indiana University for winning the 2018 Women's National Invitation Tournament; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CARPER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. COONS, Mr. PETERS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. HARRIS, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Res. 495. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that, during Public Service Recognition Week, public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BENNET, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. HELLER):

S. Res. 496. A resolution recognizing April 30, 2018, as "El Dia de los Ninos-Celebrating Young Americans"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BENNET, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. SMITH, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. HELLER):

S. Res. 497. A resolution recognizing the cultural and historical significance of the Cinco de Mayo holiday; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COONS, Mrs. ERNST, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. YOUNG, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SCOTT, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. Res. 498. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of April 29 through May 5, 2018, as "National Small Business Week" while commending the entrepreneurial spirit of small business owners of the United States, and the impact they have on their communities; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 499. A resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 500. A resolution to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *Peter P. Truman v. Paula Armstrong, et al*; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 177

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. SASSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 177, a bill to provide for congressional review of the imposition of duties and