

requirements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.R. 7608. An act making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

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-5215. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance under Sections 951A and 954 Regarding Income Subject to a High Rate of Foreign Tax" (RIN1545-BP15) (TD 9902) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5216. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treasury Decision (TD): Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) User Fee Update" (RIN1545-BP43) (TD 9903) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5217. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Relief with Respect to Deadlines under Section 501(c)(3) Applicable to Hospital Organizations Affected by the Ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic" (Notice 2020-56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

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-229. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia ratifying and affirming the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed by the United States Congress on March 22, 1972; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 1

Whereas, a concurrent or joint resolution is a resolution adopted by both houses of a bicameral legislature, which does not require the signature of the chief executive, and a concurrent or joint resolution is sufficient for a state's ratification of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides that amendments "shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of this Constitution, when ratified by the legislatures of three fourths of the several states"; and

Whereas, over 80 percent of Virginians approve the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment by the Virginia General Assembly; and

Whereas, Virginia has been pivotal to incorporating fundamental rights into the Constitution of the United States, as when Virginia's ratification of 10 amendments in

1791 established the Bill of Rights; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia hereby ratify and affirm the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed by the United States Congress on March 22, 1972, and ratified by 37 states legislatures. The complete text of House Joint Resolution 208 proposing the Equal Rights Amendment follows:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 208

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

"Article—

"Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

"Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

"Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification."; and, be it

Resolved further, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit certified copies of this joint resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation, and the Archivist of the United States at the National Archives and Records Administration of the United States.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRAHAM, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 4212. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to strip foreign sovereign immunity of certain foreign states to secure justice for victims of novel coronavirus in the United States.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. GRAHAM for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Hala Y. Jarbou, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

David W. Dugan, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois.

Stephen P. McGlynn, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois.

Iain D. Johnston, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Roderick C. Young, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Franklin Ulyses Valderrama, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

(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. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 4370. A bill to designate any alien who is or has been engaged in economic espionage or the misappropriation of trade secrets inadmissible and deportable; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 4371. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require employers to cash out the flexible spending accounts of employees who separate from employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SMITH:

S. 4372. A bill to provide for unused benefits in a dependent care FSA to be carried over from 2020 to 2021, to provide for benefits to be accessed after termination of employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 4373. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make modifications to the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to apprenticeship and on-job training for participants who become unemployed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 4374. A bill to establish a Government-wide initiative to promote diversity and inclusion in the Federal workforce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 4375. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make permanent certain telehealth flexibilities under the Medicare program related to the COVID-19 public health emergency; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Ms. MCSALLY):

S. 4376. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently allow a tax deduction at the time an investment in qualified property is made, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 4377. A bill to facilitate the safe re-opening of schools by conducting or supporting research on children's infection with, and role in transmitting, SARS-CoV-2, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROMNEY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. MCSALLY):

S. 4378. A bill to provide for a short-term extension of the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. ERNST:

S. 4379. A bill to extend the period of the temporary authority to extend contracts and leases under the ARMS Initiative; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. JONES, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 4380. A bill to provide redress to the employees of Air America; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ROMNEY, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 4381. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide supplementary 2020 recovery rebates to eligible individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 4382. A bill to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to replace the bust of Roger Brooke Taney in the Old Supreme Court Chamber of the Capitol with a bust of Thurgood Marshall to be obtained by the Joint Committee on the Library and to remove certain statues from areas of the Capitol which are accessible to the public, to remove all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America from display in the Capitol, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. ERNST:

S. 4383. A bill to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to make projects that directly or indirectly increase the accessibility of affordable, quality child care eligible for certain grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 4384. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to address exposure by members of the Armed Forces to toxic substances at Karshi-Khanabad Air Base, Uzbekistan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 4385. A bill to prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices in connection with the public health emergency resulting from COVID-19, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SMITH:

S. 4386. A bill to decriminalize and reschedule cannabis, to provide for the regulation of cannabis and cannabis products to protect public health and safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 4387. A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to authorize the Reentry Employment Opportunities Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BENNET, Ms. SMITH, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. 4388. A bill to address mental health issues for youth, particularly youth of color, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAMER (for himself and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 4389. A bill to make certain irrigation districts eligible for Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program pumping power, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KAINE:

S. 4390. A bill to establish a grant program to support schools of medicine and schools of osteopathic medicine in underserved areas; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 4391. A bill to authorize a public service announcement campaign on the efficacy of cloth face coverings in reducing the spread of COVID-19, to authorize a program to provide

cloth face coverings to any individual in the United States who requests one free of charge, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 4392. A bill to provide security assistance and strategic support to Ukraine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. TILLIS:

S. 4393. A bill to improve the provision of health care and other benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for veterans who were exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. COONS):

S. 4394. A bill to amend chapter 11 of title 35, United States Code, to require the voluntary collection of demographic information for patent inventors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 4395. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to authorize maritime transportation emergency relief, 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 Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. JONES, Mr. BRAUN, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. YOUNG, and Ms. ERNST):

S. Res. 664. A resolution designating the week of September 20 through September 26, 2020, as "Gold Star Families Remembrance Week"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 665. A resolution reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Mongolia and recognizing the 30th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. LOEFFLER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Con. Res. 42. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that August 30, 2020, be observed as the 130th anniversary of the 1890 Land-Grant Educational Institutions; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 800

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 800, a bill to establish a postsecondary student data system.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 815, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable tax credit against income tax for