

125,000 of which sold their goods and services in Canada and Mexico in 2014; and

Whereas, Trade among our North American trading partners is made up predominantly of intellectual property (IP)-intensive goods and services that employ millions of Americans in high paying jobs and generate billions of dollars in economic output. However, many of the IP-intensive goods, services, and exchanges through which trade is facilitated did not exist when the agreement was drafted. This situation has resulted in uneven and weak IP enforcement. Stronger enforcement of IP rights will encourage more foreign direct investment and increase gross domestic product; and

Whereas, The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) creates a 21st Century trade agreement for North America. The renegotiated USMCA has provisions favorable to U.S. autoworkers that would help level the playing field between U.S. and Mexican autoworkers. The updated agreement is also more beneficial to the agricultural sector than NAFTA and will offer a higher degree of certainty and stability to Michigan farmers. The new IP provisions are the most comprehensive of any multilateral U.S. trade agreement and are vastly superior to those included in NAFTA; and

Whereas, The USMCA is a win for all three countries. Ratification will modernize North American trade, reduce uncertainty by setting the rules for every player, encourage investment and innovation, and support millions of well-paying manufacturing jobs. The USMCA will also encourage automotive research and development investments in the United States and ensure that the U.S. automotive industry, which is fundamental to the Michigan economy, remains a leader in the global economy; and

Whereas, A seamless transition between NAFTA and the USMCA will ensure that none of the benefits in trade accomplished by the integration of the three North American economies will be lost; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Congress of the United States to speedily approve the recently negotiated United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-152. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to increase funding for Sickle cell disease research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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Whereas, Sickle cell disease (SCD) is a disabling inherited blood disorder that causes the production of abnormally shaped (sickled) red blood cells that can stick together and block the flow of blood and oxygen. SCD leads to severe medical problems, including unpredictable episodes of excruciating pain, organ damage, anemia, increased susceptibility to infection, stroke, and decreased life span; and

Whereas, SCD poses a serious threat to public health. SCD affects approximately 100,000 individuals in the United States, including 1,000 babies born each year. The disease disproportionately impacts people of African, Middle Eastern, and South American descent. In 2016, there were approximately 134,000 hospital inpatient stays and nearly 250,000 emergency department visits related to SCD, both leading to increased medical costs, and

Whereas, There is no universal cure for SCD. Stem cell transplantation is currently

the only cure, and it is not necessarily appropriate for all SCD patients. There have been advancements in treating the complications of SCD, but more research is needed to study emerging treatments, including therapies to address the underlying cause of the disease; and

Whereas, SCD research is underfunded compared to other rare inherited diseases, such as cystic fibrosis. Additional funding for SCD research is imperative to identify new treatments and cures to help patients with SCD and address the public health risks posed by the disease; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the United States Congress to increase funding for sickle cell disease research; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-153. A resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rhinebeck, New York urging the United States Congress to pass the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-154. A resolution adopted by the Select Board of the Town of North Hampton, New Hampshire urging the United States Congress to pass the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-155. A resolution adopted by the Council of the Town of Red Hook, New York urging the United States Congress to pass the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-156. A resolution adopted by the Commission of the Caddo Parish, Louisiana urging the United States Congress to protect funding for local public health services and prevention programs made possible by the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 887. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 877 East 1200 South in Orem, Utah, as the "Jerry C. Washburn Post Office Building".

H.R. 1252. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6531 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys, California, as the "Marilyn Monroe Post Office".

H.R. 1253. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13507 Van Nuys Boulevard in Pacoima, California, as the "Ritchie Valens Post Office Building".

H.R. 1526. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Israel Road Southeast in Tumwater, Washington, as the "Eva G. Hewitt Post Office".

H.R. 1844. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 66 Grove Court in Elgin, Illinois, as the "Corporal Alex Martinez Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 1972. 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".

H.R. 2151. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

7722 South Main Street in Pine Plains, New York, as the "Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon M. Kent Post Office".

H.R. 2325. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Calle Alondra in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the "65th Infantry Regiment Post Office Building".

