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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 Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 3434. A bill to make Federal law enforcement officer peer support communications confidential, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 3435. A bill to authorize the Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to reclassify the technical enforcement officers in the Homeland Security Investigations tactical patrol unit operating on the lands of the Tohono O'odham Nation (commonly known as the "Shadow Wolves") as special agents; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. MCSALLY, Ms. SINEMA, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 3436. A bill to establish grant programs to improve the health of border area residents and for all hazards preparedness in the border area including bioterrorism, infectious disease, and noncommunicable emerging threats, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. LOEFFLER (for herself and Ms. SMITH):

S. 3437. A bill to reauthorize certain programs regarding rural health care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. LOEFFLER (for herself and Ms. SMITH):

S. 3438. A bill to reauthorize the telehealth network and telehealth resource centers grant programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 3439. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit high deductible health plans to divide the deductible between medical and drug costs for purposes of qualifying for health savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 3440. A bill to require States to adopt contingency plans to prevent the disruption of Federal elections from the COVID-19 virus, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. JONES (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 3441. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to provide exceptions to the prohibition on participation by individuals convicted of certain offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 3442. A bill to require private health insurers to cover care related to COVID-19 without cost-sharing and to provide for special enrollment periods for individuals diagnosed with COVID-19; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 3443. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide Medicaid coverage for all pregnant and postpartum women, to provide coverage under the Med-

icaid program for services provided by doulas, midwives, and lactation consultants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 3444. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the list of diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents for which there is a presumption of service connection for veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 3445. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to award grants to develop, administer, and evaluate early childhood education apprenticeships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 3446. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prescribe regulations providing that a presumption of service connection is warranted for a disease with a positive association with exposure to a herbicide agent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 3447. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a program to allow qualified group practices to furnish certain items and services at qualified skilled nursing facilities to individuals entitled to benefits under part A and enrolled under part B of the Medicare program to reduce unnecessary hospitalizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 3448. A bill to provide for certain contracting requirements to promote fair and safe workplaces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3449. A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for third-party submission of evidence relating to a trademark application, to establish expungement and ex parte proceedings relating to the validity of marks, to provide for a rebuttal presumption of irreparable harm in certain proceedings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 3450. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to treat certain programs of education converted to distance learning by reason of emergencies and health-related sit-

uations in the same manner as programs of education pursued at educational institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' 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. CARDIN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KAINE, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. Res. 539. A resolution supporting the rights of the people of Iran to determine their future, condemning the Iranian regime for its crackdown on legitimate protests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. CASIDY, Mr. KING, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REED, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BROWN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. BENNET):

S. Res. 540. A resolution recognizing the contributions of AmeriCorps members and alumni to the lives of the people of the United States; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 541. A resolution recognizing and celebrating the 200th anniversary of the entry of Maine into the Union as the 23d State; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 596

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 596, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for direct payment to physician assistants under the Medicare program for certain services furnished by such physician assistants.

S. 785

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 785, a bill to improve mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1136

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1136, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize concurrent use of Department of Defense Tuition Assistance and Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1942

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1942, a bill to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability

or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of the duty of the employee, and for other purposes.

S. 2254

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2254, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a Pension Rehabilitation Trust Fund, to establish a Pension Rehabilitation Administration within the Department of the Treasury to make loans to multiemployer defined benefit plans, and for other purposes.

S. 2366

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. MCSALLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2366, a bill to streamline the employer reporting process and strengthen the eligibility verification process for the premium assistance tax credit and cost-sharing subsidy.

S. 2669

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2669, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify the obligation to report acts of foreign election influence and require implementation of compliance and reporting systems by Federal campaigns to detect and report such acts, and for other purposes.

S. 2772

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2772, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services under the Medicare program.

S. 2950

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) and the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) were added as cosponsors of S. 2950, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to concede exposure to airborne hazards and toxins from burn pits under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

S. 2970

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2970, a bill to improve the fielding of newest generations of personal protective equipment to the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2989

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2989, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to clarify the mailing requirement relating to social security account statements.

S. 3218

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a co-

sponsor of S. 3218, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to modify the definition of franchise fee, and for other purposes.

