

*Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2025.

*Caroline A. Crenshaw, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2024.

*Kyle Hauptman, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2025.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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. LEAHY:

S. 4438. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to protect Federal employees from retaliation for the lawful use of Federal records, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. 4439. A bill to require any COVID-19 drug developed in whole or in part with Federal support to be affordable and accessible by prohibiting monopolies and price gouging, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. KING, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 4440. A bill to authorize the Director of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to carry out a Social Determinants of Health Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 4441. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to encourage State Medicaid programs to provide community-based mobile crisis intervention services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. COONS):

S. 4442. A bill to amend subtitle A of title II of division A of the CARES Act to provide Pandemic Unemployment Assistance to individuals with mixed income sources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. COONS, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 4443. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 4444. A bill to require installation of a network of soil moisture and snowpack monitoring in the Upper Missouri River Basin and to establish a pilot program for the acquisition and use of data generated by that network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mrs. LOEFFLER, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 4445. A bill to establish appropriate rules for prosecutors and Federal judges to carry a concealed firearm; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 4446. A bill to waive affiliation rules under the paycheck protection program for Tribal business concerns with the same employer identification number, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO:

S. 4447. A bill to amend the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to temporarily modify child nutrition programs due to COVID-19, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 4448. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to give States the option to extend the Medicaid drug rebate program to the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 4449. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Virginia and the District of Columbia certain National Park Service land for the construction of rail and other infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 4450. A bill to establish the Bronzeville-Black Metropolis National Heritage Area in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 4451. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to guarantee investments that will open new markets for forest owners in rural areas of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 4452. A bill to prohibit Federal employees from downloading or using WeChat on Government devices; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CASEY, Ms. SMITH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. REED):

S. 4453. A bill to protect the continuity of the food supply chain of the United States in response to COVID-19, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 4454. A bill to require the review by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States of greenfield investments by the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. HARRIS (for herself, Mr. UDALL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. SMITH, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 4455. A bill to require reporting on the paycheck protection program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 4456. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to permit health information technology systems to use the Postal Service tool to standardize formatting in electronic health records when entering patient information to improve match rates among patient records; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 4457. A bill to prohibit companies doing business in the United States from amplifying propaganda originating from the Government of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. KING, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 4458. A bill to grant the authority for States to enter into interstate compacts or agreements for the purpose of procuring COVID-19 tests; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 4459. A bill to amend the CARES Act to modify the membership requirements of the Congressional Oversight Commission; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 4460. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to waive certain eligibility requirements for a veteran to receive per diem payments for domiciliary care at a State home, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 4461. A bill to provide for a period of continuing appropriations in the event of a lapse in appropriations under the normal appropriations process, and establish procedures and consequences in the event of a failure to enact appropriations; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. Res. 667. A resolution calling for the immediate release of Trevor Reed, a United States Citizen who was unjustly sentenced to 9 years in a Russian prison; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 785

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) 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. 1544

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1544, a bill to amend title

XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for payment for services of radiologist assistants under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1609

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1609, a bill to amend the Securities Act of 1934 to require country-by-country reporting.

S. 2257

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2257, a bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes.

S. 3038

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3038, a bill to promote innovative acquisition techniques and procurement strategies, and for other purposes.

S. 3173

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3173, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that amounts paid for an abortion are not taken into account for purposes of the deduction for medical expenses.

S. 3393

At the request of Mr. WARNER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3393, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for concurrent receipt of veterans' disability compensation and retired pay for disability retirees with fewer than 20 years of service and a combat-related disability, and for other purposes.

S. 3431

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mrs. LOEFFLER) 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. 3517

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3517, a bill to increase the ability of nursing facilities to access to telehealth services and obtain technologies to allow virtual visits during the public health emergency relating to an outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), and for other purposes.

S. 3595

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3595, a bill to require a longitudinal study on the impact of COVID-19.

S. 3596

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 3596, a bill to make technical corrections to the CARES Act to remove all tax liability associated with loan forgiveness under the Paycheck Protection Program.

S. 3612

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3612, a bill to clarify for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that receipt of coronavirus assistance does not affect the tax treatment of ordinary business expenses.

S. 3614

At the request of Ms. HARRIS, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3614, a bill to authorize the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to approve State and local plans to partner with small and mid-size restaurants and nonprofit organizations to provide nutritious meals to individuals in need, to waive certain matching fund requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 3636

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3636, a bill to transfer the United States Secret Service to the Department of the Treasury.

S. 3658

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3658, a bill to establish an Office of Equal Rights and Community Inclusion at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and for other purposes.

S. 3812

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3812, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care from the Department of Veterans Affairs to include veterans of World War II.

S. 3814

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3814, a bill to establish a loan program for businesses affected by COVID-19 and to extend the loan forgiveness period for paycheck protection program loans made to the hardest hit businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 3815

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3815, a bill to permit the search and retention of certain records with respect to conducting criminal background checks, and for other purposes.

S. 4048

At the request of Ms. HARRIS, the names of the Senator from Minnesota

(Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4048, a bill to modify the deadlines for completing the 2020 decennial census of population and related tabulations, and for other purposes.

S. 4071

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 4071, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to adjust identification number requirements for taxpayers filing joint returns to receive Economic Impact Payments.

S. 4098

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4098, a bill to provide funding for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Act, and for other purposes.

