

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:

1. This House urges Congress to propose an Amendment to the United States Constitution to prohibit the use of slavery, indentured servitude, and involuntary servitude within the United States or any of its territories.

2. Copies of this resolution as filed with the Secretary of State shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of Congress elected from this State.

POM-189. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to provide funding and other incentives to states to promote hydrogen fuel cell vehicle usage; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 38

Whereas, There is a vital need to support transportation energy sources other than imported and domestic fossil fuels, which adversely affect economic growth, cause air pollution, and contribute to climate change; and

Whereas, The promotion of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and the infrastructure needed to refuel them would reduce the billions of dollars that New Jersey citizens, businesses, and institutions pay each year to foreign oil suppliers for the gasoline and diesel fuels needed to support an estimated 77 billion on-road vehicle miles traveled annually in the State; and

Whereas, Hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and related refueling infrastructure can be used to attract new business and industries to the State; and

Whereas, New Jersey residents continue to breathe unhealthy levels of air toxins, such as oxides of nitrogen and ozone, which can compromise their health; and

Whereas, Air pollution is particularly harmful for children with asthma and seniors with breathing problems or other health issues, resulting in missed school days, asthma attacks, and even premature deaths; and

Whereas, Air quality will continue to deteriorate if practical approaches to transportation energy sources and transportation infrastructure in the State are not adopted; and

Whereas, Hydrogen fuel cell vehicles are zero emission—they run on compressed hydrogen fuel cells that produce electricity to propel the vehicle—so operating them does not produce air pollution; and

Whereas, Global warming is a serious threat to New Jersey, putting the State's beaches, waterfront communities, and tourism industry at risk from sea-level rise, and threatening to cause dramatic and costly interruptions in vital transportation and shipping infrastructure; and

Whereas, The State of New Jersey set strong standards to reduce global warming and air pollution and to increase renewable energy production through the passage of the "Global Warming Response Act" and the adoption of a strong renewable energy mandate on the State's utilities; and

Whereas, Hydrogen can be produced using only electricity and water, so hydrogen fuel cell vehicles can be fueled and operated without generating carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gases; now, therefore, and be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. This House respectfully urges the United States Congress and the President of the United States to provide financial support

and other incentives to the states to promote and incentivize the local adoption of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles as a means of reducing the nation's dependence on fossil fuels, particularly imported fossil fuels, which would also serve to mitigate the detrimental effects of global warming and air pollution caused by vehicle emissions.

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the President and Vice President of the United States; the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate; The Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives; and every member of Congress elected from this State.

POM-190. A report from the Housing Authority of the City of High Point, North Carolina entitled "Housing Authority of the City of High Point 2019 Annual Report"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 3423. A bill to direct the Joint Committee on the Library, in accordance with section 1831 of the Revised Statutes, to accept a statue depicting Harriet Tubman from the Harriet Tubman Statue Commission of Maryland and display the statue in a prominent location in the Capitol; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. HARRIS (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BENNET, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 3424. A bill to end preventable maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity in the United States and close disparities in maternal health outcomes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 3425. A bill to provide incentives for businesses to keep jobs in America, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 3426. A bill to deter anticompetitive exclusionary conduct that harms competition and consumers, to enhance the ability of the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission to enforce the antitrust laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MCSALLY (for herself and Mr. KING):

S. 3427. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to digitize and make publicly available geographic information system mapping data relating to public access to Federal land and waters for outdoor recreation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 3428. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve Federal agency telework programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 3429. A bill to amend the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977 with respect to assessments of conservation programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3430. A bill to promote diversity at the Department of State, to direct the Secretary of State to review the termination characterization of former members of the Department who were fired by reason of the sexual orientation of the official, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 3431. A bill to require online marketplaces to disclose certain verified information regarding high-volume third party sellers of consumer products to inform consumers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 3432. A bill to support the advanced manufacturing technologies program of the Food and Drug Administration, to establish National Centers of Excellence in Advanced Pharmaceutical Manufacturing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 3433. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental 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. CARPER (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MARKY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BOOKER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Res. 537. A resolution encouraging the Trump Administration to maintain protections under the National Environmental Policy Act and reverse ongoing administrative actions to weaken this landmark law and its protections for American communities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. Res. 538. A resolution authorizing the use of the atrium in the Philip A. Hart Senate Office Building for the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, a semiannual event for the Drug Enforcement Administration; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 117

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 117, a bill to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 178

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms.

MCSALLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 178, a bill to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China.

S. 182

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 182, a bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 208

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor 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. 237

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 237, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit nurse practitioners and physician assistants to satisfy the documentation requirement under the Medicare program for coverage of certain shoes for individuals with diabetes.

S. 259

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 259, a bill to impose criminal sanctions on certain persons involved in international doping fraud conspiracies, to provide restitution for victims of such conspiracies, and to require sharing of information with the United States Anti-Doping Agency to assist its fight against doping, and for other purposes.

S. 959

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. MCSALLY) and the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) were added as cosponsors of S. 959, a bill to establish in the Smithsonian Institution a comprehensive women's history museum, and for other purposes.

S. 1015

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1015, a bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to review and make certain revisions to the Standard Occupational Classification System, and for other purposes.

S. 1125

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr.

SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1125, a bill to amend the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

S. 1381

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1381, a bill to modify the presumption of service connection for veterans who were exposed to herbicide agents while serving in the Armed Forces in Thailand during the Vietnam era, and for other purposes.

