

EC-4643. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Unified Payment for Medicare-Covered Post-Acute Care: Analysis and Development of the Prototype Unified PAC Prospective Payment System Called for in the IMPACT ACT"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4644. A communication from the Principal Deputy Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a data snapshot entitled "Part D Plans Generally Include Drugs Commonly Used by Dual Eligibles: 2022"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4645. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Non-Emergency Medical Transportation in Medicaid, 2018-2020"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4646. A communication from the Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's 2022 Annual Report of the Supplemental Security Income Program; to the Committee on Finance.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Report to accompany S. 4503, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2023 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-132).

### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE—TREATY

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

[Treaty Doc. 117-3: Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden with six declarations and one condition (Ex. Rept. 117-5)]

The text of the committee-recommended resolution of advice and consent to ratification is as follows:

*Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),*

Section 1. Senate advice and consent subject to declarations and conditions.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden, which were signed on July 5, 2022, by the United States of America and other parties to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 (Treaty Doc. 117-3), subject to the declarations of section 2 and the condition of section 3.

Sec. 2. declarations.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declarations:

(1) Reaffirmation That United States Membership in NATO Remains a Vital National Security Interest of the United States.—The Senate declares that—

(A) for more than 70 years the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has served as the preeminent organization to defend the

countries in the North Atlantic area against all external threats;

(B) through common action, the established democracies of North America and Europe that were joined in NATO persevered and prevailed in the task of ensuring the survival of democratic government in Europe and North America throughout the Cold War;

(C) NATO enhances the security of the United States by embedding European states in a process of cooperative security planning and by ensuring an ongoing and direct leadership role for the United States in European security affairs;

(D) the responsibility and financial burden of defending the democracies of Europe and North America can be more equitably shared through an alliance in which specific obligations and force goals are met by its members;

(E) the security and prosperity of the United States is enhanced by NATO's collective defense against aggression that may threaten the security of NATO members; and

(F) United States membership in NATO remains a vital national security interest of the United States.

(2) Strategic Rationale for NATO Enlargement.—The Senate declares that—

(A) the United States and its NATO allies face continued threats to their stability and territorial integrity;

(B) an attack against Finland or Sweden, or the destabilization of either arising from external subversion, would threaten the stability of Europe and jeopardize United States national security interests;

(C) Finland and Sweden, having established democratic governments and having demonstrated a willingness to meet the requirements of membership, including those necessary to contribute to the defense of all NATO members, are in a position to further the principles of the North Atlantic Treaty and to contribute to the security of the North Atlantic area; and

(D) extending NATO membership to Finland and Sweden will strengthen NATO, enhance stability in Europe, and advance the interests of the United States and its NATO allies.

(3) Support for NATO's Open Door Policy.—The policy of the United States is to support NATO's Open Door Policy that allows any European country to express its desire to join NATO and demonstrate its ability to meet the obligations of NATO membership.

(4) Future Consideration of Candidates for Membership in NATO.—

(A) Senate Finding.—The Senate finds that the United States will not support the accession to the North Atlantic Treaty of, or the invitation to begin accession talks with, any European state (other than Finland and Sweden), unless—

(i) the President consults with the Senate consistent with Article II, section 2, clause 2 of the Constitution of the United States (relating to the advice and consent of the Senate to the making of treaties); and

(ii) the prospective NATO member can fulfill all of the obligations and responsibilities of membership, and the inclusion of such state in NATO would serve the overall political and strategic interests of NATO and the United States.

(B) Requirement for Consensus and Ratification.—The Senate declares that no action or agreement other than a consensus decision by the full membership of NATO, approved by the national procedures of each NATO member, including, in the case of the United States, the requirements of Article II, section 2, clause 2 of the Constitution of the United States (relating to the advice and consent of the Senate to the making of treat-

ties), will constitute a commitment to collective defense and consultations pursuant to Articles 4 and 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty.

(5) Influence of Non-NATO Members on NATO Decisions.—The Senate declares that any country that is not a member of NATO shall have no impact on decisions related to NATO enlargement.

(6) Support for 2014 Wales Summit Defense Spending Benchmark.—The Senate declares that all NATO members should continue to fulfill or move towards the guideline outlined in the 2014 Wales Summit Declaration to spend a minimum of 2 percent of their Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on defense and 20 percent of their defense budgets on major equipment, including research and development, by 2024.

Sec. 3. condition.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following conditions

(1) Presidential Certification.—Prior to the deposit of the instrument of ratification, the President shall certify to the Senate as follows:

(A) The inclusion of Finland and Sweden in NATO will not have the effect of increasing the overall percentage share of the United States in the common budgets of NATO.

