

S. CON. RES. 42

At the request of Ms. HARRIS, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 42, a concurrent resolution supporting America's clean car standards and defending State authority under the Clean Air Act to protect their citizens from harmful air pollution.

S. RES. 220

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) 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. 606

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 606, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States condemns all forms of violence against children globally and recognizes the harmful impacts of violence against children.

S. RES. 629

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 629, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic of Moldova and support for Moldova's territorial integrity.

S. RES. 633

At the request of Mrs. McCASKILL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 633, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization.

S. RES. 665

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 665, a resolution designating October 2018 as "National Employee Ownership Month".

S. RES. 667

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 667, a resolution condemning persecution of religious minorities in the People's Republic of China and any actions that limit their free expression and practice of faith.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 671—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 29, 2018, AS "NATIONAL URBAN WILDLIFE REFUGE DAY"

Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. BENNET) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 671

Whereas over 80 percent of people in the United States live in or near cities, which typically have limited opportunities for residents to access nature and experience outdoor recreation;

Whereas the National Wildlife Refuge System under the United States Fish and Wildlife Service manages 566 national wildlife refuges that constitute a national network of land and water managed for the conservation of fish, wildlife, and plants in the United States;

Whereas national wildlife refuges provide opportunities for people to discover and appreciate nature;

Whereas there is a refuge located within a 1-hour drive of every metropolitan area in the United States;

Whereas the Urban Wildlife Conservation Program under the United States Fish and Wildlife Service—

(1) focuses on introducing people living in densely populated areas to the more than 100 national wildlife refuges near urban areas; and

(2) promotes wildlife conservation and the enjoyment of hunting, fishing, and other wildlife-dependent recreational activities close to where people live;

Whereas the Urban Wildlife Conservation Program focuses on public-private partnerships—

(1) to improve wildlife conservation; and

(2) to promote access to recreation on and off national wildlife refuges, including recreational activities such as hunting and fishing; and

Whereas by exploring community-centered approaches to address local needs, engaging the next generation of anglers and hunters, and providing infrastructure and safe access, the Urban Wildlife Conservation Program helps local organizations, cities, and towns across the United States engage in conservation activities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 29, 2018, as "National Urban Wildlife Refuge Day";

(2) encourages the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to increase access to outdoor recreational opportunities for urban communities;

(3) encourages the people of the United States to visit and experience the more than 100 urban national wildlife refuges of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 672—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE VOLUNTARY ENERGY REDUCTION PROGRAMS REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND SAVE PARTICIPANTS MONEY

Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. GARDNER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 672

Whereas "Beat the Peak" is an electric cooperative voluntary energy reduction pro-

gram that saves participants money and encourages reduced energy usage by notifying participants of periods of peak energy consumption;

Whereas participants in electric cooperative voluntary energy reduction programs such as "Beat the Peak"—

(1) receive alerts during periods of peak energy usage when the price for energy is expected to be high; and

(2) have the opportunity to decrease power usage when demand and price are at the highest level;

Whereas participation in electric cooperative voluntary energy reduction programs reduces energy costs for all cooperative members;

Whereas electric cooperatives are non-profit utilities that transfer cost savings directly to cooperative members;

Whereas the 4 hottest summers on record have occurred during the 5-year period preceding the date of enactment of this resolution;

Whereas extreme temperatures produce sustained peak energy prices in competitive wholesale electricity markets;

Whereas electric cooperatives work to provide rural areas in the United States with safe, reliable, and affordable electricity;

Whereas electric cooperatives operate 833 electric distribution centers and 62 electric generation and transmission facilities;

Whereas electric cooperatives provide power to 42,000,000 people in the United States and cover 56 percent of the landmass of the United States;

Whereas Delaware Electric Cooperative, the first electric cooperative to create a "Beat the Peak" program, has saved members \$27,000,000 over the 10-year period preceding the date of enactment of this resolution and is on track to save members \$2,300,000 in 2018;

Whereas over 90 electric cooperatives across the United States offer "Beat the Peak" demand response programs; and

Whereas increased awareness of electric cooperative voluntary energy reduction programs may result in many more electric cooperatives adopting and offering those programs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) celebrates the economic and conservation benefits of electric cooperative voluntary energy reduction programs such as "Beat the Peak";

(2) recognizes that voluntary energy reduction programs reduce energy usage, help the environment, and save money;

(3) encourages electric cooperatives across the United States—

(A) to adopt voluntary energy reduction programs such as "Beat the Peak"; and

(B) to promote those programs to members; and

(4) commends electric cooperatives that offer and support voluntary energy reduction programs.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4053. Mr. COTTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3523, to amend title 10, United States Code, to require a full military honors ceremony for certain deceased veterans, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4053. Mr. COTTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3523, to amend title

10, United States Code, to require a full military honors ceremony for certain deceased veterans, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Honoring Our Heroes Act of 2018".

SEC. 2. FULL MILITARY ESCORT AT FUNERALS OF CERTAIN VETERANS.

Section 1491(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(3) The Secretary concerned shall provide a full military escort (as determined by the Secretary concerned) for the funeral of a veteran who—

"(A) is first interred or first inurned in Arlington National Cemetery on or after the date of the enactment of the Honoring Our Heroes Act of 2018;

"(B) was awarded the medal of honor or the prisoner-of-war medal; and

"(C) is not otherwise entitled to a full military escort by the grade of that veteran.".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I have 5 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Consumer Data Privacy: Examining Lessons From the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation and the California Consumer Privacy Act."

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "From Yellowstone's Grizzly Bear to the Chesapeake's Delmarva Fox Squirrel—Successful State Conservation, Recovery, and Management of Wildlife."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at 8:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Threats to the Homeland."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Eric E. Murphy, of Ohio, and Chad A. Readler,

of Ohio, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Rossie David Alston, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Pamela A. Barker, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, and Sarah Daggett Morrison, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following fellows on my HELP Committee staff be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the 115th Congress: Sheri Lou Santos, Garrett Devenney, and Brian Kaplun.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Ryan Edwards and Kim Binsted, AAAS fellows in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of this Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENACTMENT OF THE PAUL WELLSTONE AND PETE DOMENICI MENTAL HEALTH PARITY AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2008

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 670 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 670) recognizing the tenth anniversary of the enactment of the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of October 9, 2018, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

NATIONAL URBAN WILDLIFE REFUGE DAY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to consideration of S. Res. 671, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 671) designating September 29, 2018, as "National Urban Wildlife Refuge Day."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE VOLUNTARY ENERGY REDUCTION PROGRAMS REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND SAVE PARTICIPANTS MONEY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 672, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 672) expressing the sense of Congress that electric cooperative voluntary energy reduction programs reduce energy consumption and save participants money.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. McCONNELL. I know of no further debate on the measure.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

Hearing none, the question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 672) was agreed to.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the preamble be agreed to and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")