

Army nominations beginning with Johnmark R. Ardiente and ending with Nathan A. Gunter, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 20, 2018.

Army nominations beginning with Ryan J. Berglin and ending with James A. Nardelli, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 20, 2018.

Army nominations beginning with David L. Burrier and ending with William T. Cigich, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 20, 2018.

Army nomination of Joshua V. Arndt, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Christopher Z. Farrington and ending with Michael P. Thomas, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 20, 2018.

Army nomination of Roderick W. Sumpter, to be Major.

Army nomination of Daniel Torres, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Michael P. Antecki, Jr. and ending with D014175, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 20, 2018.

Army nominations beginning with Lisa M. Abel and ending with D014651, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 20, 2018.

Army nominations beginning with Drew Q. Abell and ending with G010393, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 20, 2018.

Army nominations beginning with Eli S. Adams and ending with D014147, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 20, 2018.

Army nomination of Rochell A. Maier, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Robert C. Soper, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Vincent G. Alcivar and ending with Edward W. Wright, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 25, 2018.

Army nomination of Benjamin E. Solomon, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with William J. Nels and ending with Kellie A. Whittlinger, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 28, 2018.

Army nominations beginning with Vendec M. Davis and ending with Ryan G. Lavoie, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 28, 2018.

Army nominations beginning with Harry A. Hornbuckle and ending with Michael J. Kimball, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 28, 2018.

Army nominations beginning with Matthew W. Allen and ending with Francis E. Sanford, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 9, 2018.

Army nomination of Brian C. Morgan, to be Major.

Navy nomination of Travis A. Montplaisir, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Ariana P. Bensusan, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Bruce S. Kimbrell, Jr., to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Samantha C. Dugan, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Brian L. Lees, to be Lieutenant Commander.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Teri L. Donaldson, of Texas, to be Inspector General of the Department of Energy.

*Christopher Fall, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy.

*Karen S. Evans, of West Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Cybersecurity, Energy Security and Emergency Response).

*Daniel Simmons, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy).

*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.

(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. HATCH (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 3256. A bill to support businesses in Puerto Rico, extend child tax credits for families in Puerto Rico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 3257. A bill to impose sanctions on foreign persons responsible for serious violations of international law regarding the protection of civilians during armed conflict, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. HEITKAMP:

S. 3258. A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to provide adjustment assistance to farmers adversely affected by reduced exports resulting from tariffs imposed as retaliation for United States tariff increases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. FLAKE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 3259. A bill to increase the number of judgeships for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and certain district courts of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 3260. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include individuals receiving Social Security Disability Insurance benefits under the work opportunity credit, increase the work opportunity credit for vocational rehabilitation referrals, qualified SSI recipients, and qualified SSDI recipients, expand the disabled access credit, and enhance the deduction for expenditures to remove architectural and transportation barriers to the handicapped and elderly; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 3261. A bill to establish the Office of Disability Policy in the legislative branch; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. Res. 588. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for transparency regarding meetings between President Donald J. Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. BENNET, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Mr. HELLER):

S. Res. 589. A resolution designating July 28, 2018, as "National Day of the American Cowboy"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. UDALL):

S. Res. 590. A resolution recognizing the 171st anniversary of the arrival of pioneers belonging to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the Great Salt Lake Valley in Utah, and the contributions of the Church and its members to the United States and the world; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. TESTER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. THUNE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 591. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Purple Heart Recognition Day; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 339

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 339, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 515

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 515, a bill to require the Secretary of Labor to maintain a publicly available list of all employers that relocate a call center overseas, to make such companies ineligible for Federal grants or guaranteed loans, and to require disclosure of the physical location of business agents engaging in customer service communications, and for other purposes.

S. 545

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. GARDNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 720

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 720, a bill to amend the Export Administration Act of 1979 to include in the prohibitions on boycotts against allies of the United States boycotts fostered by international governmental organizations against Israel and to direct the Export-Import Bank of the United States to oppose boycotts against Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 794

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 794, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act in order to improve the process whereby Medicare administrative contractors issue local coverage determinations under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 811

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 811, a bill to ensure that organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to continue to provide services for children.

