

CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3178, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to specify lynching as a deprivation of civil rights, and for other purposes.

S. 3231

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) 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. 3346

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3346, a bill to establish the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth, and for other purposes.

S. 3417

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3417, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to increase efficiency in the recruitment and hiring by the Department of Veterans Affairs of health care workers that are undergoing separation from the Armed Forces, to create uniform credentialing standards for certain health care professionals of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 3530

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 3530, a bill to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act.

S. 3609

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) and the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) were added as cosponsors of S. 3609, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Route 66 National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

S. 3660

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3660, a bill to improve the health of minority individuals, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 606

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor 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. 633

At the request of Mrs. McCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) 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. 711

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 711, a resolution designating November 2018 as "National Runaway Prevention Month".

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 57—AUTHORIZING THE PRINTING OF A COMMEMORATIVE DOCUMENT IN MEMORY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH

Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 57

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

SECTION 1. COMMEMORATIVE DOCUMENT AUTHORIZED.

(a) IN GENERAL.—A commemorative document in memory of the late President of the United States, George Herbert Walker Bush, shall be printed as a House document, with illustrations and suitable binding, under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing.

(b) CONTENTS.—The document shall consist of the eulogies and encomiums for George Herbert Walker Bush, as expressed in the Senate and the House of Representatives, together with the texts of each of the following:

(1) The state funeral ceremony at the United States Capitol Rotunda.

(2) The national funeral service held at the Washington National Cathedral, Washington, District of Columbia.

(3) The memorial service held at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Houston, Texas.

(4) The interment ceremony at the George Herbert Walker Bush Presidential Library Center, College Station, Texas.

SEC. 2. PRINTING OF DOCUMENT.

In addition to the usual number of copies printed, there shall be printed the lesser of—

(1) 32,500 copies of the commemorative document, of which 22,150 copies shall be for the use of the House of Representatives and 10,350 copies shall be for the use of the Senate; or

(2) such number of copies of the commemorative document that does not exceed a production and printing cost of \$1,000,000, with distribution of the copies to be allocated in the same proportion as described in paragraph (1).

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4068. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. GARDNER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2736, to develop a long-term strategic vision and a comprehensive, multifaceted, and principled United States policy for the Indo-Pacific region, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4068. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. GARDNER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2736, to develop a long-term strategic vision and a comprehensive,

multifaceted, and principled United States policy for the Indo-Pacific region, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 48, in the undesignated matter relating to section 410, strike "and environmental".

On page 54, line 13, insert "the free and reliable flow of information," after "the rule of law,".

On page 56, line 11, strike "(3)" and insert the following:

(3) the Committee on Finance of the Senate;

(4)

On page 56, line 12, strike "and".

On page 56, line 13, strike "(4)" and insert "(5)".

On page 56, line 14, strike the period at the end and insert "; and".

On page 56, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

(6) the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives.

On page 57, line 1, insert "and resiliency" after "defense capacity".

On page 57, beginning on line 19, strike "and" and all that follows through "(5)" on line 20, and insert the following:

(5) to help partner countries strengthen their democratic systems, with a focus on good governance;

(6) to ensure that the regulatory environments for trade, infrastructure, and investment in partner countries are transparent, open, and free of corruption;

(7) to encourage responsible natural resource management in partner countries, which is closely associated with economic growth; and

(8)

On page 63, line 4, insert "and religion" before "within China".

On page 67, line 7, insert "activities under the United States-ASEAN Trade and Investment Framework Arrangement and" before "the United States-ASEAN Connect".

On page 68, line 24, strike ", the Secretary of State" and insert "for the following 5 years, the Secretary of State, in consultation with other Federal agencies,".

On page 74, beginning on line 6, strike "undersea warfare and air defense" and insert "mobile, survivable, and cost-effective".

On page 75, line 14, insert "Executive Order 13551 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note; relating to blocking property of certain persons with respect to North Korea)," after "in accordance with".

On page 75, line 16, strike "with respect to North Korea".

On page 76, line 14, insert ", in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury," after "State".

On page 76, line 20, insert "The reporting requirement under this paragraph shall terminate on the date that is 5 years after the date of the enactment of this Act." after "person."

On page 77, beginning on line 14, strike ", the Secretary of State, or a designee of the Secretary," and insert "for the following 5 years, the Secretary of State, or a designee of the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury,".

On page 86, strike lines 17 through 19 and insert the following:

(3) to strengthen resilience against cyberattacks, misinformation, and propaganda; and

(4) to strengthen the resilience of critical infrastructure.

Beginning on page 86, line 21, strike "such sums" and all that follows through page 87, line 3, and insert the following: "\$100,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2019 through 2023 to enhance cooperation between the United States and Indo-Pacific nations for the purposes of combatting cybersecurity threats.".

On page 92, line 2, strike “is authorized” and insert “should seek to develop”.

