

POM-171. A resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Jackson County, Mississippi, supporting continued and increased exploration and production of the Gulf of Mexico, and urging the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to finalize a 2019–2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Program that maintains and expands access to Gulf of Mexico energy resources; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON FEBRUARY 12, 2018

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 92. A resolution expressing concern over the disappearance of David Sneddon, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

H.R. 535. A bill to encourage visits between the United States and Taiwan at all levels, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 1625. A bill to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to include severe forms of trafficking in persons within the definition of transnational organized crime for purposes of the rewards program of the Department of State, and for other purposes.

S. 2060. A bill to promote democracy and human rights in Burma, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments:

S. 2286. A bill to amend the Peace Corps Act to provide greater protection and services for Peace Corps volunteers, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE for Mr. MCCAIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

\*Lisa Gordon-Hagerty, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy.

\*Kevin Fahey, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

\*Paul C. Ney, Jr., of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense.

\*Thomas E. Ayres, of Pennsylvania, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force.

\*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. MERKLEY (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. UDALL, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms.

DUCKWORTH, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2417. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to address certain issues relating to the extension of consumer credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 2418. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations that establish a national standard for determining whether mobile and broadband services available in rural areas are reasonably comparable to those services provided in urban areas; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 2419. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to improve the technical and business assistance services under the SBIR and STTR programs; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 2420. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a child tax credit for pregnant moms; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. COONS, Mr. CARPER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MORAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WICKER, Ms. SMITH, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 2421. A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to provide an exemption from certain notice requirements and penalties for releases of hazardous substances from animal waste at farms; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2422. A bill to require a study on the health impacts of air traffic noise and pollution; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BENNET, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2423. A bill to reinstate Federal Pell Grant eligibility for individuals incarcerated in Federal and State penal institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 2424. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federal land to facilitate scientific research supporting Federal space and defense programs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. JONES):

S. Res. 404. A resolution recognizing the coordinated struggle of workers on the 50th anniversary of the 1968 Memphis sanitation

workers strike to voice their grievances and reach a collective agreement for rights in the workplace; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. Res. 405. A resolution designating the third week of March 2018 as "National CACFP Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 503

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 503, a bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make publicly available certain regulatory records relating to the administration of the Animal Welfare Act and the Horse Protection Act, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the use of an alternative depreciation system for taxpayers violating rules under the Animal Welfare Act and the Horse Protection Act, and for other purposes.

S. 523

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 523, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a stewardship fee on the production and importation of opioid pain relievers, and for other purposes.

S. 538

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 538, a bill to clarify research and development for wood products, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) 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. 851

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 851, a bill to end offshore corporate tax avoidance, and for other purposes.

S. 943

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 943, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an accurate comprehensive student count for the purposes of calculating formula allocations for programs under the Johnson-O'Malley Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1050

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the

Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1050, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Chinese-American Veterans of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

S. 1537

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1537, a bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act.

S. 1692

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1692, a bill to authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1895, a bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 1980

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1980, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide credits for the production of renewable chemicals and investments in renewable chemical production facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1989

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) 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. 2101

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2101, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the crew of the USS Indianapolis, in recognition of their perseverance, bravery, and service to the United States.

S. 2278

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2278, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to improve health care in rural areas.

S. 2341

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2341, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the

processing of veterans benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs, to limit the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recover overpayments made by the Department and other amounts owed by veterans to the United States, to improve the due process accorded veterans with respect to such recovery, and for other purposes.

S. 2343

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2343, a bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a task force for meeting the connectivity and technology needs of precision agriculture in the United States.

S. 2353

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2353, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to report on the estimated total assets under direct or indirect control by certain senior Iranian leaders and other figures, and for other purposes.

S. 2354

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2354, a bill to provide for the administration of certain national monuments, to establish a National Monument Enhancement Fund, and to establish certain wilderness areas in the States of New Mexico and Nevada.

S. 2381

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2381, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects, and for other purposes.

S. 2398

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2398, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide that activities relating to the training and readiness of the reserve components of the Armed Forces during a lapse in appropriations shall constitute voluntary services that may be accepted by the United States.

S. 2406

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2406, a bill to advance cutting-edge research initiatives of the National Institutes of Health.

S. 2413

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2413, a bill to provide for the appropriate use of bridge contracts in Federal procurement, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 401

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 401, a resolution designating May 5, 2018 as the "National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls".

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 2420. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a child tax credit for pregnant moms; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2420

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Child Tax Credit for Pregnant Moms Act of 2018".

#### SEC. 2. CHILD TAX CREDIT ALLOWED WITH RESPECT TO UNBORN CHILDREN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 24 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) CREDIT ALLOWED WITH RESPECT TO UNBORN CHILDREN.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualifying child’ includes an unborn child for any taxable year if such child is born and issued a social security number before the due date for the return of tax (without regard to extensions) for the taxable year. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the term ‘social security number’ means a social security number issued to an individual by the Social Security Administration, but only if the social security number is issued to a citizen of the United States or is issued pursuant to subclause (I) (or that portion of subclause (II) that relates to subclause (I)) of section 205(c)(2)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act.

“(B) DOUBLE CREDIT IN CASE OF CHILDREN UNABLE TO CLAIM CREDIT.—In the case of any child who is not taken into account under subparagraph (A) for the taxable year immediately preceding the taxable year in which the child is born, the amount of the credit determined under this section with respect to such child for the taxable year of the child’s birth shall be increased by 100 percent.

“(C) UNBORN CHILD.—For purposes of this paragraph—

“(i) UNBORN CHILD.—The term ‘unborn child’ means a child in utero.

“(ii) CHILD IN UTERO.—The term ‘child in utero’ means a member of the species homo sapiens, at any stage of development, who is carried in the womb.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.