

S. 943. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide capacity-building assistance to institutions of higher education to examine and address inequities in college student access and success, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PETERS, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 944. A bill to enhance the security operations of the Transportation Security Administration and the stability of the transportation security workforce by applying a unified personnel system under title 5, United States Code, to employees of the Transportation Security Administration who are responsible for screening passengers and property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 945. A bill to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to require certain issuers to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission information regarding foreign jurisdictions that prevent the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board from performing inspections under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 946. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to complete a study on barriers to participation in federally funded cancer clinical trials by populations that have been traditionally underrepresented in such trials; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 947. A bill to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to improve compensation for workers involved in uranium mining, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 948. A bill to provide incentives to physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 949. A bill to expand Americans' access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, and strengthen ethics rules for public servants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. PETERS, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BURR, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 950. A bill to require the Director of the United States Geological Survey to perform

a nationwide survey of perfluorinated compounds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 951. A bill to promote registered apprenticeships, including registered apprenticeships within in-demand industry sectors, through the support of workforce intermediaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 952. A bill to provide that the Federal Communications Commission may not prevent a State or Federal correctional facility from utilizing jamming equipment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DAINES:

S. 953. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 West Kent Avenue in Missoula, Montana, as the "Jeannette Rankin Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 954. A bill to provide grants to State, local, territorial, and Tribal law enforcement agencies to purchase chemical screening devices and train personnel to use chemical screening devices in order to enhance law enforcement efficiency and protect law enforcement officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 955. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to reduce waiting times for voters in Federal elections; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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S. 956. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require the disclosure of all donations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 957. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to establish minimum requirements for early voting; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 958. A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to save eligible voters from voter purging, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 959. A bill to establish in the Smithsonian Institution a comprehensive women's history museum, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 960. A bill to establish a commission to develop proposals regarding voting representation for citizens of the United States who reside in a territory, commonwealth, or Federal District of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S.J. Res. 16. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. Res. 128. A resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the National Parks Conservation Association; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr.

BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. SMITH, Ms. WARREN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. Res. 129. A resolution honoring the accomplishments and legacy of Cesar Estrada Chavez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr.

CAPITO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. WARREN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 130. A resolution recognizing the significance of endometriosis as an unmet chronic disease for women and designating March 2019 as "Endometriosis Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Res. 131. A resolution designating April 2019 as "National 9-1-1 Education Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. PETERS):

S. Res. 132. A resolution honoring the life of Ted Lindsay; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr.

COONS, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. Con. Res. 10. A concurrent resolution recognizing that Chinese telecommunications companies such as Huawei and ZTE pose serious threats to the national security of the United States and its allies; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 64

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 64, a bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, and to prohibit biological product manufacturers from compensating biosimilar and interchangeable companies to delay the entry of biosimilar biological products and interchangeable biological products.

S. 151

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 151, a bill to deter criminal robocall violations and improve enforcement of section 227(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, and for other purposes.

S. 164

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor 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. 296

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 296, a bill to amend XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 317

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 317, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing coordinated care for children with complex medical conditions through a health home.

S. 386

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 386, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, and for other purposes.

S. 433

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 433, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve home health payment reforms under the Medicare program.

S. 474

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 474, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to require drug manufacturers to publicly justify unnecessary price increases.

S. 475

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 475, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prevent catastrophic out-of-pocket spending on prescription drugs for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

S. 476

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 476, a bill to amend title XI and XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide greater transparency of discounts provided by drug manufacturers.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 504

At the request of Ms. SINEMA, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 504, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to authorize The American Legion to determine the requirements for membership in The American Legion, and for other purposes.

S. 506

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 506, a bill to support State, Tribal, and local efforts to remove access to firearms from individuals who are a danger to themselves or others pursuant to court orders for this purpose.

S. 518

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor 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. 521

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) 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. 530

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 530, a bill to establish the Federal Labor-Management Partnership Council.

S. 567

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) 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. 610

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 610, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 622

At the request of Mr. JONES, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. MCSALLY), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. GARDNER) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) 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. 630

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of

S. 630, a bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 with respect to arbitration.

S. 695

At the request of Mr. SASSE, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 695, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to allow parents of eligible military dependent children to establish Military Education Savings Accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 703

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 703, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to address health, safety, and environmental hazards at private military housing units, to prohibit the payment by members of the Armed Forces of deposits or other fees relating to such housing units, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 703, *supra*.

