

SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2835, a bill to require a study of the well-being of the newsprint and publishing industry in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 3029

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3029, a bill to revise and extend the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act (PREEMIE Act).

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3029, *supra*.

S. 3034

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3034, a bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to reauthorize the rural business investment program, and for other purposes.

S. 3040

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3040, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to clarify Federal law with respect to reporting certain positive consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 3046

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3046, a bill to allow the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into self-determination contracts with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations to carry out supplemental nutrition assistance programs.

S. 3093

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3093, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to address the protective custody of alien children accompanied by parents, and for other purposes.

S. 3104

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3104, a bill to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to expand substantially underserved trust area authority to all rural development programs of the Department of Agriculture.

S. 3110

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3110, a bill to support educational entities in fully implementing title IX and reducing and preventing sex discrimination in all areas of education.

S. 3113

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3113, a bill to promote dairy product innovation, including in specialty cheese, and value-added dairy product development for the economic benefit of United States dairy farmers and their communities.

S.J. RES. 8

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 8, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

AMENDMENT NO. 3039

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3039 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5895, a bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 556—RE-AFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO HOLD THE ORTEGA REGIME ACCOUNTABLE FOR ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES PERPETRATED AGAINST THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. Kaine, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. LEE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 556

Whereas, on April 19, 2018, protests began in Managua, Nicaragua as a result of changes made to the social security system by the Ortega regime that would have raised workers' contributions and cut retirees' pensions;

Whereas Transparency International's 2017 Corruption Perceptions Index ranks Nicaragua as tied for 151 of 180, the third worst ranking for a country in the Western Hemisphere, after Venezuela and Haiti;

Whereas numerous media outlets have reported on allegations regarding the involvement of Nicaraguan government officials in corruption, including misappropriating billions of dollars provided to Nicaragua by the Government of Venezuela;

Whereas, on April 23, 2018, tens of thousands of people—workers, students, farmers, and representatives of the private sectors—demonstrated in Managua demanding an end to the repression, with some calling for the departure of the President of Nicaragua Daniel Ortega;

Whereas, on April 24, 2018, the United Nations called on the Government of Nicaragua to carry out “prompt, thorough, independent and transparent investigations into these deaths,” saying a number of the killings may have been “unlawful”;

Whereas, on May 13, 2018, the Catholic Church organized a national dialogue between the protesters and the Government of Nicaragua;

Whereas, on May 17, 2018, the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States, Paulo Abrão, arrived in Nicaragua to investigate the human rights violations that took place during the recent protests;

Whereas, on May 21, 2018, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States issued a statement that described the excessive use of force by Nicaraguan security forces and armed irregular groups that resulted in “dozens of persons killed and hundreds wounded; illegal and arbitrary detentions; practices of torture, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment; censorship and attacks on the press; and other forms of intimidation”;

Whereas, on May 21, 2018, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States “emphatically condemn[ed] the deaths, attacks and arbitrary detentions of students, demonstrators, journalists and other citizens that have occurred in Nicaragua since the beginning of the protests”;

Whereas, on May 23, 2018, Cardinal Leopoldo Brenes declared that talks had been suspended between the Ortega regime, the opposition, and civil society;

Whereas, on May 29, 2018, Amnesty International released a report entitled “Shoot to Kill: Nicaragua’s Strategy to Repress Protest”, which documented the lethal use of weapons, specifically noting that gunshots fired by pro-government groups were aimed to kill and targeted specific individuals;

Whereas, on May 30, 2018, a peaceful “Mother’s Day protest” turned deadly, with an estimated 16 people killed and 88 injured during clashes;

Whereas, on June 15, 2018, the National Dialogue resumed, resulting in a ceasefire agreement;

Whereas, the next day, on June 16, 2018, armed irregular groups killed 6 members of a family in an arson attack against their home and business;

Whereas, on June 18, 2018, the Department of State released a statement that affirmed, “The United States condemns the ongoing government-sponsored violence and intimidation campaign in Nicaragua . . . We urge immediate and full implementation of the June 15 National Dialogue agreement on human rights.”;

Whereas the June 2018 statement released by the Department of State stated, “We note the widespread call among Nicaraguans for early elections. The United States believes early elections represent a constructive way forward”; and

