

## REMEMBERING DR. THOMAS L. MORIN

• Mr. YOUNG. Madam President, on February 25, Indiana lost a great Hoosier when Dr. Thomas L. Morin passed away at the age of 76. Today, I rise to pay tribute to Tom's remarkable legacy as a husband, father, and professor and to recognize his educational service to our State.

In 1965, Tom earned his bachelor's degree at Rutgers University, followed by a master's degree from the University of New Mexico in 1967. While on a full NASA scholarship, Tom subsequently earned a second master's degree and a PhD in Operations Research from Case Western Reserve.

For nearly 45 years, Tom served as a professor of industrial engineering at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. While at Purdue, he won the admiration and respect of his students and colleagues alike. As a professor and researcher, Tom changed the way young Hoosiers think, pushing students to pursue an analytical and practical approach to solving the world's wide-ranging issues. A lifelong educator and Fulbright scholar, Tom was a gifted mentor to his students and a valued member of the scholarly community. Tom is one of those remarkable people that made Purdue University what it is today: the national destination for pioneering research and education in engineering, research to which Tom was a key contributor.

To his family, Tom was a man of remarkable character and passion. He was utterly devoted to his children, grandchildren, and the love of his life, Susan, whom he met in 1962 and with whom he remained inseparable for 58 years. As avid travelers, Tom and Susan toured the world together, from Las Vegas, to the Sahara and the Greek Isles. Beyond his own family, Tom served as a role model and a leader in his community. On behalf of the Hoosier State, I recognize how fortunate we are that Tom dedicated his life, passion, and knowledge to Indiana.

While West Lafayette has lost a pillar of its community with Tom's passing, I believe that his work will serve as a legacy for future generations. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sympathies to Tom's wife, Susan; two children, Michael and Marisa; and four grandchildren, Andrew, Gaby, Charlie, and Kennedy, as they remember the great life of Dr. Thomas L. Morin.●

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1771. An act to require consultations on reuniting Korean Americans with family members in North Korea.

H.R. 2444. An act to authorize the Secretary of State to make direct loans under

section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2877. An act to add Ireland to the E-3 nonimmigrant visa program.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1365) to make technical corrections to the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act.

## MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1771. An act to require consultations on reuniting Korean Americans with family members in North Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2444. An act to authorize the Secretary of State to make direct loans under section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITION

We, the undersigned Senators in accordance with Chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 56, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability", and further, that the joint resolution be placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Richard J. Durbin, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Sheldon Whitehouse, Tom Udall, Tina Smith, Dianne Feinstein, Patty Murray, Jon Tester, Catherine Cortez Masto, Jacky Rosen, Tammy Baldwin, Sherrod Brown, Margaret Wood Hassan, Benjamin L. Cardin, Robert Menendez, Jeanne Shaheen, Edward J. Markey, Martin Heinrich, Doug Jones, Angus S. King, Jr., Jack Reed, Patrick J. Leahy, Thomas R. Carper, Richard Blumenthal, Ron Wyden, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Debbie Stabenow, Christopher Murphy, Amy Klobuchar, Tim Kaine, Mazie Hirono, Jeff Merkley, Gary C. Peters, Charles E. Schumer, Christopher A. Coons, Michael F. Bennet, Tammy Duckworth.

## MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 56. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability".

## MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3422. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Parks

and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Indian Education, and to provide permanent, dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and for other purposes.

## PRIVILEGED NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Finance: Sarah C. Arbes, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Matthew Bassett.

On request by Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Finance: Jason J. Fichtner, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2024, vice Lanhee J. Chen.

## EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4237. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance Programs" (RIN0560-AI50) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4238. A communication from the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-4239. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual National Defense Stockpile Operations and Planning Report"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4240. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Health Promotion" (RIN0790-AK25) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4241. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting a legislative proposal entitled "The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Whistleblower Award Incentive Legislative Proposal"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4242. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, a policy statement entitled "Responsible Business Conduct: Self-Assessing, Self-Reporting, Remediating, and Cooperating" received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office

of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4243. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Public Unit and Nonmember Shares” (RIN3313-AF00) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4244. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Military Lending Act Limitations on Terms of Consumer Credit Extended to Service Members and Dependents” (RIN0790-ZA14) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4245. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Exemptions From Investment Adviser Registration for Advisers to Certain Rural Business Investment Companies” (RIN3235-AM68) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4246. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a legislative proposal relative to the “Department of Energy (DOE) Organization Act of 1977 (as amended)”; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4247. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a legislative proposal relative to the “Energy Policy Act of 2005”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4248. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a legislative proposal relative to the “Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS)”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4249. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services, to Thailand to support the sale, delivery, operation, and maintenance for S-70i helicopters in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 19-039); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4250. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to sections 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services to Australia to support the design and manufacture of the Aerosonde Mk 4.7G unmanned aircraft system and associated equipment in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 19-043); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4251. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services, to the Republic of Singapore to support the maintenance, repair, and overhaul of F100 engines in the amount of \$50,000,000