S. 716

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 716, a bill to impose sanctions under the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act to combat corruption, money laundering, and impunity in Guatemala, and for other purposes.

S. 778

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 778, a bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to conduct coastal community vulnerability assessments related to ocean acidification, and for other purposes.

S. 802

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 802, a bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) were added as cosponsors of S. 803, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore incentives for investments in qualified improvement property.

S. 817

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 817, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove silencers from the definition of firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 834

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 834, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance the national strategy for combating and eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 846

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 846, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to limit certain rolling stock procurements, and for other purposes.

S. 867

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 867, a bill to protect students of institutions of higher education and the taxpayer investment in institutions of higher education by improving oversight and accountability of institutions of higher education, particularly for-profit colleges, improving protections for students and borrowers, and ensuring the integrity of postsecondary education programs, and for other purposes.

S. 879

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 879, a bill to provide a process for granting lawful permanent resident status to aliens from certain countries who meet specified eligibility requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 894

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 894, a bill to authorize dedicated domestic terrorism offices within the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to analyze and monitor domestic terrorist activity and require the Federal Government to take steps to prevent domestic terrorism.

S. 919

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 919, a bill to reduce regulatory burdens and streamline processes related to commercial space activities, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 5

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 5, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

S. RES. 30

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 30, a resolution condemning

efforts to undermine democracy in Hungary and urging President Trump to defend the universal human rights and democratic norms under attack by the Orban government.

S. RES. 119

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 119, a resolution supporting the goals of World Tuberculosis Day to raise awareness about tuberculosis.

S. RES. 120

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 120, a resolution opposing efforts to delegitimize the State of Israel and the Global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement targeting Israel.

S. RES. 123

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 123, a resolution supporting the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and recognizing its 70 years of accomplishments.

AMENDMENT NO. 204

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 204 intended to be proposed to H.R. 268, a bill making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 212

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 212 intended to be proposed to H.R. 268, a bill making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 928. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize and improve the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I am pleased that my colleague, Finance Committee Ranking Member WYDEN, will be joining me in introducing the Taxpayer First Act of 2019 later today. This legislation seeks to modernize the Internal Revenue Service, improve taxpayers' services, and strengthen taxpayer protections.

The package of IRS reforms we will introduce today is the culmination of years of work by both the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee. It is truly a bi-

partisan package that adopts provisions authored by committee members on both sides of the aisle of the House and the Senate.

Former Chairman Hatch of Utah deserves a lot of credit for working to reach a bipartisan, bicameral agreement at the end of the last Congress, which is reflected in the legislation we will be introducing this afternoon.

I know Senator Hatch put a lot of work into trying to get this legislation across the finish line last year. Unfortunately, it wasn't meant to be, due to both political realities and, maybe, time constraints—even more so.

However, his work helped us get to where we are today. In other words, we are advancing a great deal of what Senator Hatch worked on, and our hope is that it will allow us to move quickly this year and finally get these commonsense reforms of the Internal Revenue Service enacted into law.

Some of the IRS reforms in this legislation include establishing a truly independent Office of Appeals within the Internal Revenue Service. This will help ensure the playing field is not tilted against taxpayers when those taxpayers are in dispute with the Internal Revenue Service.

To help bring the Internal Revenue Service into the 21st century, the legislation also would require the IRS to submit to Congress a plan to redesign the structure of the Agency to improve efficiency, enhance cyber security, and better meet taxpayer needs.

It also includes a number of provisions to protect the taxpayers better from tax ID theft and improve taxpayer interaction with the IRS, should they become a victim of that crime. This includes creating a single point of contact in the IRS to help the taxpayers navigate the bureaucracy and resolve their issues as quickly as possible.

To provide taxpayers with better protection against becoming such a victim in the first place, the legislation will expand to all taxpayers an IRS program that currently allows victims—and only victims—of tax ID theft to obtain a personalized PIN that better secures the identity of any taxpayer who asks for it.

The legislation also puts in place new safeguards to protect taxpayers against recent IRS enforcement abuses of so-called structuring laws. On several occasions, the IRS used these laws to seize bank accounts of small business owners when no underlying criminal activity was present. This includes seizing \$33,000 from a small business owner who operated a small restaurant in Arnolds Park, IA, for nearly 40 years. The IRS—on a whim, taking \$33,000 from that small business—caused the business to close, and the owner did nothing wrong in the end. Provisions in our bill will help ensure these types of abuses never occur again.

I would also like to note the improvements to the IRS whistleblower program that are contained in the bill.