

At the request of Mr. McCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 709, *supra*.

S. RES. 716

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 716, a resolution designating the week of October 5 through October 9, 2020, as “Malnutrition Awareness Week”.

AMENDMENT NO. 1551

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1551 intended to be proposed to S. 2657, a bill to support innovation in advanced geothermal research and development, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 4757. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to establish additional requirements for dealers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. DURBIN. 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. 4757

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 “Puppy Protection Act of 2020”.

SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DEALERS.

(a) HUMANE TREATMENT OF DOGS BY DEALERS.—Section 13(a) of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2143(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(9) In addition to the requirements under paragraph (2), the standards described in paragraph (1) shall, with respect to dealers, include requirements—

“(A) that the dealer provide adequate housing for dogs that includes—

“(i) completely solid flooring;

“(ii) indoor space sufficient to allow the tallest dog in an enclosure to stand on his or her hind legs without touching the roof of the enclosure;

“(iii) with respect to dogs over 8 weeks in age, primary enclosures that, with the length of the dog measured from the tip of the nose to the base of the tail, provide at least—

“(I) 12 square feet of indoor floor space per each dog measuring not more than 25 inches long;

“(II) 20 square feet of indoor floor space per each dog measuring more than 25 but less than 35 inches long; and

“(III) 30 square feet of indoor floor space per each dog measuring not less than 35 inches long;

“(iv) enclosures that are not stacked or otherwise placed on top of or below another enclosure; and

“(v) temperature control that—

“(I) is appropriate for the age, breed, and condition of each dog in the enclosure; and

“(II) is between 45 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit, when dogs are present in the enclosure;

“(B) that appropriate and nutritious food be provided to each dog at least twice per day, in an amount sufficient to maintain the good health and physical condition of each dog;

“(C) that each dog has continuous access to potable water that is not frozen and is free of feces, algae, and other contaminants;

“(D) that each dog has adequate exercise, including, for each dog over the age of 12 weeks—

“(i) except as provided in clause (ii), unrestricted access from the primary enclosure of the dog during daylight hours to an outdoor exercise area that—

“(I) is at ground-level;

“(II) is a solid surface;

“(III) is enclosed by a fence or other structure;

“(IV) is properly controlled for the safety of the dog; and

“(V) allows the dog to extend to full stride, play, and engage in other types of mentally stimulating and social behaviors; or

“(ii) if the dealer obtains a certification from the attending veterinarian stating that a dog should not have unrestricted access to an outdoor exercise area for a specific medical reason, an alternative exercise plan prescribed by the veterinarian for the dog that meets the applicable requirements under section 3.8 of title 9, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations);

“(E) that each dog has meaningful socialization with humans and compatible dogs for at least 30 minutes each day that—

“(i) includes positive interaction with a human such as petting, stroking, grooming, feeding, playing with, exercising, or other touching of the dog that is beneficial to the well-being of the dog; and

“(ii) does not include time spent in veterinary care;

“(F) that each dog receives adequate veterinary care, including—

“(i) prompt treatment of any disease, illness, or injury by a licensed veterinarian;

“(ii) a thorough, hands-on examination by a licensed veterinarian at least once each year, which shall include a dental exam;

“(iii) core vaccinations recommended by the latest version of the American Animal Hospital Association Canine Vaccination Guidelines; and

“(iv) medications to prevent intestinal parasites, heartworm disease, fleas, and ticks that are approved by a licensed veterinarian for canine use;

“(G) with respect to safe breeding practices for dogs, including—

“(i) a screening program for known prevalent inheritable diseases that may be disabling or likely to significantly affect the lifespan or quality of life of the mother or the offspring;

“(ii) prohibiting breeding, unless each dog bred—

“(I) has been screened by a licensed veterinarian prior to each attempt to breed; and

“(II) is found in the screening under subclause (I) to be free from health conditions that may be disabling to, or likely to significantly affect the lifespan or quality of life of the mother or the offspring;

“(iii) prohibiting the breeding of a female dog to produce—

“(I) more than 2 litters in any 18-month period; or

“(II) more than 6 litters during the lifetime of the dog;

“(iv) that a female dog of any small breed (having a maximum weight range at maturity that is less than 40 pounds) not be bred—

“(I) before reaching the age of 18 months; or

“(II) after reaching the age of 9 years;

“(v) that a female dog of any large breed (having an expected weight range at matu-

rity that includes 40 or more pounds) not be bred—

“(I) before reaching the age of 2 years; or

“(II) after reaching the age of 7 years; and

“(vi) that any canine caesarian section be performed by a licensed veterinarian;

“(H) that dogs be housed with other dogs, unless health or behavioral issues make group housing unsafe; and

“(I) to make all reasonable efforts to find humane placement for retired breeding dogs—

“(i) such as with an adoptive family, rescue organization, or other appropriate owner for that dog; and

“(ii) not including selling at auction or otherwise placing a retired breeding dog with another breeder for breeding purposes.”

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 13(a)(2)(B) of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2143(a)(2)(B)) is amended by inserting “subject to paragraph (9),” before “for exercise of dogs”.