Whereas, as of June 18, 2018, there were at least 178 deaths and more than 1,000 people injured as a result of the protests, according to data from the Centro Nicaragüense de Derechos Humanos (Nicaraguan Center for Human Rights, or Cenidh): Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the violence perpetrated against the citizens of Nicaragua by the Ortega regime and affiliated armed irregular groups;

(2) calls on the Government of Nicaragua to end the repressive practices of its security forces and enact constitutional and legal reforms to better protect its citizens;

(3) supports efforts by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States to conduct a credible, independent investigation into the killing of at least 178 protesters;

(4) encourages the Government of Nicaragua to commit to negotiations with representatives of the Catholic Church, civil society, student movement, private sector, and political opposition to bring about an end to

the current political crisis, which should include a commitment to hold early elections that meet democratic standards and include international observation;

(5) urges the international community to denounce the human rights abuses and violence perpetrated against the Nicaraguan people by the Ortega regime; and

(6) calls on the President of the United States to exercise the authorities included in the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (subtitle F of title XII of Public Law 114-328; 22 U.S.C. 2656 note) to impose sanctions with respect to any person who—

(A) is responsible for extrajudicial killings, torture, or other gross violations of human rights in Nicaragua; or

(B) is responsible for or complicit in ordering, controlling, or otherwise directing acts of significant corruption in Nicaragua.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3069. Ms. HARRIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3070. Ms. SMITH (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. UDALL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3071. Ms. SMITH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3072. Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. JONES) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3073. Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. JONES) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3074. Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. HASSAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3075. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3076. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3077. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3078. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3079. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3080. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3081. Mr. JONES (for himself and Mr. SCOTT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3082. Ms. SMITH (for herself, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3083. Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3084. Ms. HEITKAMP submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3069. Ms. HARRIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. TRACKING CASES OF COCCIDIOMYCOSIS.

(a) REGISTRY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”), acting through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall establish a registry for reports of cases of coccidioidomycosis.

(2) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall award grants to States and State and local departments of health for the purpose of supporting the surveillance of cases of coccidioidomycosis within the applicable State, and the reporting of any such cases to the registry established under paragraph (1).

(3) YEAR OF DIAGNOSIS.—In listing cases of coccidioidomycosis in the registry established under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall attribute each case to the year in which it was diagnosed.

(b) PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall make publicly available any protocols and guidelines developed by the Department of Agriculture, the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or appropriate professional health care organizations, for purposes of educating health care providers, farmers, and other agricultural workers regarding the most recent scientific and medical information on the etiology, transmission, diagnosis, surveillance, and treatment of coccidioidomycosis.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

SA 3070. Ms. SMITH (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. UDALL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title XII, insert the following:

SEC. 12512. SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SNAP.

Title I of the Indian Self-Determination Act (25 U.S.C. 5321 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 112. SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SNAP.

“(a) AGRICULTURE SELF-DETERMINATION AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall enter into self-determination contracts, in accordance with subsection (b),

with Indian tribes and tribal organizations, upon the request of any Indian tribe by tribal resolution, to plan, conduct, and administer any function, service, or activity of a supplemental nutrition assistance program established under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) for the Indian tribe.

“(b) SELF-DETERMINATION CONTRACT.—A self-determination contract entered into under subsection (a) shall have the same terms and conditions, and be subject to the same procedures, regulations, and requirements, as a self-determination contract entered into under section 102, except that the Secretary of Agriculture and the Department of Agriculture shall be the appropriate Secretary and agency for purposes of a self-determination contract under this section.

“(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Office of Self-Governance of the Bureau of Indian Affairs shall provide technical assistance regarding the self-determination contracts authorized under this section to the Secretary of Agriculture, and to Indian tribes and tribal organizations who request such assistance.”.

SA 3071. Ms. SMITH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 2204, strike paragraph (1)(B) and insert the following:

(B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “to the maximum extent practicable,” before “enroll”; and

SA 3072. Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. JONES) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title I, add the following:

SEC. 12 _____. COTTON CLASSIFICATION SERVICES.

Section 3a of the Act entitled “An Act Authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to collect and publish statistics of the grade and staple length of cotton”, approved March 3, 1927 (7 U.S.C. 473a) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection (h); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (f) the following:

“(g) HIRING AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an employee hired to provide cotton classification services under this section may—

“(1) work not more than 240 calendar days in a service year; and

“(2) be rehired noncompetitively each year in the same or a successor position if that employee meets performance and conduct expectations, as determined by the Secretary.”.

SA 3073. Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. JONES) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows: