

on D.C. Act 22-641, “New Communities Bond Authorization Temporary Amendment Act of 2018”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-517. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-642, “Community Harassment Prevention Temporary Amendment Act of 2019”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-518. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-643, “Power Line Underground Program Certified Business Enterprise Utilization Temporary Act of 2019”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-519. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pacific Island Pelagic Fisheries; False Killer Whale Take Reduction Plan; Closure of Southern Exclusion Zone” (RIN0648-XG781) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-520. A communication from the Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Passenger Equipment Safety Standards; Standards for Alternative Compliance and High-Speed Trainsets” ((RIN2130-AC46) (49 CFR Parts 229, 231, 236, and 238)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 1, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-10. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to support Federal Employees in Maine affected by the federal government shutdown; to the Committee on Appropriations.

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Whereas, the longest partial shutdown in the history of the United States government began on December 22, 2018; and

Whereas, the federal government shutdown is affecting approximately 800,000 federal employees; and

Whereas, in Maine the workers currently affected are employees of the Department of Homeland Security, which includes airport screening personnel and members of the United States Coast Guard, and employees of Acadia National Park; and

Whereas, those federal workers who have not been furloughed are obliged to work without pay; and

Whereas, the federal government shutdown is also having an affect on other industries in Maine, such as tourism, and small businesses that depend upon federal regulation and loan processing; and

Whereas, as the federal government shutdown continues, there is potential for many social and housing services in the State to be negatively affected; and

Whereas, it is important for the economic health of the State that the federal government shutdown cease as quickly as possible; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this

opportunity to respectfully request that the United States Congress take immediate steps to reach a compromise and end the partial shutdown of the Federal Government and restore financial security to the lives of citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

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 and Mr. JONES):

S. 645. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of homeschooled students in Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps units; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 646. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require a full military honors ceremony for certain deceased veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 647. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a tax on certain trading transactions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SMITH, Mr. UDALL, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 648. A bill to ensure the humane treatment of pregnant women by reinstating the presumption of release and prohibiting shackling, restraining, and other inhumane treatment of pregnant detainees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 649. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before making an expenditure from the Nuclear Waste Fund for a nuclear waste repository, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. UDALL:

S. 650. A bill to assist entrepreneurs, support development of the creative economy, and encourage international cultural exchange, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 651. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the age requirement with respect to eligibility for qualified ABLE programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 652. A bill to require the United States Postal Service to continue selling the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp until all remaining stamps are sold, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 653. A bill for the relief of Malachy McAllister, Nicola McAllister, and Sean Ryan McAllister; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Ms. ERNST):

S. 654. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to carry out a pilot program to develop and provide to States and transportation planning organizations accessibility data sets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 655. A bill to impose additional restrictions on tobacco flavors for use in e-cigarettes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 656. 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 Mr. BRAUN:

S. 657. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to establish requirements with respect to prescription drug benefits; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BRAUN:

S. 658. A bill to provide for an accelerated approval pathway for certain drugs that are authorized to be lawfully marketed in other countries; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BRAUN, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 659. A bill to provide for certain additional requirements with respect to patent disclosures; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BRAUN:

S. 660. A bill to address abuse of the Food and Drug Administration's citizen petition process by brand drug manufacturers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 661. A bill to provide for enhanced protections for vulnerable alien children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. UDALL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. COONS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 662. A bill to provide access to counsel for unaccompanied alien children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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.