

Whereas, Approximately 8.6 percent of TRICARE beneficiaries, or approximately 894,724 uniformed service members and their families, are located in California, and thus it is estimated that California could be paying millions of dollars it is not responsible for if this issue of data sharing between TRICARE and CMS is not resolved; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California urges the United States Department of Defense and the United States Department of Health and Human Services to implement, and the United States Congress to require, if necessary, a resolution between the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and TRICARE to immediately restore data sharing and to waive the one-year timely filing restriction for all claims caught in this stoppage; and be it further

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

POM-281. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging the United States Congress to act favorably in regard to legislation to have the Mare Island Naval Cemetery transferred to the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the National Cemetery Administration restore the cemetery to national cemetery standards and provide for perpetual care of the facility as dictated by those standards; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

Whereas, The Mare Island Naval Cemetery is the oldest military cemetery on the West Coast, and the final resting place for over 900 veterans; and

Whereas, The cemetery is a national sanctuary and should be maintained to the highest standards in honor of the military heroes who are buried there; and

Whereas, The Navy was forced to close the Mare Island facility under the United States government's Base Realignment and Closure program in 1996 and deeded portions of Mare Island's physical property and facilities, including the Mare Island Naval Cemetery, to the City of Vallejo; and

Whereas, The Navy did not provide funds to maintain and provide for the perpetual care of the cemetery, and therefore the cemetery became the City of Vallejo's responsibility; and

Whereas, The City of Vallejo has experienced significant financial difficulties and has been unable to maintain the cemetery to the standards expected of a facility where veterans are laid to rest, which has resulted in a continual deterioration of the site since 1996; and

Whereas, The South Napa earthquake added to the physical deterioration of the cemetery by knocking down some headstones and breaking others; and

Whereas, The National Park Service, in May 1975, listed Mare Island Naval Shipyard as a National Historic Landmark, and a park with hiking paths has been established at the western end of the island where the cemetery is located; and

Whereas, A petition has been created by veterans and concerned visitors with over 54,000 signatures, encouraging United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) ownership and the restoration of the cemetery; and

Whereas, The City of Vallejo does not have the funds to restore the cemetery and has formally requested the federal government reassume ownership of the cemetery, without compensation to the city; and

Whereas, Representative Mike Thompson has introduced legislation (H.R. 5588) in the United States House of Representatives that will direct the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek an agreement with the City of Vallejo, under which the city would transfer control of the Mare Island Naval Cemetery to the VA; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly,* That the Legislature urges the Congress of the United States to act favorably in regard to legislation to have the Mare Island Naval Cemetery transferred to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and that the National Cemetery Administration restore the cemetery to national cemetery standards and provide for perpetual care of the facility as dictated by those standards; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the National Cemetery Administration provide continuing care for those interned in the cemetery, including those who are not veterans or eligible family members; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary 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 Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-282. A resolution adopted by the Lauderdale Lakes City Commission, Lauderdale Lakes, Florida urging the rapid reunification of families separated as a result of the Administration's immigration policy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-283. A resolution adopted by the Lauderdale Lakes City Commission, Lauderdale Lakes, Florida expressing its concern, condemnation and outrage at and rejection of the implementation of the Administration's current immigration policies, particularly those which encourage and sanction the separation of families, and urging the United States Congress to forthwith take such steps as shall be appropriate to publicly condemn such policies and enact appropriate action to reverse the continuing application thereof; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-284. A resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Solana Beach, California memorializing its opposition to the Administration's zero tolerance policy, and any federal policy that removes children from families of immigrants who are seeking to enter our country; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-285. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to constructing a physical barrier between the United States and foreign nations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Report to accompany S. 440, a bill to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota (Rept. No. 115-313).

Report to accompany S. 2074, a bill to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the James-

town Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-314).

Report to accompany H.R. 2897, a bill to authorize the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the Director of the National Park Service to enter into cooperative management agreements for the operation, maintenance, and management of units of the National Park System in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-315).

Report to accompany H.R. 4609, a bill to provide for the conveyance of a Forest Service site in Dolores County, Colorado, to be used for a fire station (Rept. No. 115-316).

