

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 seclusion 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.

S. 1879

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1879, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1906

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1906, a bill to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to each of Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher Stevens, and Sean Smith in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.

S. 1942

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 1942, a bill to direct the Attorney General to review, revise, and develop law enforcement and justice protocols appropriate to address missing and murdered Indians, and for other purposes.

S. 1989

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) 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. 2131

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2131, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish medically necessary transportation for newborn children of certain women veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 2416

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2416, a bill to amend titles 5, 10, and 37, United States Code, to ensure that an order to serve on active duty under section 12304b of title 10, United States Code, is treated the same as other orders to serve on active duty for determining the eligibility of members of the uniformed services for certain benefits.

S. 2605

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2605, a bill to prohibit public companies from repurchasing their shares on the open market, and for other purposes.

S. 3020

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota

(Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3020, a bill to establish in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor of the Department of State a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTI Peoples, and for other purposes.

S. 3063

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. GARDNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 3063, a bill to delay the reimposition of the annual fee on health insurance providers until after 2020.

S. 3162

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3162, a bill to provide oversight of the border zone in which Federal agents may conduct vehicle checkpoints and stops and enter private land without a warrant, and to make technical corrections.

S. 3172

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3172, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Park Service Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 3181

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3181, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to include in periodic health assessments, separation history and physical examinations, and other assessments an evaluation of whether a member of the Armed Forces has been exposed to open burn pits or toxic airborne chemicals, and for other purposes.

S. 3231

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3231, a bill to establish the Task Force on the Impact of the Affordable Housing Crisis, and for other purposes.

S. 3241

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3241, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for the termination by a spouse of a lessee of certain leases when the lessee dies while in military service.

S. 3279

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3279, a bill to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections.

S. 3290

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from North Da-

kota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3290, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

S. 3428

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3428, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to require warning labels for prescription opioids, and for other purposes.

S. 3505

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) and the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) were added as cosponsors of S. 3505, a bill to provide for partnerships among State and local governments, regional entities, and the private sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance the visitor experience at nationally significant battlefields of the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War, and for other purposes.

S. 3521

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3521, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

S. 3530

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3530, a bill to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act.

S.J. RES. 54

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) and the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 54, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress.

S. CON. RES. 7

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 7, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that tax-exempt fraternal benefit societies have historically provided and continue to provide critical benefits to the people and communities of the United States.

S. RES. 633

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 4054

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4054 proposed to S. 140, a bill to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, for Americans struggling with high health care expenses, the tax deduction for certain medical expenses continues to be of significant assistance for many taxpayers. But unless it is extended, the income threshold for this vital deduction will increase at the end of this year.

That is why I rise to introduce with my colleague, Senator CANTWELL, a bill that would provide for a permanent extension of the medical expense deduction for unreimbursed health care costs that exceed 7.5 percent of a taxpayer's income.

For those who suffer from pre-existing medical conditions, have chronic medical conditions, experience unexpected illnesses or injuries, or find that long-term care services are a necessity but are not covered by insurance, health care expenses can quickly become an unbearable burden. Too many Americans are forced to choose between purchasing medical services and making other equally necessary expenditures.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) increased the income threshold for taxpayers to deduct their medical expenses from 7.5 percent to 10 percent. For individuals under 65, the increase went into effect in 2013. Those over 65 would have been exposed to this higher threshold for the first time in 2017.

When the ACA increase was phased in, individuals under 65 struggling with serious health conditions saw their financial health worsen. For example, a 2016 study estimates that parents, including many with limited means, already provide nearly \$36 billion annually in uncompensated medical care at home to children who have special health care needs, such as muscular dystrophy and cystic fibrosis. A 2016 survey of cancer survivors showed that one-third go into debt and of those more than half incurred more than \$10,000 in expenses.

Medical debt is a serious challenge facing millions of families in our coun-

try, and as we endeavor to moderate rising health costs, we should also make every effort to ensure that we lower their tax burden as well.

Some erroneously believe that this deduction only benefits the wealthy, when in fact, lower and middle-income Americans felt the impact of the increase. According to AARP, nearly 70 percent of taxpayers taking the deduction in 2014 reported income of \$75,000 or less, and nearly half reported incomes of \$50,000 or less. In my home state of Maine, according to AARP, 35,764 Maine residents claimed this deduction in 2014, while 18,788 of these individuals reported an income of \$50,000 or less.