(B) The inclusion of Finland and Sweden in NATO does not detract from the ability of the United States to meet or to fund its military requirements outside the North Atlantic area.

Sec. 4. definitions.

In this resolution:

(1) NATO Members.—The term "NATO members" means all countries that are parties to the North Atlantic Treaty.

(2) Non-NATO Members.—The term "non-NATO members" means all countries that are not parties to the North Atlantic Treaty.

(3) North Atlantic Area.—The term "North Atlantic Area" means the area covered by Article 6 of the North Atlantic Treaty, as applied by the North Atlantic Council.

(4) North Atlantic Treaty.—he term "North Atlantic Treaty" means the North Atlantic Treaty, signed at Washington April 4, 1949 (63 Stat. 2241; TIAS 1964), as amended.

(5) United States Instrument of Ratification.—The term "United States instrument of ratification" means the instrument of ratification of the United States of the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden.

### 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. WICKER:

S. 4560. A bill to enable the people of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to determine the political status of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WARNOCK (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. BENNET, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 4561. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to seek to enter into an agreement with an entity to conduct a study and produce a report on barriers to home ownership for members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WARNOCK (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr.

TESTER, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 4562. A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to increase the basic allowance for housing inside the United States for members of the uniformed services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 4563. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to take certain actions regarding the housing shortage for members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WARNOCK (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. TESTER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 4564. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to report on the basic allowance for housing for members of the uniformed services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 4565. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the copayment requirement for recipients of Department of Veterans Affairs payments or allowances for beneficiary travel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 4566. A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to establish a regional clean energy innovation program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRAMER (for himself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER):

S. 4567. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 4568. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote the increased use of renewable natural gas, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful transportation-related emissions that contribute to poor air quality, and to increase job creation and economic opportunity throughout the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 4569. A bill to prohibit the provision of Federal funds to certain entities subject to sanctions imposed by the United States; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 4570. A bill to prohibit the intentional hindering of immigration, border, and customs controls, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 4571. A bill to reaffirm that the President of the United States lacks the authority to stop oil and gas leasing on Federal public land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 4572. A bill to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to expand the use of non-intrusive inspection systems at land ports of entry; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. ROMNEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. COONS, Mr. SASSE, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 4573. A bill to amend title 3, United States Code, to reform the Electoral Count Act, and to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to provide clear guidelines for when and to whom resources are provided by the Administrator of General Services for use in connection with the preparations for the assumption of official duties as President or Vice President; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. ROMNEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. COONS):

S. 4574. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase penalties for crimes against Federally protected activities relating to voting and the conduct of elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 4575. A bill to clarify that the Federal Right to Try law applies to schedule I substances for which a phase I clinical trial has been completed and to provide access for eligible patients to such substances pursuant to the Federal Right to Try law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 4576. A bill to provide competitive grants for the promotion of Japanese American confinement education as a means to understand the importance of democratic principles, use and abuse of power, and to raise awareness about the importance of cultural tolerance toward Japanese Americans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. Res. 713. A resolution recognizing Russian actions in Ukraine as a genocide; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. KAIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KING, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. REED, Mr. BENNETT, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. PETERS, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 714. A resolution recognizing the importance of independent living for individuals with disabilities made possible by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and calling for further action to strengthen home

and community living for individuals with disabilities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pension.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 204

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 204, a bill to establish the Office of Press Freedom, to create press freedom curriculum at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center, and for other purposes.

S. 331

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 331, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the age requirement with respect to eligibility for qualified ABLE programs.

S. 634

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) were added as cosponsors of S. 634, a bill to support and expand civic engagement and political leadership of adolescent girls around the world, and other purposes.

S. 1273

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1273, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to small employers for covering military spouses under retirement plans.

S. 1321

At the request of Mr. KELLY, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1321, a bill to modify the boundary of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, and for other purposes.

S. 1436

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1436, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to amend the mission statement of the Food and Drug Administration.

S. 1625

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1625, a bill to authorize notaries public to perform, and to establish minimum standards for, electronic notarizations and remote notarizations that occur in or affect interstate commerce, to require any Federal court to recognize notarizations performed by a notarial officer of any State, to require any State to recognize notarizations performed by a notarial officer of any other State when the notarization was performed under or relates to a public Act, record, or judicial proceeding of the notarial officer's State or when the notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce, and for other purposes.

S. 1663

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut