

Amendments” (Docket No. USCG–2020–0304) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–5559. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Atlantic Ocean, Cape Canaveral, Florida” ((RIN1625–AA00) (Docket No. USCG–2020–0536)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–5560. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Horry County, South Carolina” ((RIN1625–AA00) (Docket No. USCG–2020–0498)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM–242. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey expressing its opposition to and disapproval of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development’s proposed rulemaking revising its Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule adopted in 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 112

Whereas, In 2015, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) adopted an Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (“AFFH”) rule that established a new framework for HUD funding recipients to meet their longstanding legal obligation under the federal Fair Housing Act to reduce barriers to fair housing and equal opportunity; and

Whereas, The AFFH rule was promulgated in response to the recommendations of the United States Government Accountability Office and affected stakeholders centered on the need for HUD to bolster its fair housing planning obligations by providing greater clarity and support to HUD funding recipients and facilitating local decision-making on fair housing priorities and goals; and

Whereas, The AFFH rule achieves these ends by providing clearer standards for meeting fair housing obligations, greater transparency, increased access to data concerning fair housing conditions and access to opportunity, and new mapping and customizable assessment tools, as well as by encouraging collaboration between jurisdictions and community input and participation; and

Whereas, The AFFH rule ultimately serves to help HUD funding recipients take meaningful actions to overcome historic patterns of segregation, promote fair housing choice, and foster inclusive communities that are free from discrimination; and

Whereas, On August 9, 2018, HUD issued an advance notice of a proposed rulemaking that would undo much of the AFFH rule for the stated reasons that the rule impeded the development and rehabilitation of affordable housing and provided inadequate autonomy to HUD funding recipients; and

Whereas, The AFFH rule has not been in effect long enough to adequately assess its effect on the development and rehabilitation of affordable housing, the rule does not in

fact dictate how communities should meet their fair housing obligations, and the rule has produced concrete improvements in fair housing, such as the commitment of Chester County, Pennsylvania to reduce the number of Section 8 recipients living in high-poverty census tracts by five percentage points; and

Whereas, It is altogether fitting, proper, and in the public interest, for this House to express opposition to HUD’s proposed rulemaking that would upend the AFFH rule and exacerbate housing inequities in both this State and across the United States; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. This House expresses its opposition to and disapproval of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development’s proposed rulemaking revising its Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule adopted in 2015.

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 United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and each member of Congress elected from this State.

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. ERNST (for herself, Mr. JONES, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 4657. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate one week each year as “Buddy Check Week” for the purpose of outreach and education concerning peer wellness checks for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. LOEFFLER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. LEE, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 4658. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to allow for greater State flexibility with respect to excluding providers who are involved in abortions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 4659. A bill to require a determination as to whether crimes committed against the Rohingya in Burma amount to genocide; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. JONES:

S. 4660. A bill to amend titles 10 and 14, United States Code, to include certain diversity-related requirements for the Armed Forces and the Coast Guard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 4661. A bill to authorize the President to posthumously award the Medal of Honor to Alwyn C. Cashe for acts of valor during Operation Iraqi Freedom; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 4662. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to criminalize blocking law enforcement officers who have been injured by a criminal act or in the line of duty from ac-

cessing emergency medical services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 4663. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to save Federal funds by authorizing changes to the composition of circulating coins, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 4664. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exclusion from gross income for certain waste water management subsidies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 4665. A bill to require senior officials to report payments received from the Federal Government and to improve the filing and disclosure of financial disclosures by Members of Congress, congressional staff, and very senior employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 4666. A bill to establish the Commission on the Coronavirus Pandemic in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 4667. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue reports after activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System and to make improvements to network outage reporting; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 4668. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. 4669. A bill to require sellers of internet applications to disclose country-of-origin information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 4670. A bill to amend the CARES Act to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase, or to enable the purchase of, preferred equity positions in commercial real estate entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 4671. A bill to prohibit Federal law enforcement officers from wearing camouflage uniforms in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. BURR, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 4672. A bill to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 4673. A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to consider certain factors in issuing certificates of public convenience and necessity under that Act, to modify the requirements for the right to exercise eminent domain in construction of pipelines

under that Act, to provide that the right of eminent domain may not be exercised under that Act for projects for the exportation of natural gas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 4674. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to clarify that drugs and biologicals used for medication-assisted treatment under Medicaid are subject to the requirements of the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TILLIS:

S. 4675. A bill to amend the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act; read the first time.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. KING):

S. 4676. A bill to improve the debt relief program under the CARES Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. 4677. A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to create a new national program to support mid-career workers, including workers from underrepresented populations, in reentering the STEM workforce, by providing funding to small- and medium-sized STEM businesses so the businesses can offer paid internships or other returnships that lead to positions above entry level; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 4678. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the credit for electricity produced from certain renewable resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 4679. A bill to require the Bureau of the Census to determine income and poverty levels in the United States in a manner that accounts for the receipt of Federal benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 4680. A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to provide that the United States district courts shall not have jurisdiction to condemn property in which a State holds any interest, 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 Mr. INHOFE:

S. Res. 713. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the August 13, 2020, announcement of the establishment of full diplomatic relations between the State of Israel and the United Arab Emirates and the September 11, 2020, announcement of the establishment of full diplomatic relations between the State of Israel and the Kingdom of Bahrain is a historic achievement; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HARRIS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. Res. 714. A resolution encouraging the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to maintain and strengthen requirements under the Clean Water Act and reverse ongoing administrative actions to weaken the Clean Water Act and protections for waters of the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. Con. Res. 46. A concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of S. 2330; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. Con. Res. 47. A concurrent resolution recognizing that the climate crisis is disproportionately affecting the health, economic opportunity, and fundamental rights of children, expressing the sense of Congress that renewed leadership by the United States is needed to address the climate crisis, and recognizing the need of the United States to develop a national, comprehensive, and science-based climate recovery plan to phase out fossil fuel emissions, protect and enhance natural sequestration, and put the United States on a path toward stabilizing the climate system; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 514

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 514, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to women veterans, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 514, *supra*.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations relating to commercial motor vehicle drivers under the age of 21, and for other purposes.

S. 861

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 861, a bill to establish in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor of the Department of State a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTI Peoples, and for other purposes.

S. 878

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 878, a bill to foster security in Taiwan, and for other purposes.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) were

added as cosponsors of S. 946, a bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to complete a study on barriers to participation in federally funded cancer clinical trials by populations that have been traditionally underrepresented in such trials.

S. 1602

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1602, a bill to amend the United States Energy Storage Competitiveness Act of 2007 to establish a research, development, and demonstration program for grid-scale energy storage systems, and for other purposes.

S. 1791

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1791, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of religion, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), and marital status in the administration and provision of child welfare services, to improve safety, well-being, and permanency for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning foster youth, and for other purposes.

S. 2001

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2001, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Willie O'Ree, in recognition of his extraordinary contributions and commitment to hockey, inclusion, and recreational opportunity.

S. 2054

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2054, a bill to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher Stevens, and Sean Smith, in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.

S. 2438

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2438, a bill to prevent, treat, and cure tuberculosis globally.

S. 2748

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) 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. 2882

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2882, a bill to establish a community