S. 3242

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3242, a bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to protect privacy rights, and for other purposes.

S. 3244

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors of S. 3244, a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to improve the detection, prevention, and treatment of mental health issues among public safety officers, and for other purposes.

S. 3276

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3276, a bill to eliminate asset limits employed by certain federally funded means-tested public assistance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 3337

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3337, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require more accountability in the airline industry, and for other purposes.

S. 3350

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) 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. 3353

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3353, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients, and for other purposes.

S. 3364

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 3364, a bill to improve the health and academic achievement of students in highly polluted environments, and for other purposes.

S. 3372

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) 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. 3374

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3374, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to protect the confidentiality of substance use disorder patient records.

S. 3398

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3398, a bill to establish a National Commission on Online Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention, and for other purposes.

S. 3415

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) 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. 3418

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 3418, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to allow the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide capitalization grants to States to establish revolving funds to provide hazard mitigation assistance to reduce risks from disasters and natural hazards, and other related environmental harm.

S. 3422

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) was added as a cosponsor 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. 3431

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. RES. 99

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 99, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 539—SUPPORTING THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF IRAN TO DETERMINE THEIR FUTURE, CONDEMNING THE IRANIAN REGIME FOR ITS CRACKDOWN ON LEGITIMATE PROTESTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KAINE, and Ms. ROSEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 539

Whereas, on January 8, 2020, the Government of Iran shot down Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752, lied about its culpability, and then admitted to downing the plane on January 11 after evidence was made public by other sources;

Whereas all 167 passengers and 9 crewmembers aboard Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 died in the resulting crash;

Whereas passengers were mostly citizens of Iran, but also included citizens of Canada, Ukraine, Great Britain, Afghanistan, and Sweden;

Whereas, during January 11 through 13, 2020, protesters gathered across Iran to denounce lying and incompetence by regime leadership with respect to the airline shootdown;

Whereas video clips of protests from January 11 through 13, 2020, showed protesters chanting against Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamene'i and the IRGC;

Whereas video clips suggest Iranian authorities deployed tear gas and live ammunition against protesters in January 2020;

Whereas earlier antigovernment protests in Iran began on November 15, 2019, and rapidly spread to dozens of Iranian cities in 29 of Iran's 31 provinces, in the most significant antigovernment protests in Iran since the Green Movement demonstrations in 2009 and 2010;

Whereas the protests began in response to an announced increase on the price of fuel, and protesters expressed numerous economic grievances, while also calling for the structural reform of the political system and condemning current and former Iranian leaders;

Whereas reports indicate that Iranian security forces responded to protests with lethal force, killing hundreds of demonstrators and arresting thousands more;

Whereas reports indicate that the Government of Iran authorities have, in many instances, refused to return victims' bodies to their families and that security forces have removed bodies from morgues and transferred them to unknown locations;

Whereas, on November 16, 2019, Iranian authorities began implementing a near-total shutdown of internet services, stopping nearly all means of online communications for people inside Iran to prevent the sharing of

images and videos of deadly violence being used by security forces;

Whereas, on November 16, 2019, Iran's Interior Minister Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli suggested that the Iranian regime would no longer show "tolerance" toward the protesters;

Whereas, on November 17, 2019, Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamene'i called the demonstrators "villains", suggested that protests were incited by foreign enemies and domestic insurgents, and ordered Iranian security services to "implement their duties" to end the protests;

Whereas, on November 18, 2019, the IRGC deployed to the southwestern city of Mahshahr, which had been taken over by demonstrators, and engaged in mass repression over a period of 4 days, reportedly killing as many as 100 people;

Whereas multiple United States laws provide authorities to designate and sanction elements of the Iranian regime for its repressive conduct, including those involved in significant corruption or serious human rights abuses, including—

(1) the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8501 et seq.);

(2) the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8701 et seq.);

(3) the Countering Iran's Destabilizing Activities Act of 2017 (22 U.S.C. 9401 et seq.); and

(4) the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (subtitle F of title XII of Public Law 114-328; 22 U.S.C. 2656 note);

