

Consortium, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-282).

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. BRAUN:

S. 4812. A bill to provide the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State with temporary direct hire authority for certain positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 4813. A bill to support United States policy toward Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 4814. A bill to ensure that sales, exports, or transfers of F-35 aircraft do not compromise the qualitative military edge of the United States or Israel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 4815. A bill to provide for a National Disaster Safety Board; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 4816. A bill to establish the Southern Maryland National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 4817. A bill to modify the 7(a) loan guaranty program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. COONS, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KING, Mr. REED, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BROWN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. UDALL, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 4818. A bill to provide assistance to small businesses affected by COVID-19, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 4819. A bill to improve the health of minority individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 4820. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the use of retirement plan funds to obtain long-term care insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 4821. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify that utility line technicians qualify as emergency response providers; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 4822. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance tax benefits for research activities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 4823. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to create a national zero-emission vehicle standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 748. A resolution congratulating the Seattle Storm women's basketball team on winning the 2020 Women's National Basketball Association Championship; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. KAINE):

S. Res. 749. A resolution denouncing the Maduro regime's efforts to hold fraudulent legislative elections, the absence of acceptable conditions to ensure free, fair, and transparent electoral processes in Venezuela, and the further erosion of Venezuelan democracy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 362

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 362, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 511

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 511, a bill to promote and protect from discrimination living organ donors.

S. 997

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 997, a bill to recognize and honor the service of individuals who served in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1374

At the request of Ms. MCSALLY, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1374, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the waiting periods for disability insurance benefits and Medicare coverage for individuals with metastatic breast cancer, and for other purposes.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms.

DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to establish the Strength in Diversity Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1687

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1687, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for certain casualty losses of uncut timber.

S. 1700

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1700, a bill to provide a temporary safe harbor for publishers of online content to collectively negotiate with dominant online platforms regarding the terms on which content may be distributed.

S. 2246

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2246, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide equal coverage of in vitro specific IgE tests and percutaneous tests for allergies under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2477

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2477, a bill to establish a National Commission on Fibrotic Diseases.

S. 2561

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2561, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, and for other purposes.

S. 2842

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 to expand and expedite access to cardiac rehabilitation programs and pulmonary rehabilitation programs under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 3072

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3072, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the approval of new abortion drugs, to prohibit investigational use exemptions for abortion drugs, and to impose additional regulatory requirements with respect to previously approved abortion drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 3182

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3182, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Women's Health Transition Training pilot program through at least fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 3353

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) 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. 3471

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. SASSE), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3471, a bill to ensure that goods made with forced labor in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China do not enter the United States market, and for other purposes.

S. 3684

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3684, a bill to make supplemental appropriations for the Departments of Agriculture, the Interior, Homeland Security, Labor, and Commerce for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 3686

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mrs. LOEFFLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3686, a bill to provide for parental notification and intervention in the case of an unemancipated minor seeking an abortion.

S. 3722

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. SASSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3722, a bill to authorize funding for a bilateral cooperative program with Israel for the development of health technologies with a focus on combating COVID-19.

S. 3812

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) 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. 3967

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cospon-

sor of S. 3967, a bill to reform Federal Aviation Administration safety requirements for commercial air tour operators, and for other purposes.

S. 4012

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) and the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) were added as cosponsors of S. 4012, a bill to establish a \$120,000,000,000 Restaurant Revitalization Fund to provide structured relief to food service or drinking establishments through December 31, 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 4212

At the request of Ms. MCSALLY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mrs. LOEFFLER) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 4216

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 4216, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct studies and report to Congress on actions taken to expand access to telehealth services under the Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance programs during the COVID-19 emergency.

S. 4225

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4225, a bill to establish authority to destroy counterfeit devices offered for import, and for other purposes.

S. 4255

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4255, a bill to amend the CARES Act to establish community investment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 4258

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 4258, a bill to establish a grant program for small live venue operators and talent representatives.

S. 4349

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4349, a bill to address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals.