S. 821

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 821, a bill to promote access for United States officials, journalists, and other citizens to Tibetan areas of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

S. 1023

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1023, a bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2021, and for other purposes.

S. 1087

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1087, a bill to ensure America's law enforcement officers have access to lifesaving equipment needed to defend themselves and civilians from attacks by terrorists and violent criminals.

S. 1299

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1299, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the occurrence of diabetes in Medicare beneficiaries by extending coverage under Medicare for medical nutrition therapy services to such beneficiaries with pre-diabetes or with risk factors for developing type 2 diabetes.

S. 1353

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S.

1353, a bill to require States to automatically register eligible voters to vote in elections for Federal offices, and for other purposes.

S. 1437

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1437, a bill to modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for individuals with disabilities, protect the ability of individuals to exercise the right to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 1580

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1580, a bill to enhance the transparency, improve the coordination, and intensify the impact of assistance to support access to primary and secondary education for displaced children and persons, including women and girls, and for other purposes.

S. 1989

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) 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. 2076

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2076, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the expansion of activities related to Alzheimer's disease, cognitive decline, and brain health under the Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2101

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors 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. 2463

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 2463, a bill to establish the United States International Development Finance Corporation, and for other purposes.

S. 2554

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2554, a bill to ensure that health insurance issuers and group

health plans do not prohibit pharmacy providers from providing certain information to enrollees.

S. 2578

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2578, a bill to amend title 13, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Commerce to provide advanced notice to Congress before changing any questions on the decennial census, and for other purposes.

S. 2780

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. SASSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2780, a bill to require a determination on designation of the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism.

S. 2796

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) and the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) were added as cosponsors of S. 2796, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use the authority of the Secretary to conduct and support research on the efficacy and safety of medicinal cannabis, and for other purposes.

S. 2945

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2945, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to carry out a housing choice voucher mobility demonstration to encourage families receiving the voucher assistance to move to lower-poverty areas and expand access to opportunity areas.

S. 3116

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3116, a bill to establish an Election Security grant program.

S. 3250

At the request of Ms. HARRIS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3250, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for a credit against tax for rent paid on the personal residence of the taxpayer.

S. RES. 220

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) 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. 525

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 525, a resolution designating September 2018 as National Democracy Month as a time to reflect on

the contributions of the system of government of the United States to a more free and stable world.

AMENDMENT NO. 3402

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3402 intended to be proposed to H. R. 6147, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3405

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3405 proposed to H.R. 6147, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 588—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE NEED FOR TRANSPARENCY REGARDING MEETINGS BETWEEN PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP AND RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN

Mr. MERKLEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 588

Whereas it is the unanimous conclusion of the United States intelligence community that the Government of the Russian Federation interfered in the 2016 Presidential election, at the direction of Russian President Vladimir Putin, to advance the candidacy of then-candidate Donald J. Trump;

Whereas President Trump has repeatedly cast doubt on intelligence community conclusions regarding Russia's attacks during the 2016 election and suggested at his Helsinki press conference, as he has in previous statements, that he believes President Putin's denials despite evidence to the contrary;

Whereas President Trump and individuals associated with his 2016 presidential campaign remain subjects of an ongoing investigation led by Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III relating to Russia's efforts to interfere in the 2016 United States presidential election, an investigation which has yielded 32 indictments and 5 guilty pleas to date;

Whereas President Trump reportedly personally requested that his meeting at the July 16, 2018, Helsinki Summit with President Putin be one-on-one and excluded other United States officials; and

Whereas, since the Helsinki Summit, President Trump and President Putin alluded to oral agreements they made, the specifics of which have not been made known publicly: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) President Trump should not meet with President Putin or any official of the Rus-

sian Federation without another senior United States official present; and

(2) the President, or a designee of the President, should within 7 days report to Congress, in the appropriate setting, on the substance of President Trump's meeting with President Putin, including any agreements or commitments made on behalf of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 589—DESIGNATING JULY 28, 2018, AS “NATIONAL DAY OF THE AMERICAN COWBOY”