This is why during tax reform last year, I introduced an amendment that rolled back the income threshold to 7.5 percent for all taxpayers to deduct their medical expenses for 2017 and 2018. My amendment expanded upon the efforts of Senators ROB PORTMAN and SHERROD BROWN, who had worked to prevent this increase from going into effect for individuals over 65.

The AARP and 44 other consumer groups strongly endorsed the effort, stating: "... it provides important tax relief which helps offset the costs of acute and chronic medical conditions for older Americans, children, pregnant women, disabled individuals, and other adults as well as the costs associated with long term care and assisted living."

While I am proud my amendment was included in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, it is set to expire at the end of the calendar year. I urge my colleagues to join Senator CANTWELL and me in supporting this legislation as we take one more step toward addressing the impact of health care costs.

Thank you, Mr. President.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

##### SENATE RESOLUTION 687—CONGRATULATING THE BOSTON RED SOX ON WINNING THE 2018 WORLD SERIES

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) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 687

Whereas, on October 28, 2018, the Boston Red Sox won the 2018 World Series by defeating the Los Angeles Dodgers;

Whereas the Los Angeles Dodgers demonstrated sportsmanship, skill, and perseverance;

Whereas the Los Angeles Dodgers are recognized for their outstanding effort and success throughout the 2018 baseball season, posting a record of 92-71 and winning their second National League pennant in as many years;

Whereas Boston's victory marks its fourth World Series title in 15 years and its ninth

title in the treasured and beloved Red Sox team's 118-year history.

Whereas the Red Sox won the team's ninth World Series title on the 100-year anniversary of its fifth championship in 1918;

Whereas the City of Boston convincingly cements its legacy as "Titletown, USA" after winning its eleventh major professional sports championship since the turn of the century;

Whereas the Red Sox are 16-3 in World Series games in the new millennium;

Whereas the Red Sox were excellent on the road this postseason, winning 7 of 8 games away from Fenway Park and clinching the World Series title on the road for the fourth time in franchise history;

Whereas the Red Sox players and staff showed the utmost skill, heart, and grit through the entire regular season and postseason, winning the American League Division Series, the American League Championship Series, and the World Series;

Whereas the 2018 Boston Red Sox stake a claim as one of the greatest teams in baseball history, finishing the regular season with 108 wins, and bringing the team's season total to 119 wins with an 11-3 postseason record;

Whereas the Red Sox dominated the defending World Champion Houston Astros and two of baseball's signature franchises—including their bitter rival New York Yankees—by an aggregate score of 84-51 in the postseason on their way to winning the world title;

Whereas the Red Sox became the first 100-win team in Major League Baseball history to defeat two other 100-win teams en route to winning the World Series;

Whereas the Red Sox became the first team ever to defeat both of the previous year's World Series teams in the same postseason;

Whereas Red Sox manager Alex Cora became the fifth manager in Major League Baseball history to lead his team to the World Series title in his first season as a manager, and the first Puerto Rican manager to reach and to win the World Series;

Whereas, while negotiating his contract with the Red Sox in October 2017, Alex Cora requested that the team fly a plane full of supplies to Puerto Rico to assist with recovery from Hurricane Maria, and in January 2018 the Red Sox chartered a JetBlue flight for Cora, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, Red Sox players Rick Porcello, Chris Sale, and Christian Vázquez, and other Red Sox personnel to distribute supplies to hundreds of families in Alex Cora's hometown of Caguas, Puerto Rico;

Whereas the 2018 World Series, with the Boston Red Sox managed by Alex Cora and the Los Angeles Dodgers managed by Dave Roberts, marks the first time two minority managers have led the two World Series teams;

Whereas Alex Cora and Dave Roberts both played on World Series-winning Red Sox teams, in 2007 and 2004, respectively;

Whereas Steve Pearce, who hit three home runs and drove in seven runs in the final two games of the series, and who grew up as a Red Sox fan even though he was raised in Florida, was recognized as Most Valuable Player of the 2018 World Series;

Whereas Red Sox ace Chris Sale, who won 12 games with just a 2.11 earned run average in a spectacular regular season, made five postseason appearances, including Game 5 of the World Series, when he struck out the side in the ninth inning to clinch the title;

Whereas pitcher David Price "holds all the cards now," winning his last three playoff starts, including the series-clinchers in the American League Championship Series and the World Series, both on short rest;