S. 4380

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4380, a bill to provide redress to the employees of Air America.

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4380, *supra*.

S. 4395

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4395, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to authorize maritime transportation emergency relief, and for other purposes.

S. 4426

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 4426, a bill to establish an Office of Subnational Diplomacy within the Department of State, and for other purposes.

S. 4555

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4555, a bill to reauthorize funding for programs to prevent, investigate, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 4564

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4564, a bill to authorize the location of a memorial on the National Mall to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces that served on active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 4657

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

S. 4701

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4701, a bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 with respect to future interstate designations, and for other purposes.

S. 4764

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4764, a bill to require the Secretary of

Housing and Urban Development to establish a pilot program for public-private partnerships for disaster mitigation projects, and for other purposes.

S. 4799

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) and the Senator from Georgia (Mrs. LOEFFLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 4799, a bill to require the imposition of sanctions with respect to forced abortions by the Government of the People's Republic of China.

S. 4805

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 4805, a bill to create a point of order against legislation modifying the number of Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States.

S.J. RES. 14

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 14, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require that the Supreme Court of the United States be composed of not more than 9 justices.

S.J. RES. 76

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 76, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require that the Supreme Court of the United States be composed of nine justices.

S. CON. RES. 49

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN), the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator

from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 49, a concurrent resolution mandating procedures to ensure adequate precautions against COVID-19 in Senate buildings.

S. RES. 679

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 679, a resolution expressing appreciation and support for essential employees with disabilities or who are blind during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

S. RES. 680

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 680, a resolution condemning the People's Republic of China's use of military aggression to change the status quo at the Line of Actual Control between India and China.

S. RES. 689

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 689, a resolution condemning the crackdown on peaceful protestors in Belarus and calling for the imposition of sanctions on responsible officials.

S. RES. 709

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 709, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the August 13, 2020, and September 11, 2020, announcements of the establishment of full diplomatic relations between the State of Israel and the United Arab Emirates and the State of Israel and the Kingdom of Bahrain are historic achievements.

S. RES. 716

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 716, a resolution designating the week of October 5 through October 9, 2020, as "Malnutrition Awareness Week".

S. RES. 745

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 745, a resolution honoring the life, legacy, and example of former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the 25th anniversary of his death.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 4819. A bill to improve the health of minority individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, there is no shortage of examples showing how our Nation systemically fails communities of color and other minorities, but the events of 2020—namely COVID-19 and the killings of Black Americans—have brought heightened attention and urgency to addressing inequities and disparities throughout our nation. Tragically, these inequities and disparities pervade our health care system, resulting in poor health outcomes and barriers to care for far too many communities.

Mr. President, I believe that healthcare is a right—not a privilege—and that this right should extend to everyone in our Nation. Yet, this is not the case. Our Nation falls short in ensuring that right to everyone regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, immigration status, or any other factor, which is why I am reintroducing the Health Equity and Accountability Act (HEAA). This bill is a comprehensive blueprint of bold policy solutions that address a wide spectrum of health equity concerns.

Despite progress made through the Affordable Care Act, health care access remains a problem in the U.S., with minority communities disproportionately facing barriers to coverage. HEAA expands access to health care for many communities in need including immigrant communities, rural communities, and of particular importance to my state, citizens of the Freely Associated States who are living in our country under the Compacts of Free Association.

We know that diversity in our health care workforce can improve health outcomes, and yet racial and ethnic minorities remain underrepresented in our health professions. HEAA seeks to address the lack of diversity in our health workforce through loan repayment programs and health professions fellowships. The bill would also help providers better serve a diverse patient population with culturally and linguistically appropriate health care services through investments like cultural competency education and expanded language access services to assist the over 12 percent of Hawaii residents and about 8 percent of people nationwide with limited English proficiency.

Women, children, and adolescents often face additional barriers and disparities in accessing information, health education, health services, and coverage. HEAA aims to dismantle those barriers and address a range of infant, maternal, sexual, and reproductive health needs, particularly for