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 3021. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 300 South Fourth Street in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the "Diana E. Murphy United States Courthouse".

H.R. 5772. A bill to designate the J. Marvin Jones Federal Building and Courthouse in Amarillo, Texas, as the "J. Marvin Jones Federal Building and Mary Lou Robinson United States Courthouse".

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

\*Martin J. Oberman, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2018.

\*Martin J. Oberman, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2023.

By Mr. BARRASSO for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

\*Peter C. Wright, of Michigan, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

\*William Charles McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

\*Mary Bridget Neumayr, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality.

\*John Fleming, of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on Finance.

\*Michael J. Desmond, of California, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury.

\*Justin George Muzinich, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

\*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.

#### 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. NELSON:

S. 3316. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the affordability and enrollment procedures of the

Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 3317. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal certain rules related to the determination of unrelated business taxable income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mrs. ERNST):

S. 3318. A bill to authorize the use of veterans educational assistance for examinations to receive credit toward degrees awarded by institutions of higher learning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 3319. A bill to impose additional restrictions on tobacco flavors for use in e-cigarettes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 3320. A bill to prevent low-income seniors from losing benefits due to defaulted student loan debt by increasing the amount of benefits exempted from garnishment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. HARRIS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. CARPER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. HASSAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. PETERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. SMITH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. REED, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. JONES, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Mr. NELSON, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. BURR):

S. 3321. A bill to award Congressional Gold Medals to Katherine Johnson and Dr. Christine Darden and to posthumously award Congressional Gold Medals to Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson in recognition of their contributions to the success of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration during the Space Race; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 3322. A bill to establish a pilot program to provide flight training services to veterans; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 3323. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to establish a Senior Investor Taskforce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 3324. A bill to establish a voluntary program in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to encourage consumers to purchase or lease new automobiles made in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 3325. A bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to provide for the eligibility of national grasslands for grazing leases and permits; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 3326. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure proper allocation of lump-sum payments of disability insur-

ance benefits for determinations of modified adjusted gross income under the refundable tax credit for coverage under a qualified health plan; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 3327. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the suspension of payments by Medicare prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans pending investigations of credible allegations of fraud by pharmacies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 3328. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the payment of monthly housing stipends under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mrs. ERNST, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 3329. A bill to amend section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 to require the Secretary of Defense to initiate investigations and to provide for congressional disapproval of certain actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. REED, Mr. BROWN, Mr. NELSON, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. JONES, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 3330. A bill to protect the Medicare and Medicaid programs with respect to certain changes in reconciliation legislation; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 3331. A bill to provide for an equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LANKFORD:

S. 3332. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the inclusion of certain fringe benefit expenses for which a deduction is disallowed in unrelated business taxable income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. UDALL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 3333. A bill to provide lasting protection for inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. NELSON:

S. 3334. A bill to amend section 987 of title 10, United States Code, to expand and improve consumer credit protections for members of the Armed Forces and their dependents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 3335. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, relating to sentencing of armed career criminals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 3336. A bill to strengthen the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, to combat international cybercrime, and to impose additional sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 3337. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 3338. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to finalize certain proposed provisions relating to the Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) under the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 3339. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to permit other courts to transfer certain cases to United States Tax Court; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 3340. A bill to amend title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for teacher, principal, and other school leader quality enhancement; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 3341. A bill to encourage the research and use of innovative materials and associated techniques in the construction and preservation of the domestic transportation and water infrastructure system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 3342. A bill to require Community Development Block Grant recipients to develop a strategy to support inclusive zoning policies, to allow for a credit to support housing affordability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 3343. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to limit overdraft fees and establish fair and transparent practices related to the marketing and provision of overdraft coverage programs at depository institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 3344. A bill to enhance the early warning reporting requirements for motor vehicle manufacturers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 3345. A bill to provide paid parental leave benefits to parents following the birth or adoption of a child; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 3346. A bill to establish the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CASEY, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 3347. A bill to repeal the section of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 that requires the Federal Communications Commission to reallocate and auction the T-Band spectrum; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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