Whereas the Iranian regime was implicated in a terrorist plot targeting gatherings of Iranian dissidents in Paris in June 2018 and in Albania in March 2018;

Whereas, in August 2018, the United States Government arrested 2 Iranian nationals who later pleaded guilty for acting on behalf of the Iranian regime to conduct covert surveillance in the United States against officials of the Iranian opposition for a target package which, according to the Department of Justice complaint, may have included "apprehension, recruitment, cyber exploitation, or capture/kill operations";

Whereas the Iranian regime has routinely violated the human rights of Iranian citizens, including by implementing ongoing, systematic, and serious restrictions of freedom of peaceful assembly and association and freedom of opinion and expression, including the continuing closures of media outlets, arrests of journalists, and the censorship of expression in online forums such as blogs and websites;

Whereas, on November 22, 2019, the United States imposed sanctions on Iran's Minister of Information and Communications Technology for his role in shutting down internet access in Iran;

Whereas the Department of State's most current Human Rights Report noted that the Government of Iran levied "severe restrictions on free expression, the press, and the internet, including censorship, site blocking, and criminalization of libel; substantial interference with the rights of peaceful assembly and freedom of association, such as overly restrictive nongovernmental organization (NGO) laws; egregious restrictions of religious freedom; restrictions on political participation;" and that there is "widespread corruption at all levels of government";

Whereas, on November 18, 2019, the Office of the German Chancellor stated, "It is legitimate and deserving of our respect when people courageously air their economic and political grievances, as is currently happening in Iran. . . We urge the government in Tehran to respect freedom of assembly and expression.";

Whereas, on November 20, 2019, the French Foreign Ministry stated, "France is following the demonstrations taking place in Iran with concern. It expresses its deep concern at reports that a large respect its international human rights obligations.";

Whereas, on December 2, 2019, a statement from Amnesty International confirmed that "extensive video footage verified and analyzed by Amnesty International's Digital Verification Corps shows security forces shooting at unarmed protesters who did not pose any imminent risk";

Whereas, on December 6, 2019, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet said, "Verified video footage indicates severe violence was used against protesters, including armed members of security forces shooting from the roof of a justice department building in one city, and from helicopters in another," and added that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights has also received footage showing security forces "shooting to kill";

Whereas, on December 8, 2019, a Declaration by the European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell Fontelles stated, "A growing body of evidence indicates that despite repeated calls for restraint, the Iranian security forces' disproportionate response to recent demonstrations has led to high numbers of deaths and injuries. For the European Union and its Member States, the widespread and disproportionate use of force against nonviolent protestors is unacceptable.";

Whereas, on December 16, 2019, Amnesty International further reported that "[eyewitness testimony] suggests that, almost immediately after the Iranian authorities massacred hundreds. . . participating in nationwide protests, [the authorities] went on to orchestrate a wide-scale clampdown designed to instill fear and prevent anyone from speaking out about what happened";

Whereas, on January 17, 2020, the United States designated IRGC General Hassan Shahvarpour, Khuzestan Province's Vali Asr Commander, for his involvement in gross violations of human rights against protestors during the November 15 through 18, 2019, protests in Mahshahr, Iran;

Whereas Iran is a member of the United Nations, voted for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and is a state party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, done at New York December 19, 1966;

Whereas, during February 2020 parliamentary elections, against the backdrop of regime interference, disqualification of reformist and moderate candidates, and anger over crackdowns on protesters, the majority of the Iranian people chose not to vote, making turnout the lowest in Iran's post-1979 history; and

Whereas the Iranian regime has a long history of violent repression of dissent, including—

(1) in 1988, carrying out the barbaric mass executions of thousands of political prisoners—including teenagers and pregnant women—by hanging and firing squad for refusing to renounce their political affiliations and, in some cases, for possessing or distributing political reading material;

(2) in 1999, brutally suppressing a student revolt that was one of the largest mass uprisings up until that point in the country since 1979, in a crackdown since referred to as "Iran's Tiananmen Square";

(3) following voting irregularities that resulted in the 2009 re-election of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, cracking down on peaceful political dissent from wide segments of civil society in a cynical attempt to retain its undemocratic grip on power; and