

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 663. A bill to clarify the status and enhance the effectiveness of immigration courts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 664. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to clarify the requirements for meeting the definition of the term "employee", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. PETERS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. UDALL, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 665. A bill to reduce the number of preventable deaths and injuries caused by underride crashes, to improve motor carrier and passenger motor vehicle safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 666. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to award grants to organizations for the provision of transition assistance to members and former members of the Armed Forces who are separated, retired, or discharged from the Armed Forces, and spouses of such members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 667. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mr. MANCHIN, and Ms. MCSALLY):

S. Res. 93. A resolution expressing support for the designation of March 2, 2019, as "Gold Star Families Remembrance Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. TESTER, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. JONES, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COONS, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. KING, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BENNET, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 94. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Department of Justice should protect individuals with pre-existing medical conditions by defending the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148; 124 Stat. 119) in *Texas v. United States*, No. 4:18-cv-00167-O (N.D. Tex.), in which the plaintiffs seek to invalidate

protections for individuals with pre-existing medical conditions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CASEY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 95. A resolution recognizing the 198th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 148

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 148, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 172

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN), the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) were added as cosponsors of S. 172, a bill to delay the reimposition of the annual fee on health insurance providers until after 2021.

S. 208

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors of S. 208, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 225

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 225, 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. 279

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 279, a bill to allow tribal grant schools to participate in the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program.

S. 289

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

kota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 289, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to support rural residency training funding that is equitable for all States, and for other purposes.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to work with cybersecurity consortia for training, and for other purposes.

S. 349

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 349, a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to request nominations for, and make determinations regarding, roads to be designated under the national scenic byways program, and for other purposes.

S. 362

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) were added as cosponsors of S. 362, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 378

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 378, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish an excise tax on certain prescription drugs which have been subject to a price spike, and for other purposes.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to encourage the research and use of innovative materials and associated techniques in the construction and preservation of the domestic transportation and water infrastructure system, and for other purposes.

S. 407

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 407, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the qualifying advanced coal project credit, and for other purposes.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 479, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 514

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 514, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 521

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 521, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 529

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 529, a bill to establish a national program to identify and reduce losses from landslide hazards, to establish a national 3D Elevation Program, and for other purposes.

S. 560

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 560, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for treatment of a congenital anomaly or birth defect.

S. 567

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 567, a bill clarifying that it is United States policy to recognize Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to aliens associated with criminal gangs, and for other purposes.

S. 600

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 600, a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to establish a working group to study regulatory and legislative improvements for the livestock, insect, and agricultural commodities transport industries, and for other purposes.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) were added as cosponsors of S. 604, a bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain

income of employees for employment duties performed in other States.

S. 628

At the request of Mr. KING, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 628, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 638, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, Liability Act of 1980, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 9

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 9, a joint resolution calling on the United States and Congress to take immediate action to address the challenge of climate change.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 93—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MARCH 2, 2019, AS “GOLD STAR FAMILIES REMEMBRANCE DAY”

Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mr. MANCHIN, and Ms. MCSALLY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 93

Whereas March 2, 2019, marks the 90th anniversary of President Calvin Coolidge signing an Act of Congress that approved and funded the first Gold Star pilgrimage to enable Gold Star mothers and widows to travel to the gravesites of their loved ones who died during World War I;

Whereas the members and veterans of the Armed Forces bear the burden of protecting the freedom of the people of the United States; and

Whereas the sacrifices of the families of the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces should never be forgotten: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of March 2, 2019, as “Gold Star Families Remembrance Day”;

(2) honors and recognizes the sacrifices made by the families of veterans and members of the Armed Forces who gave their lives to defend freedom and protect the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe Gold Star Families Remembrance Day—

(A) by performing acts of service and good will in their communities; and

(B) by celebrating the lives of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that others could continue to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

SENATE RESOLUTION 94—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SHOULD PROTECT INDIVIDUALS WITH PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS BY DEFENDING THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (PUBLIC LAW 111-148; 124 STAT. 119) IN TEXAS V. UNITED STATES, NO. 4:18-CV-00167-O (N.D. TEX.), IN WHICH THE PLAINTIFFS SEEK TO INVALIDATE PROTECTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. TESTER, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. JONES, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COONS, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. KING, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BENNET, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. UDALL, and Mr. WARNER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 94

Whereas, in 2010, Congress passed and President Barack Obama signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148; 124 Stat. 119) (in this preamble referred to as the “ACA”);

Whereas, prior to the enactment of the ACA, individuals with pre-existing medical conditions were routinely denied health insurance coverage, charged exorbitant rates for health insurance coverage, exposed to unreasonable out-of-pocket costs for health care, or subject to lifetime limits on health insurance coverage;

Whereas the ACA instituted comprehensive protections for individuals with pre-existing medical conditions, including—

(1) the protection commonly known as “guaranteed issue”, which requires health insurance companies to issue a health plan to any applicant regardless of health status or other factors, under section 2702 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg-1);

(2) the protection commonly known as “community rating”, which prohibits health insurance companies from varying premiums within a geographical area based on gender or health status and limits the ability of health insurance companies to vary premiums based on age, under section 2701 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg); and

(3) the prohibition on discrimination based on health status, which prohibits excluding from a health plan benefits for pre-existing medical conditions or establishing eligibility rules based on pre-existing medical conditions, under sections 2704 and 2705(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg-3, 300gg-4(a));