On page 92, line 9, strike “for” and insert “, including leveling the playing field for American companies competing in”.

On page 92, line 15, strike “is encouraged to make” and insert “should takes steps to strengthen the”.

On page 92, line 17, insert “as” after “laws”.

On page 92, line 22, insert “for the following 5 years” after “after”.

On page 93, line 7, insert “to the United States Trade Representative” after “appropriated”.

On page 93, strike lines 13 through 22 and insert the following:

(1) STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for the following 5 years, the President shall establish a comprehensive, integrated, multiyear strategy to encourage the efforts of Indo-Pacific countries to implement national power strategies and cooperation with United States energy companies and the Department of Energy national laboratories to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions to provide access to sufficient, reliable, and affordable power in order to reduce poverty, drive economic growth and job creation, and to increase energy security in the Indo-Pacific region.

On page 93, lines 24 and 25, strike “such amounts as may be necessary” and inserting “\$1,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2019 through 2023”.

On page 94, strike lines 1 through 20 and insert the following:

(b) RELIABLE ENERGY PARTNERSHIPS.—It is the sense of Congress that the United States should explore opportunities to partner with the private sector and multilateral institutions, such as the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, to promote universal access to reliable electricity in the Indo-Pacific region, including Myanmar (historically known as “Burma”).

On page 94, line 22, strike “The Secretary of State” and insert the following:

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State

On page 95, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter through 2023, the Secretary of State, in cooperation with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall submit a report to Congress that includes—

(1) a list and evaluation of Lower Mekong Initiative activities since its inception in 2009;

(2) a strategy for any increased regional engagement and measures of success for the activities described in paragraph (1); and

(3) an accounting of funds used to execute Lower Mekong Initiative activities.

On page 98, lines 6 and 7, strike “as ‘Not Free’, according to the Department of State,” and insert “as ‘Partly Free’,”.

On page 98, line 16, insert “invasive and omnipresent surveillance,” after “detentions”.

On page 101, line 9, insert “, after consultation with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development,” after “Secretary of State”.

On page 102, line 5, insert “targeted financial penalties and visa ban” after “impose”.

On page 102, lines 6 and 7, strike “including targeted financial penalties and visa bans,”.

Beginning on page 103, strike line 18 and all that follows through page 104, line 11, and insert the following:

SEC. 410. INDO-PACIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS.

(a) DEFINED TERM.—In this section, the term “human rights defenders” means indi-

viduals, working alone or in groups, who nonviolently advocate for the promotion and protection of universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms if the advocacy of such issues may result in the risk of safety or life.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that human rights defenders in the Indo-Pacific region have been facing increased difficulties with the rise of unprecedented crackdowns and conflicts.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2019 through 2023 to provide critical assistance to human rights defenders through the Department of State’s Human Rights Defenders Fund.

(d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter through 2023, the Secretary of State, in cooperation with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall submit a report to Congress that includes—

(1) a list and evaluation of the Human Rights Defenders Fund activities since its inception;

(2) a strategy for any increased regional engagement and measures of success for the activities described in paragraph (1); and

(3) an accounting of funds used to execute the Human Rights Defender Fund activities.

On page 104, lines 14 and 15, strike “such amounts as may be necessary, for fiscal years 2019 through 2025,” and insert “\$25,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2019 through 2023”.

At the end of the bill, insert the following:

SEC. 412. SAVINGS PROVISION.

Nothing in this Act may be construed as authorizing the use of military force.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Ms. COLLINS. 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 ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 04, 2018, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Lieutenant General Kenneth F. McKenzie, Jr., to be General and Commander, Central Command, and Lieutenant General Richard D. Clarke, to be General and Commander, Special Operations Command, both of the Department of Defense.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 04, 2018, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Michael S. Klecheski, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mongolia, Matthew John Matthews, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, and W. Patrick Murphy, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, all of the De-

partment of State; to be immediately followed by a Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy hearing to examine the China challenge, focusing on democracy, human rights, and the rule of law.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 04, 2018, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Carol Z. Perez, of Virginia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr., of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of Australia, Christopher Paul Henzel, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, Sarah-Ann Lynch, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, and Lynne M. Tracy, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, all of the Department of State, and John Barsa, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 04, 2018, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIA, THE PACIFIC, AND INTERNATIONAL CYBERSECURITY POLICY

The Subcommittee on East Asia, The Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy of the Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 04, 2018, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “The China Challenge, Part 3: Democracy, Human Rights, and the Rule of Law.”

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Rowan Kurtz and Grant Cummings, interns in Senator MURKOWSKI’s office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the week.

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

ALASKA REMOTE GENERATOR RELIABILITY AND PROTECTION ACT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 576, S. 1934.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1934) to prevent catastrophic failure or shutdown of remote diesel power engines due to emission control devices, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment to strike all after