S. 4112

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 4112, a bill to support education and child care during the COVID-19 public health emergency, and for other purposes.

S. 4129

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4129, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate advance refunding bonds.

S. 4150

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4150, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to provide assistance to certain providers of transportation services affected by the novel coronavirus.

S. 4252

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4252, a bill to provide funding for States to improve their unemployment compensation programs, and for other purposes.

S. 4283

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4283, a bill to provide funding for States to improve their unemployment insurance technology systems, and for other purposes.

S. 4299

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4299, a bill to provide grants for tourism and events support and promotion in areas affected by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and for other purposes.

S. 4317

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from

Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 4317, a bill to lessen the burdens on interstate commerce by discouraging insubstantial lawsuits relating to COVID-19 while preserving the ability of individuals and businesses that have suffered real injury to obtain complete relief.

S. 4339

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4339, a bill to provide, manufacture, and distribute high quality face masks for every individual in the United States during the COVID-19 emergency using the Defense Production Act and other means.

S. 4350

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 4350, a bill to provide immediate relief for patients from certain medical debt collection efforts during and immediately after the COVID-19 public health emergency.

S. 4352

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4352, a bill to provide for the water quality restoration of the Tijuana River and the New River, and for other purposes.

S. 4356

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4356, a bill to reauthorize the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

S. 4401

At the request of Ms. HARRIS, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4401, a bill to restore, reaffirm, and reconcile environmental justice and civil rights, provide for the establishment of the Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice Compliance and Enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 4434

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) and the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) were added as cosponsors of S. 4434, a bill to carry out a Civilian Conservation Corps program, provide supplemental appropriations for certain conservation activities, to provide for increased reforestation across the United States, to provide incentives for agricultural producers to carry out climate stewardship practices, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 509

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Wyoming

(Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 509, a resolution calling upon the United Nations Security Council to adopt a resolution on Iran that extends the dates by which Annex B restrictions under Resolution 2231 are currently set to expire.

S. RES. 658

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 658, a resolution calling for a free, fair, and transparent presidential election in Belarus taking place on August 9, 2020, including the unimpeded participation of all presidential candidates.

S. RES. 663

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 663, a resolution supporting mask-wearing as an important measure to limit the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 4444. A bill to require installation of a network of soil moisture and snowpack monitoring in the Upper Missouri River Basin and to establish a pilot program for the acquisition and use of data generated by that network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 4444

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Missouri River Basin Drought and Snowpack Monitoring Act”.

SEC. 2. SOIL MOISTURE AND SNOWPACK MONITORING.

(a) INSTALLATION OF NETWORK.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with the activities required under section 4003(a) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (128 Stat. 1311; 130 Stat. 1677), and to support the goals of the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017 (Public Law 115–25; 131 Stat. 91) and the National Integrated Drought Information System Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–423; 132 Stat. 5454), the Secretary of the Army (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”), in coordination with the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (referred to in this section as the “Administrator”), the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Director of the United States Geological Survey, and the Commissioner of Reclamation, shall continue installation of a network of soil moisture and plains snowpack monitoring stations and modification of existing stations in the Upper Missouri River Basin.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out installation and modification activities under paragraph (1), the Secretary—

(A) may continue to enter into agreements, including cooperative agreements, with State mesonet programs for purposes of installing new stations or modifying existing stations;

(B) shall transfer ownership and all responsibilities for operation and maintenance of new stations to the respective State mesonet program for the State in which the monitoring station is located on completion of installation of the station; and

(C) shall establish, in consultation with the Administrator, requirements and standards for the installation of new stations and modification of existing stations to ensure seamless data integration into—

(i) the National Mesonet Program;

(ii) the National Coordinated Soil Moisture Network; and

(iii) other relevant networks.

(b) SOIL MOISTURE AND SNOWPACK MONITORING PILOT PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall establish a pilot program for the acquisition and use of data generated by the network described in subsection (a).

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—In establishing the pilot program under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall—

(A) enter into agreements with State mesonet programs in the Upper Missouri River Basin to acquire data generated by the network described in subsection (a) that—

(i) are similar to the agreements in effect as of the date of the enactment of this Act with States under the National Mesonet Program; and

(ii) allow for sharing of data with other Federal agencies and with institutions engaged in federally supported research, including the United States Drought Monitor, as appropriate and feasible;

(B) in coordination with the Secretary, the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Director of the United States Geological Survey, and the Commissioner of Reclamation, gather data from the operation of the network to inform ongoing efforts of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in support of—

(i) the National Integrated Drought Information System, including the National Coordinated Soil Moisture Monitoring Network;

(ii) the United States Drought Monitor;

(iii) the National Water Model and other relevant national modeling efforts;

(iv) validation, verification, and calibration of satellite-based, in situ, and other remote sensing activities and output products;

(v) flood risk and water resources monitoring initiatives by the Secretary and the Commissioner; and

(vi) any other programs or initiatives the Administrator considers appropriate; and

(C) at the request of State mesonet programs, or as the Administrator considers appropriate, provide technical assistance to such programs under the pilot program under paragraph (1) to ensure proper data requirements; and

(D) ensure an appropriate mechanism for quality control and quality assurance is employed for the data acquired under the pilot program, such as the Meteorological Assimilation Data Ingest System.

(3) STUDY REQUIRED.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall initiate a study of the pilot program required by paragraph (1)