S. 2712. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 430 South Knowles Avenue in New Richmond, Wisconsin, as the "Captain Robert C. Harmon and Private John R. Peirson Post Office Building".

H.R. 3144. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8520 Michigan Avenue in Whittier, California, as the "Jose Ramos Post Office Building".

H.R. 3314. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1750 McCulloch Boulevard North in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, as the "Lake Havasu City Combat Veterans Memorial Post Office Building".

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. GRAHAM for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Steven J. Menashi, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Robert J. Luck, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Barbara Lagoa, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Sherri A. Lydon, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina.

John M. Gallagher, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Silvia Carreno-Coll, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2807. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the quality of care furnished by hospice programs under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. JONES, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. SMITH, Mr. HEINRICH, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 2808. A bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian Tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 2809. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a surtax on high

income individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 2810. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service-connection for certain veterans with tinnitus or hearing loss, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2811. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to continue to pay educational assistance or subsistence allowances to eligible persons when educational institutions are temporarily closed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 2812. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare payment option for patients and eligible professionals to freely contract, without penalty, for Medicare fee-for-service items and services, while allowing Medicare beneficiaries to use their Medicare benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SINEMA (for herself and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 2813. A bill to establish a CBP Hiring and Retention Innovation Council to develop ideas and initiatives to improve U.S. Customs and Border Protection hiring and retention efforts and capabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 2814. A bill to allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 2815. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National Purple Heart Honor Mission; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 2816. A bill to ensure that fixed broadband internet access service assisted by any Federal broadband support program meets a minimum speed threshold; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2817. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish an annual reference price for insulin products for purposes of Federal health programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 2818. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations to ban the venting and flaring of gas in oil and gas production operations in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 2819. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the income-based limitations for the Lifetime Learning Credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2820. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation, acting through the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administra-

tion, to revise section 91.145 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, such that the term "sporting" does not limit the types of major events described in such section; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2821. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to allow a veteran to receive a full year supply of contraceptive pills, transdermal patches, and vaginal rings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH:

S. 2822. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and maintain a suicide risk management and prevention and lethal means training course for certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 2823. A bill to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the "Las Cruces Bataan Memorial Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2824. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to require the Register of Copyrights to waive fees for filing an application for registration of a copyright claim in certain circumstances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH:

S. 2825. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide child care assistance to veterans receiving certain training or vocational rehabilitation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. COONS):

S. 2826. A bill to require a global economic security strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 2827. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the U.S. African-American Burial Grounds Network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2828. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement allowing for adaptive management of certain Federal land in Malheur County, Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 2829. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and title 17, United States Code, to enhance the ability of direct broadcast satellite providers to offer additional local broadcast services to consumers under limited circumstances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. JONES (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. Res. 410. A resolution establishing a McCain-Mansfield Fellowship Program in the Senate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. Res. 411. A resolution affirming that States maintain primacy for the regulation of hydraulic fracturing for oil and natural gas production on State and private lands, that the President has no authority to declare a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing on State and private lands, and that the President should not attempt to declare a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing on Federal lands (including the Outer Continental Shelf) or lands held in trust for an Indian Tribe, unless the moratorium is authorized by an Act of Congress; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BRAUN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WICKER, and Ms. WARREN):

S. Res. 412. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of November 4 through November 8, 2019, as "National Family Service Learning Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RISCH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. GRASSEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. YOUNG, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. REED, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. Kaine, Ms. ERNST, Mr. JONES, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. HAWLEY, and Ms. MCSALLY):

S. Res. 413. A resolution designating the week of November 4 through November 8, 2019, as "National Veterans Small Business Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. WICKER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. LANKFORD, Ms. MCSALLY, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. KING, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. Kaine, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. Res. 414. A resolution recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. TESTER, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HASSAN, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. Res. 415. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Postal Service should issue a commemorative postage stamp series honoring women veterans of the Armed Forces and that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a stamp series be issued; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. Res. 416. A resolution calling for the peaceful return to Cambodia of opposition