

POM-9. A resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Wyoming County, New York memorializing opposition to any legislation which infringes upon the right of legitimate firearm owners to keep and bear arms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. COTTON (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. JONES, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. DAINES, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. 639. 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; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 640. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require pharmacy-negotiated price concessions to be included in negotiated prices at the point-of-sale under part D of the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GARDNER:

S. 641. A bill to update the map of, and modify the maximum acreage available for inclusion in, the Yucca House National Monument; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 642. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Master Sergeant Rodrick "Roddie" Edmonds in recognition of his heroic actions during World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 643. A bill to require all new legal permanent residents to pay an additional fee, which shall be used for improving immigrations and enhancing the security of the United States border; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 644. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to release certain reversionary interests of the United States in and to a parcel of land located in Henderson, Tennessee; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S.J. Res. 12. A joint resolution to withdraw all United States Armed Forces from Afghanistan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 92. A resolution designating the first week of April 2019 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. Con. Res. 8. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 9

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 9, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 78

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 78, a bill to ensure a complete analysis of the potential impacts of rules on small entities.

S. 83

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 83, a bill to amend section 203 of Public Law 94-305 to ensure proper authority for the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 164

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 164, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to remove the prohibition on eligibility for TRICARE Reserve Select of members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who are eligible to enroll in a health benefits plan under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code.

S. 203

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 203, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the railroad track maintenance credit, and for other purposes.

S. 211

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime, and for other purposes.

S. 266

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 266, a bill to provide for the long-term improvement of public school facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 340

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Indiana

(Mr. BRAUN) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 340, a bill to promote competition in the market for drugs and biological products by facilitating the timely entry of lower-cost generic and biosimilar versions of those drugs and biological products.

S. 349

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) 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. 456

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residents, and for other purposes.

S. 500

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) was added as a cosponsor of S. 500, 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. 518

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 518, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment.

S. 523

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 523, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a national strategic action plan and program to assist health professionals and systems in preparing for and responding to the public health effects of climate change, and for other purposes.

S. 567

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) 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. 622

At the request of Mr. JONES, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) were added as cosponsors of S. 622, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor

Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 624

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide for same day registration.

S. 627

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 627, a bill to promote the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and for other purposes.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to restore statutory rights to the people of the United States from forced arbitration.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 635, *supra*.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) 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. CON. RES. 5

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 5, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 92—DESIGNATING THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL 2019 AS “NATIONAL ASBESTOS AWARENESS WEEK”

Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 92

Whereas dangerous asbestos fibers are invisible and cannot be smelled or tasted;

Whereas the inhalation of airborne asbestos fibers can cause significant damage;

Whereas asbestos fibers can cause cancer (such as mesothelioma), asbestosis, and other health problems;

Whereas symptoms of asbestos-related diseases can take between 10 and 50 years to present themselves;

Whereas the projected life expectancy for an individual diagnosed with mesothelioma is between 6 and 24 months;

Whereas little is known about late-stage treatment of asbestos-related diseases, and there is no cure for those diseases;

Whereas early detection of asbestos-related diseases might give some patients increased treatment options and might improve the prognoses of those patients;

Whereas, although the consumption of asbestos within the United States has been substantially reduced, the United States continues to consume tons of the fibrous mineral each year for use in certain products throughout the United States;

Whereas thousands of people in the United States have died from asbestos-related diseases and thousands more die every year from those diseases;

Whereas, although individuals continue to be exposed to asbestos, safety measures relating to, and prevention of, asbestos exposure have significantly reduced the incidence of asbestos-related diseases and can further reduce the incidence of those diseases;

Whereas thousands of workers in the United States face significant asbestos exposure, which has been a cause of occupational cancer;

Whereas a significant percentage of all victims of asbestos-related diseases were exposed to asbestos on naval ships and in shipyards;

Whereas asbestos was used in the construction of a significant number of office buildings and public facilities built before 1975;

Whereas people in the small community of Libby, Montana, suffer from asbestos-related diseases, including mesothelioma, at a significantly higher rate than people in the United States as a whole; and

Whereas the designation of a “National Asbestos Awareness Week” will raise public

awareness about the prevalence of asbestos-related diseases and the dangers of asbestos exposure: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the first week of April 2019 as “National Asbestos Awareness Week”;

(2) urges the Surgeon General of the United States to warn and educate people about the public health issue of asbestos exposure, which may be hazardous to their health; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Surgeon General.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8—AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER FOR AN EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF KING KAMEHAMEHA I

Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. HIRONO) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. CON. RES. 8

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

SECTION 1. USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL FOR EVENT TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY OF KING KAMEHAMEHA I.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center is authorized to be used on June 11, 2019, for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I.

(b) PREPARATIONS.—Physical preparations for the conduct of the event described in subsection (a) shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as may be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I have a request for one committee to meet during today's session of the Senate. It has the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committee is authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, March 4, 2019, at 5 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Status of the Global Magnitsky Investigation related to the Khashoggi Murder.”

FOREIGN TRAVEL FINANCIAL REPORTS

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, the Secretary of the Senate herewith submits the following reports for standing committees of the Senate, certain joint committees of the Congress, delegations and groups, and select and special committees of the Senate, relating to expenses incurred in the performance of authorized foreign travel: