

EC-7030. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; CY 2019 Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update and CY 2020 Case-Mix Adjustment Methodology Refinements; Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model; Home Health Quality Reporting Requirements; Home Infusion Therapy Requirements; and Training Requirements for Surveyors of National Accrediting Organizations" ((RIN0938-AT29) (CMS-1689-FC)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7031. A communication from the Impact Analyst, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities: The Hematologic and Lymphatic Systems" (RIN2900-AO19) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2018; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-304. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to take certain actions to ensure that a woman can freely make reproductive health decisions and access reproductive health care, including abortion; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 181

Whereas, Reproductive health is a critical component of a woman's overall health, and a woman's freedom to make reproductive decisions is vital to her safety, well-being, economic opportunity, and ability to participate equally in society; and

Whereas, Abortion is a part of women's health care; and

Whereas, In 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States determined, in the landmark case of *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), that a woman's decision to have an abortion is protected by the U.S. Constitution; and

Whereas, In 1992, and again in 2016, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the right of women to access an abortion without undue burden; and

Whereas, More than 70 percent of Americans, including a majority of individuals from all major political parties, support access to abortion; and

Whereas, When it comes to the most important personal decisions in life, such as whether and when to become a parent, it is vital that a woman be able to make that decision for herself, based on what is best for her and her family, and it is further essential that the woman be provided with equal access to abortion and other reproductive health care, regardless of where she lives, how much money she makes, or her insurance or immigration status; and

Whereas, Judge Brett Kavanaugh, who has recently been nominated for a post on the U.S. Supreme Court, has a history of ruling to impose and uphold limits on a woman's ability to access safe and legal abortion, and his potential appointment to the Supreme Court therefore poses a serious threat to women's reproductive rights; and

Whereas, The protections affirmed by the Supreme Court in the landmark *Roe v. Wade* case, and in subsequent cases, are now at risk, and the future of access to safe and legal reproductive health care, including abortion, is on the line; and

Whereas, As a state, New Jersey has made great strides in supporting women's health care by restoring funding for family planning services, and ensuring Medicaid coverage for reproductive health care, including abortion; and

Whereas, New Jersey supports women's rights and women's health by facilitating full access to all reproductive health care, including abortion, and the State is opposed to federal measures or initiatives that will reduce women's rights or endanger women's health, in this regard, including the imposition of restrictions on insurance coverage for abortion, and the appointment of judges who are likely to impose limits on women's rights and their access to reproductive health care; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. This House respectfully opposes efforts by the federal government to restrict or limit a woman's right and ability to access the full range of reproductive services, including abortion.

2. This House respectfully opposes any nominee to the United States Supreme Court who is not committed to upholding a woman's right to reproductive health care, including equitable access to abortion.

3. This House respectfully calls upon the Congress and President of the United States to reject or revoke the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh and any other Supreme Court nominee who would move to limit the rights of women to access the full panoply of reproductive services, including abortion.

4. This House further urges the Congress and President of the United States to remove any existing restrictions on access to abortion, including restrictions on insurance coverage for women who are enrolled in public insurance programs.

5. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and every member of Congress elected from this State.

POM-305. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Council of Citronelle, Alabama memorializing their support for continued and increased exploration and production of the Gulf of Mexico, and urging the United States Congress to keep its commitment under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act to share Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) revenues with Gulf producing states and their coastal political subdivisions; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2861. A bill to prosecute, as a Federal crime, the assault or intimidation of a passenger train crew member to the same extent as such actions against aircraft crew members are prosecuted (Rept. No. 115-356).

S. 2941. A bill to improve the Cooperative Observer Program of the National Weather

Service, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-357).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1012. A bill to provide for drought preparedness measures in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-358).

S. 3001. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and facilities of the Central Valley Project (Rept. No. 115-359).

H.R. 2156. A bill to provide for the establishment of a national memorial and national monument to commemorate those killed by the collapse of the Saint Francis Dam on March 12, 1928, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-360).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 4446. A bill to amend the Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission Act to extend the expiration date of the Commission, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-361).

H.R. 6040. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and facilities of the Central Valley Project (Rept. No. 115-362).

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 5317. A bill to repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands (Rept. No. 115-363).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 884. A bill to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to require the Bureau of Land Management to provide a claimant of a small miner waiver from claim maintenance fees with a period of 60 days after written receipt of 1 or more defects is provided to the claimant by registered mail to cure the 1 or more defects or pay the claim maintenance fee, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-364).

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

H.R. 2630. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-365).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Michael Kubayanda, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2020.

*Steven Dillingham, of Virginia, to be Director of the Census for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

*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 Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 3615. A bill to prohibit forced arbitration in employment disputes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3616. A bill to prohibit the use of restraints and restrictive housing on inmates during the period of pregnancy, labor and postpartum recovery, to collect data on incarcerated pregnant women in the United States and the results of such pregnancies, to address the health needs of incarcerated women related to pregnancy and childbirth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 3617. A bill to require the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to determine the value of electromagnetic spectrum assigned or otherwise allocated to Federal entities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 3618. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to lease underused facilities of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 3619. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restructure the payment adjustment for non-emergency ESRD ambulance transports under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 3620. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to develop and implement a plan to provide chiropractic health care services for certain covered beneficiaries as part of the TRICARE program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 3621. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a permanent extension of the lower threshold for the medical expense deduction; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. KING, Mr. COTTON, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 3622. A bill to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KAINE:

S. 3623. A bill to prohibit the use of funds appropriated for the Department of Defense for aerial refueling of aircraft of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. HARRIS (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr.

BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 3624. A bill to reduce the ability of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to engage in inappropriate civil immigration enforcement actions that harm unaccompanied alien children and to ensure the safety and welfare of unaccompanied alien children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 3625. A bill to support security and law enforcement training and cooperation between the United States and Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 3626. A bill to prohibit and prevent exclusion and to prevent and reduce the use of physical restraint in schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 3627. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide additional entitlement to Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to certain veterans and members of the Armed Forces who require extra time to complete remedial and deficiency courses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. KING, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REED, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 687. A resolution congratulating the Boston Red Sox on winning the 2018 World Series; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 352

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Master Sergeant Rodrick "Roddie" Edmonds in recognition of his heroic actions during World War II.

S. 548

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) were added as cosponsors of S. 548, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 796

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 796, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion for employer-provided education assistance to employer payments of student loans.

S. 835

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 835, a bill to require the Supreme Court of the United States to promulgate a code of ethics.

S. 1089

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1089, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefits of the re-refining of used lubricating oil.

S. 1278

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1278, a bill to provide for the admission of the State of Washington, D.C. into the Union.

S. 1303

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) and the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1303, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster care placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1437

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) 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. 1503

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1503, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the 60th anniversary of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

S. 1682

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1682, a bill to facilitate a national pipeline of spectrum for commercial use, and for other purposes.

S. 1706

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1706, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.