

Whereas, According to a survey conducted by School Bus Fleet Magazine, most school districts have endured some degree of bus driver shortage, and data from the National Association for Pupil Transportation reveals that many school districts consider CDL requirements to be a major factor in their ability to recruit and retain bus drivers; one Texas school district has successfully overcome its shortage, but only through costly training programs that compensate new drivers as they complete the CDL application; and

Whereas, School districts that provide valuable transportation services are burdened by a flawed federal system with inefficient licensing requirements, and Congress should solve this problem by allowing states to establish regulations according to their own needs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas, 3rd Called Session, hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to pass legislation that would grant licensing authority for public school bus drivers to the states; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

POM-110. A notification from the Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey to inform the United States Congress of New Jersey's intention to withdraw from the Waterfront Commission Compact; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-111. A motion adopted by the Legislature of Chautauqua County, New York, urging the President of the United States, and the United States Congress to support, uphold, and preserve the principles set forth in the Constitutions of the United States and State of New York, and exercise their legislative and executive powers within the bounds of their constitutional authority; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-112. A petition from a citizen of the State of Missouri making an official request for review of the Ripley County Court in Case Numbers (375), (376), (377), January 1973; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SCHATZ, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 1688. An act to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act (Rept. No. 117-63).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Ms. CANTWELL for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Kathy K. Im, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

*Thomas E. Rothman, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2026.

*Elizabeth M. Sembler, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Cor-

poration for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2026.

*John Edward Putnam, of Colorado, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

*Max Vekich, of Washington, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2026.

*Jed David Kolko, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs.

*Steven Scott Cliff, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

*Ann Claire Phillips, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration.

*Laura Gore Ross, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2028.

*Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation.

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the Records on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Capt. Wayne R. Arguin and ending with Capt. John C. Vann, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 13, 2021.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Capt. Franklin H. Schaefer and ending with Capt. Tiffany G. Danko, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 28, 2021.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lh) Christopher A. Bartz and ending with Rear Adm. (lh) Jonathan P. Hickey, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 1, 2021.

*Coast Guard nomination of Peter F. Bosma, to be Captain.

By Mr. PETERS for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Margaret A. Burnham, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board.

*Gabrielle M. Dudley, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board.

*Henry Klibanoff, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board.

*Brenda E. Stevenson, of California, to be a Member of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board.

*Tovah R. Calderon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

*Adrienne Jennings Noti, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

*Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2028.

*Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations

Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2025.

*Ed Gonzalez, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

*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. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 3553. A bill to review domestic biopharmaceutical manufacturing capabilities in order to improve public health and medical preparedness and response capabilities and domestic biopharmaceutical manufacturing capabilities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. BURR):

S. 3554. A bill to establish an alternative use of certain Federal education funds when in-person instruction is not available; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Ms. ERNST, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. PAUL, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. SUL-LIVAN):

S. 3555. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to clarify the scope of the authority for emergency temporary standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LUMMIS (for herself and Mr. KELLY):

S. 3556. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to modify certain regulations relating to the requirements for commercial driver's license testing and commercial learner's permit holders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 3557. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the Quality Payment Program-Small Practice, Underserved, and Rural Support Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 3558. A bill to amend the Arms Export Control Act to provide for better monitoring and verification of the use of defense articles and defense services by countries of concern, and for other purpose; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 3559. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit institutions of higher education participating in Federal student assistance programs from giving preferential treatment in the admissions process to legacy students or donors; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 3560. A bill to promote and support the local arts and creative economy in the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 3561. A bill to require owners of covered federally assisted rental dwelling units to install temperature sensors in such units, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 3562. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to ensure that certain custodial deposits of well capitalized insured depository institutions are not considered to be funds obtained by or through deposit brokers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 3563. A bill to amend the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 to provide for the addition of certain equipment and services produced or provided by DJI Technologies to the list covered communications equipment or services published under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Ms. ERNST):

S. 3564. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to codify the Boots to Business Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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

S. 3565. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to purchase at-home tests for SARS-CoV-2 that are imported from, or manufactured in, the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3566. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to trauma care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. HAGERTY, and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 3567. A bill to modify the limitation on military-to-military exchanges and contacts with the People's Liberation Army to cover all logistical operations and remove the exception for search-and-rescue and humanitarian operations and exercises; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 3568. A bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration from accepting warrants for the arrest of aliens as valid proof of identification at airport security checkpoints, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 212

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 212, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable tax credit against income tax for the purchase of qualified access technology for the blind.

S. 265

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 265, a bill to establish a grant program to provide amounts to public housing agencies to install automatic sprinkler systems in public housing, and for other purposes.

S. 407

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

DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 407, a bill to provide redress to the employees of Air America.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1315

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1315, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items under the Medicare program.

S. 1574

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1574, a bill to codify a statutory definition for long-term care pharmacies.

S. 3074

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3074, a bill to establish the Payroll Audit Independent Determination program in the Department of Labor.

S. 3481

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 3481, a bill to secure the dignity and safety of incarcerated women.

S. 3505

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. 3505, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain Nurse Corps payments from gross income.

S. 3512

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3512, a bill to establish an advisory group to encourage and foster collaborative efforts among individuals and entities engaged in disaster recovery relating to debris removal, and for other purposes.

S. 3518

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the

Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors of S. 3518, a bill to increase the rates of pay under the statutory pay systems and for prevailing rate employees by 5.1 percent, and for other purposes.

S. 3546

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3546, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the amendments made to reporting of third party network transactions by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

S. RES. 499

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 499, a resolution celebrating 100 years of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Baltic States.

S. RES. 500

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 500, a resolution supporting the observation of National Trafficking and Modern Slavery Prevention Month during the period beginning on January 1, 2022, and ending on February 1, 2022, to raise awareness of, and opposition to, human trafficking and modern slavery.

AMENDMENT NO. 3892

At the request of Mr. WARNER, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3892 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 3566. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to trauma care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, today I am pleased to introduce the Improving Trauma Systems and Emergency Care Act with Senator MORAN.

Nationally, trauma is the leading cause of death in the United States for individuals aged 44 and younger, and according to the Coalition for National Trauma Research, trauma accounts for 41 million emergency room visits and 2 million hospital admissions across the country each year.

For anyone who experiences sudden, major injuries in a car crash, a house fire, and any other dangerous incident, timely and effective trauma care can make a significant difference. The Nation's trauma and emergency medical