or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 19-084); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4252. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions Lists of 9mm semi-automatic pistols to Oman in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 19-057); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4253. A communication from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Justification”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4254. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-219, “Housing Conversion and Eviction Clarification Amendment Act of 2020”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4255. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-220, “Tingey Square Designation Act of 2020”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4256. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-221, “Alethia Tanner Park Designation Act of 2020”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4257. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-222, “Accounting Clarification for Real Estate Professionals Amendment Act of 2020”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4258. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-223, “Polystyrene Food Service Product and Packaging Prohibition Amendment Act of 2020”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4259. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-224, “Abandonment of the Highway Plan for a Portion of 39th Street, N.W., S.O. 18-41885, Act of 2020”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4260. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-225, “Abandonment of the Highway Plan for Eastern and Anacostia Avenues, N.E., S.O. 19-47912, Act of 2020”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4261. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-226, “Urban Farming Land Lease Amendment Act of 2020”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4262. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-227, “Student Access to Treatment Amendment Act of 2020”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4263. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report

on D.C. Act 23-228, “Closing a Portion of 4th Street, N.E., and a Public Alley in Square 3765, S.O. 18-41561, Act of 2020”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4264. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-243, “Direct Support Professional Payment Rate Act of 2020”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4265. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s fiscal year 2019 annual report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4266. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4267. A communication from the Director of External Affairs, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Cost-of-Living Adjustments and Identity Verification” (5 CFR Parts 1630, 1632, and 1650) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 9, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4268. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s fiscal year 2019 Buy American Act Report for the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (OSHRC); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4269. A communication from the Assistant Administrator of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Solriamfetol in Schedule IV” ((21 CFR Part 1308) (Docket No. DEA-504)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4270. A communication from the Assistant Administrator of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Additions to Listing of Exempt Chemical Mixtures” ((RIN1117-ZA05) (Docket No. DEA-505F)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4271. A communication from the Assistant Administrator of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Lasmiditan in Schedule V” ((21 CFR Part 1308) (Docket No. DEA-558)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4272. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, two reports entitled “2019 Annual Report of the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts” and “Judicial Business of the United States Courts”, and their accompanying Uniform Resource Locators (URLs); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4273. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Class E Airspace; Rifle, Colorado" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0328)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4274. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Class E Airspace; Gunnison, Colorado" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0341)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4275. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Class E Airspace; Missoula, Montana" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0761)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4276. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Class E Airspace; Astoria, Oregon" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0315)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4277. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0871)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4278. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0868)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4279. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0526)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4280. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness

Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0872)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4281. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0877)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4282. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0727)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4283. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0016)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4284. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Defense and Space S.A. (Formerly Known as Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A.) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0869)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4285. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (40); Amendment No. 3893" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31298)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4286. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (61); Amendment No. 3894" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31299)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4287. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Office of Economics and Analytics, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Auction of Priority Access Licenses for the 3550-3650 MHz Band; Notice and Filing Requirements, Minimum Opening Bids, Upfront Payments, and Other Procedures for Auction 105; Bidding in Auction 105 Scheduled to Begin June 25, 2020" ((AU Docket No. 19-244) (FCC 20-18)) received

during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4288. A communication from the Associate Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band" ((GN Docket No. 18-122) (FCC 20-22)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-188. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of New Jersey respectfully urging the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to prohibit the use of slavery or indentured servitude for individuals convicted of a crime; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

Whereas, The Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was adopted in 1865, and is commonly understood to have abolished slavery and indentured servitude in the United States; and

Whereas, The Thirteenth Amendment reads: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction"; and

Whereas, The Thirteenth Amendment did not completely abolish slavery and indentured servitude, but rather allowed both slavery and indentured servitude to remain legal as punishments for individuals convicted of a crime; and

Whereas, Twenty-Five percent of the worlds incarcerated population, roughly 2.3 million people, currently reside in the United States; and

Whereas, Nearly 20 percent of federal prisoners and seven percent of state prisoners are held in private correctional facilities; and

Whereas, The private correctional facility industry is a \$4.8 billion industry; and

Whereas, In order to make a profit, private correctional facilities often rely on low cost labor provided by prison workers; and

Whereas, According to the Seventh Circuit Appeals Court, prison workers are not entitled to receive the minimum wage under the "Fair Labor Standards Act," and the average working inmate's wage is 93 cents per hour; and

Whereas, Incarcerated workers in states such as South Carolina and Texas are not paid for the work that they are forced to perform; and

Whereas, According to the Solidarity Research Center, the California prison system made a \$58 million profit from the work of prison inmates, where 4,000 California prison workers earn \$2 per day; and

Whereas, Most of the work performed by incarcerated individuals does not develop skills that are translatable to the labor market outside of prison; and

Whereas, Therefore, it is appropriate for Congress to adopt an amendment to the United States Constitution to prohibit the use of slavery and indentured servitude for incarcerated individuals: Now, therefore,