

after natural disasters in Louisiana; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Whereas, hurricanes that blow through coastal Louisiana, particularly those that come ashore as a Category 3 or higher, such as Hurricane Rita in 2005 and particularly Hurricane Laura in 2020, leave behind destruction and dislocation of people, homes, and equipment; and

Whereas, Hurricane Laura is estimated to have caused between \$4 billion and \$12 billion in damages mostly to Louisiana and mostly in the coastal areas of Southwest Louisiana; and

Whereas, a component of that damage involves the dislocation of equipment from the oil and gas industry located in coastal Louisiana, including storage tanks, drums, pipe segments, and other equipment used in the oil patch, equipment that is picked up by the wind and water of the hurricane and dropped elsewhere in the coast; and

Whereas, nearly eighty percent of the land in coastal Louisiana is privately-owned land, so much of the dislocated oil and gas equipment lands on privately-held property; and WHEREAS, some of the dislocated oilfield equipment contains materials that can cause pollution if the tanks and drums are damaged through the dislocation and could also be the cause of marine accidents when they are located in waterways where boat captains do not expect to find such hazards; and

Whereas, initial efforts to locate and identify equipment displaced by a hurricane include an attempt to identify the owner of the equipment, notify the owner that their equipment has been found, and request that the owner remove their equipment from another person's property; and

Whereas, the second step in attempting to address the dislocated equipment is the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LaDEQ), the Louisiana State Police, and the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office (LOSCO) working in cooperation with the United States Coast Guard and, under the auspices of FEMA, working to remove any tank or drum that could be the source of pollution in the marsh or could be the cause of marine accidents involving boats and displaced tanks or drums; and

Whereas, after sources of pollution and immediate hazards are removed by LaDEQ, State Police, and LOSCO, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Louisiana National Guard, again under the auspices of the FEMA, identify the location and nature of additional tanks, drums, and other oilfield equipment dislodged by the hurricane so removal plans can be developed; and

Whereas, plans for removal of dislodged equipment that is neither hazardous nor polluting include a development of a timeline and an assessment of the potential damage to the marsh that could occur as a result of removal efforts versus the damage that the item may cause by its relocation to the spot; and

Whereas, because the process is a bifurcated process, requiring removal of hazardous or polluting items first and then removal of the remainder of the equipment, many times a situation arises that results in a displaced tank being bypassed on the way to remove a hazardous or polluting tank when removing all the equipment at the same time would be more efficient, more cost-effective, and require less overall time to remove all the dislodged equipment; and

Whereas, the FEMA practices and procedures do not allow the removal of nonhazardous, non-polluting items prior to or at the same time as removal of other displaced

oilfield tanks, drums, and other equipment, thereby elongating the process and increasing the damage to the private property located in the marshes of coastal Louisiana. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to require the Federal Emergency Management Agency to more efficiently coordinate the removal of dislocated oilfield equipment after natural disasters in Louisiana; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-260. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to the manufacturing of personal protective equipment (PPE); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 4897. A bill to reestablish United States global leadership in nuclear energy, revitalize domestic nuclear energy supply chain infrastructure, support the licensing of advanced nuclear technologies, and improve the regulation of nuclear energy, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. WICKER for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Daniel Huff, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

*Gregory Autry, of California, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

*Nathan A. Simington, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2019.

*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. BOOKER:

S. 4944. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve access to care for all Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries through models tested under the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 4945. A bill to improve end-of-life care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 4946. A bill to counter Saudi Arabia's possible pursuit of weapons of mass destruction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 4947. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require annual lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico region of the outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 4948. A bill to provide funds for addressing COVID-19 conditioned on requiring the use of face coverings in public, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TOOHEY (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 4949. A bill to require the Secretary of Health of Human Services to publish guidance for States on strategies for maternal care providers participating in the Medicaid program to reduce maternal mortality and severe morbidity with respect to individuals receiving medical assistance under such program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 4950. A bill to improve the process for awarding grants under certain programs of the Department of Agriculture to certain counties in which the majority of land is owned or managed by the Federal Government and to other units of local government and Tribal governments in those counties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. DAINES):

S. 4951. A bill to improve the process for awarding grants under certain programs of the Department of Transportation to certain counties in which the majority of land is owned or managed by the Federal Government and to other units of local government and Tribal governments in those counties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. ERNST:

S. 4952. A bill to establish a grant program to expand the domestic production of certain medical supplies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 4953. A bill to prohibit data brokers from selling, trading, licensing, or otherwise provide for consideration lists of vulnerable populations to any individual or commercial entity; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S.J. Res. 81. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit the use of slavery and involuntary servitude as a punishment for a crime; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 782. A resolution honoring the life, achievements, and distinguished public service of the Honorable George Pratt Shultz; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Mr. BARASSO, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. Res. 783. A resolution designating November 2020 as “National Hospice and Palliative Care Month”; considered and agreed to. By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 784. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. BRAUN):

S. Res. 785. A resolution expressing support for the goals of Stomach Cancer Awareness Month; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 786. A resolution designating December 19, 2020, as “National Wreaths Across America Day”; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. LOEFFLER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. LEE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. DAINES, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. KING, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. PETERS, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 787. A resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Month and National Adoption Day by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children waiting for adoption, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1342

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1342, a bill to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to update periodically the environmental sensitivity index products of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for each coastal area of the Great Lakes, and for other purposes.

S. 2006

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), the Senator from New York (Mrs.

GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2006, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain conduct relating to the use of horses for human consumption.

S. 2054

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) 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. 2561

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) 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. 2948

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2948, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program for work therapy using service dog training.

S. 3004

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3004, a bill to protect human rights and enhance opportunities for LGBTI people around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 3072

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) 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. 3753

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3753, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that certain medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs have physical locations for the disposal of controlled substances medications.

S. 3812

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from North Caro-

lina (Mr. TILLIS) 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. 4113

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4113, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide grants to States and Indian Tribes to deploy affordable, high-speed broadband to unserved and underserved areas.

S. 4138

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4138, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to make permanent the authority of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to conduct a telework travel expenses program.

S. 4258

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4258, a bill to establish a grant program for small live venue operators and talent representatives.

S. 4429

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4429, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study regarding toxic exposure by members of the Armed Forces deployed to Karshi Khanabad Air Base, Uzbekistan, to include such members in the open burn pit registry, and for other purposes.

S. 4600

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4600, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the responses of the Department of Defense to sex-related offenses, and for other purposes.

S. 4647

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4647, a bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to establish a cattle contract library, and for other purposes.

S. 4659

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4659, a bill to require a determination as to whether crimes committed against the Rohingya in Burma amount to genocide.

S. 4708

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mrs. LOEFFLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4708, a bill to establish a commission to review certain regulatory obstacles to preparedness for, response