Mr. ENZI (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. BENNET, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Mr. HELLER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 589

Whereas pioneering men and women, recognized as “cowboys”, helped to establish the American West;

Whereas the cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage, compassion, respect, a strong work ethic, and patriotism;

Whereas the cowboy spirit exemplifies strength of character, sound family values, and good common sense;

Whereas the cowboy archetype transcends ethnicity, gender, geographic boundaries, and political affiliations;

Whereas the cowboy, who lives off the land and works to protect and enhance the environment, is an excellent steward of the land and its creatures;

Whereas cowboy traditions have been a part of American culture for generations;

Whereas the cowboy continues to be an important part of the economy through the work of many thousands of ranchers across the United States who contribute to the economic well-being of every State;

Whereas millions of fans watch professional and working ranch rodeo events annually, making rodeo one of the most-watched sports in the United States;

Whereas membership and participation in rodeo and other organizations that promote and encompass the livelihood of cowboys span every generation and transcend race and gender;

Whereas the cowboy is a central figure in literature, film, and music and occupies a central place in the public imagination;

Whereas the cowboy is an American icon; and

Whereas the ongoing contributions made by cowboys and cowgirls to their communities should be recognized and encouraged: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates July 28, 2018, as “National Day of the American Cowboy”; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 590—RECOGNIZING THE 171ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF PIONEERS BELONGING TO THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS TO THE GREAT SALT LAKE VALLEY IN UTAH, AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCH AND ITS MEMBERS TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD

Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. UDALL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 590

Whereas in the years following the establishment of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (referred to in this preamble as the “LDS Church”) in 1830, the early members of the LDS Church (referred to in this preamble as “Latter-day Saint pioneers”) experienced religious persecution manifested through physical assault, destruction of their houses and businesses, theft of their property, exile from their homes, threats of violence and war, imprisonment, rape, and murder;

Whereas the petitions of the LDS Church to the United States Government for assistance and redress were frequently unanswered and produced no relief;

Whereas the leader and prophet of the LDS Church, Joseph Smith, and his brother, Hyrum, were shot and killed by an armed mob;

Whereas in a letter addressed to the President of the United States, James K. Polk, the new leader of the LDS Church, Brigham Young, wrote, “. . . [W]hile we appreciate the Constitution of the United States as the most precious among the nations, we feel that we had rather retreat to the deserts, islands or mountain caves than consent to be ruled by governors and judges . . . who delight in injustice and oppression”;

Whereas in pursuit of liberty and religious freedom, the Latter-day Saint pioneers journeyed westward in the winter of 1846, and ultimately travelled more than 1,300 miles of wilderness across vast prairies, barren deserts, jagged mountains, and turbulent rivers;

Whereas the Latter-day Saint pioneers endured extreme weather conditions, illness, hunger, and exhaustion, resulting in the pioneers losing young children, spouses, parents, and friends to exposure, disease, and starvation;

Whereas upon entering the Great Salt Lake Valley in Utah on July 24, 1847, Brigham Young announced, “This is the right place,” foretelling how the valley would become home to many Latter-day Saints and their posterity;

Whereas the Latter-day Saint pioneers worked together to plant crops, irrigate fields, and build homes and businesses, transforming the desert into a thriving community where they could live in safety and practice their religion without prejudice and abuse;

Whereas on July 24, 1849, the Latter-day Saints first commemorated their arrival to their new home with a procession to Temple Square in Salt Lake City for a special devotional, followed by a feast of thanksgiving;

Whereas “Pioneer Day” is a Utah State holiday celebrated on July 24th to remember and honor the early settlers with parades, flag ceremonies, re-enactments, devotionals, sporting events, feasts, dances, concerts, festivals, rodeos, and fireworks;