S. 1421

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1421, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 23d Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133d Signal Service Company in recognition of their unique and distinguished service as a "Ghost Army" that conducted deception operations in Europe during World War II.

S. 1835

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1835, a bill to reauthorize the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

S. 1918

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1918, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require alternative options for summer food service program delivery.

S. 2461

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2461, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 2539

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2539, a bill to modify and reauthorize the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 2748

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2748, a bill to repeal the section of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 that requires the Federal Communications Commission to reallocate and auction the T-Band spectrum.

S. 2766

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2766, a bill to support and expand civic engagement and political leadership of adolescent girls around the world, and other purposes.

S. 2783

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr.

BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2783, 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. 3103

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3103, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore State authority to waive for certain facilities the 35-mile rule for designating critical access hospitals under the Medicare program.

S. 3144

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3144, a bill to establish a competitive grant program to support out-of-school-time youth workforce readiness programs, providing employability skills development, career exploration, employment readiness training, mentoring, work-based learning, and workforce opportunities for eligible youth.

S. 3167

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3167, a bill to prohibit discrimination based on an individual's texture or style of hair.

S. 3242

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3242, a bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to protect privacy rights, and for other purposes.

S. 3350

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3350, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deem certain State Veterans homes meeting certain health and safety standards as meeting conditions and requirements for skilled nursing facilities under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 3360

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3360, a bill to establish the National Center for the Advancement of Aviation.

S. 3372

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added

as cosponsors of S. 3372, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for treatment of certain respiratory protective devices as covered countermeasures for purposes of targeted liability protections for pandemic and epidemic products and security countermeasures, and for other purposes.

S. 3391

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3391, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to carry out an active transportation investment program to make grants to eligible applicants to build safe and connected options for bicycles and walkers within and between communities, and for other purposes.

S. 3415

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 3415, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 3419

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3419, a bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to provide for the establishment of a trust for the benefit of all unpaid cash sellers of livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 3422

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S.J. RES. 6

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 6, a joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

S. RES. 536

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 536, a resolution recognizing the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the 30th anniversary of the restoration of their independence.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 537—ENCOURAGING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO MAINTAIN PROTECTIONS UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND REVERSE ONGOING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO WEAKEN THIS LANDMARK LAW AND ITS PROTECTIONS FOR AMERICANS COMMUNITIES

Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BOOKER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

S. RES. 537

Whereas the National Environmental Policy Act is one of the Nation's bedrock environmental laws that has helped protect the Nation's environment and public health for half a century;

Whereas the National Environmental Policy Act was passed by an overwhelming bipartisan majority in Congress and has long enjoyed widespread public support;

Whereas the National Environmental Policy Act has a basic but critical purpose of directing Federal agencies to identify and disclose the significant environmental and public health impacts of major Federal actions before such actions are taken, encouraging a "look before you leap" approach in Federal decision making;

Whereas the National Environmental Policy Act appropriately gives the public a chance to review and give input on major projects before building and development starts, resulting in improved, more democratic government decision making on everything from fossil fuel, transportation, and water infrastructure decisions to habitat and ecosystem conservation;

Whereas the National Environmental Policy Act is one of the most important tools available in the fight against the climate crisis;

Whereas efforts to block the enforcement of the National Environmental Policy Act will make it easier for corporate polluters to hide the air, water, and climate impacts of major projects;

Whereas efforts to block the enforcement of the National Environmental Policy Act will undermine critical building requirements that make our roads, bridges, and other infrastructure safer and better prepared to withstand natural disasters such as wildfires, floods, and storms, which are getting more destructive and severe as a result of climate change;

Whereas efforts to block the enforcement of the National Environmental Policy Act will require the United States to spend billions more taxpayer dollars on infrastructure projects that won't survive the effects of climate change;

Whereas the National Environmental Policy Act is a critical civil rights tool that

gives all Americans a voice in Federal decision making by allowing communities to be informed and weigh in on major proposed projects affecting their communities;

Whereas the National Environmental Policy Act requires Federal agencies to evaluate the degree to which proposed projects affect air quality, water quality, public health, and public safety in nearby communities and consider alternative approaches that would be better for nearby communities and the environment;

Whereas before the enactment of the National Environmental Policy Act there was often no way for people living in disadvantaged communities to become aware of, much less have their voices heard on, major projects that would result in disproportionate health and environmental impacts in their neighborhoods;

Whereas that when the National Environmental Policy Act's public input process is cut short or weakened, ill-conceived projects advance that can have devastating public health and environmental consequences for American communities; and

Whereas the National Environmental Policy Act's charge to "foster and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony" is timeless and its insistence on meaningful local involvement, sustainable development, and deliberate Federal decision making was, and remains, visionary: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) reaffirms the value of the National Environmental Policy Act;

(2) supports the continued enforcement of longstanding legal requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, including the required consideration of climate change when developing and planning Federal infrastructure projects; and

(3) opposes the Trump administration's ongoing efforts to undermine the National Environmental Policy Act through the regulatory process.

SENATE RESOLUTION 538—AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ATRIUM IN THE PHILIP A. HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING FOR THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY, A SEMI-ANNUAL EVENT FOR THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BLUNT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 538

Resolved,

SECTION 1. USE OF THE ATRIUM IN THE HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING FOR TAKE BACK DAY.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The atrium in the Philip A. Hart Senate Office Building is authorized to be used on April 22, 2020 for the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, a semiannual event of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

(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 Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I have 7 requests for committees to meet