(c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue final regulations establishing the standards for the care of dogs by dealers, as required by this section and the amendments made by this section.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 726—HONORING ROSALYNNE SMITH CARTER'S 50 YEARS OF MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY

Mr. PERDUE (for himself, Mrs. LOEFFLER, and Mr. MURPHY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 726

Whereas Rosalynn Smith Carter, since 1970, when her husband, future President of the United States Jimmy Carter, was a candidate for Governor of Georgia, has been a leading advocate for raising awareness about mental health and the ability of people with mental health disorders to recover and live happy and fulfilling lives;

Whereas Mrs. Carter emerged as a national driving force for mental health when, during Jimmy Carter's presidential administration, Mrs. Carter became the active honorary chair of the President's Commission on Mental Health;

Whereas the work of President Carter's Commission on Mental Health resulted in passage of the Mental Health Systems Act of 1980, which offered reforms to publicly-funded mental health programs;

Whereas, in 1982, President and Mrs. Carter founded The Carter Center, which is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people in the United States and in the developing world through programs that promote peace and health;

Whereas, from 1985 to 2016, Mrs. Carter hosted the annual Rosalynn Carter Symposium on Mental Health Policy, bringing together national leaders in the mental health community to discuss a specific topic each year, including promoting access to appropriate and affordable behavioral health care services, improving the quality of such services, and reducing the stigma and isolation associated with mental health disorders and substance use disorders;

Whereas The Carter Center's Mental Health Program, established in 1990 and continuing under the leadership and guidance of Mrs. Carter, strives to build consensus in

order to effect positive change in mental health and substance use policy and systems, with a focus on vulnerable populations, including children and the elderly;

Whereas, in 1996, Mrs. Carter established the Rosalynn Carter Fellowships for Mental Health Journalism, which have provided training and support to more than 220 journalists in the United States and abroad to report accurately and sensitively about and reduce the stigma surrounding mental health disorders, mental health care, mental health law and policy, and related issues;

Whereas Mrs. Carter, in 2008, played a key role in supporting the passage of the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act, which helps ensure that mental health disorders and substance use disorders are covered by insurance at parity with other illnesses;

Whereas Mrs. Carter, who has long been a champion of the physical and mental health, strength, and resilience of family caregivers, established the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving in 1987, where she continues to serve as President of the Board of Directors;

Whereas, throughout Mrs. Carter's 50 years of advocacy for mental health, she has been an effective champion for the elimination of stigma and discrimination against people with mental health disorders, which are among the most common health conditions around the world; and

Whereas, at 93 years of age, Mrs. Carter continues her devoted work to improving the lives of those affected by mental health disorders and substance use disorders in the United States and around the world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) hereby expresses its profound gratitude, on behalf of the people of the United States, to Rosalynn Smith Carter for her lifetime of accomplishments and commitment on behalf of those affected by mental health disorders and substance use disorders;

(2) recognizes, praises, and appreciates the improvements in wellbeing and the betterment of society Mrs. Carter's contributions have engendered; and

(3) encourages all people of the United States to follow Mrs. Carter's example of putting compassion into action through a lifetime of service to humanity.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2670. Mrs. LOEFFLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2657, to support innovation in advanced geothermal research and development, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2671. Mrs. LOEFFLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2657, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2672. Mr. DAINES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the

bill H.R. 8337, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2670. Mrs. LOEFFLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2657, to support innovation in advanced geothermal research and development, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title I, insert the following:

Subtitle I—People's Republic of China Prohibition on Participation

SEC. 1901. PROHIBITION ON PARTICIPATION FOR CERTAIN ENTITIES.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Securing our Energy Future Act of 2020”.

(b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDER.**—The term “controlling shareholder” means a shareholder that owns more than 5 percent of the total shares in a company.

(2) **COVERED ENTITY.**—The term “covered entity” means any company, organization, or entity—

(A) that is primarily based in the People's Republic of China;

(B) the primary owner of which is a resident or citizen of the People's Republic of China; or

(C) in the case of a publicly traded company, the controlling shareholder of which is—

(i) an individual that is a resident or citizen of the People's Republic of China; or

(ii) an entity that is primarily based in the People's Republic of China.

(c) **PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN ENTITIES.**—No covered entity shall be eligible for any grant or contract, or to participate in any program, authorized under this title or the amendments made by this title shall be ineligible if the company, entity, or organization, as applicable—

(1) partners or subcontracts with a covered entity;

(2) uses products or services provided by any company owned in whole or in part by the Chinese Communist Party; or

(3) uses products or services provided by any company deemed a national security risk by the Department of Defense, the Department of Commerce, or any United States intelligence or national security agency.

(d) **PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.**—Any company, entity, or organization otherwise eligible for any grant or contract, or to participate in any program, authorized under this title or the amendments made by this title shall be ineligible if the company, entity, or organization, as applicable—

(1) partners or subcontracts with a covered entity;

(2) uses products or services provided by any company owned in whole or in part by the Chinese Communist Party; or

(3) uses products or services provided by any company deemed a national security risk by the Department of Defense, the Department of Commerce, or any United States intelligence or national security agency.

SA 2672. Mr. DAINES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 8337, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 4604.

RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:13 p.m., recessed until Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at 12 noon.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nomination received by the Senate:

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

AMY CONEY BARRETT, OF INDIANA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, VICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG, DECEASED.

NOTICE

Incomplete record of Senate proceedings. Today's Senate proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.