

the period from October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1288. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report on the Status of Audits for the period from October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1289. A communication from the Director of Equal Employment Opportunity, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Service's fiscal year 2022 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation (No FEAR) Act of 2002 received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1290. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-94, "Street Vendor Advancement Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1291. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2023-03, Introduction" (FAC 2023-03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 10, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-20. A resolution from the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico expressing its enthusiastic support for the agreement entered into by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Forum of Presidents of the Legislative Bodies of Central America and the Caribbean Basin (FOPREL), which provides for the establishment of a FOPREL branch office in Puerto Rico; establish the rules and objectives of said office; provide for the duties and operations of the branch office; for the purpose of strengthening the cooperation among the various parliaments that are members of this International Body and cementing ties among all Latin American peoples; among others; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 987

Laws are the vehicle that implements the will of the People and establish the foundation for a progressive, inclusive, and democratic society. The role of parliaments, which are the institutions that best represent the power of citizens within the government structure, is to create legal frameworks that are innovative, efficient, and consistent with the goal of creating the necessary conditions to meet the challenges faced in a modern society. Thus, a parliamentary system is not just an internal mechanism that each country can use to find answers, but one that can be used to exchange experiences and ideas with other legislative bodies in order to face the challenges of the 21st century in a comprehensively and thoroughly.

The Forum of Presidents of the Legislative Bodies of Central America, the Caribbean Basin and Mexico (FOPREL, Spanish acronym) is the highest inter-parliamentary organization in the Central American, Caribbean Basin, and Mexico region. Its mission is to be: (i) a space for political dialogue, (ii) an organization that promotes inter-parliamentary diplomacy, (iii) a Forum to reach agreements on regional legislative initiatives directed at strengthening national legislation, (iv) a facilitator for the generation of knowledge and to strengthen the parliamentary sphere, (v) a nexus between the legislative, executive, and judicial powers, civil society, and multilateral organizations, (vi) an inter-parliamentary network that promotes the sharing of experiences, good practices, and technical and financial cooperation; and (vi) an institution for the formation of alliances geared towards achieving common goals. Therefore, FOPREL has the authority to enter into agreements with parliaments within and without the region as well as to enter into cooperation agreements with other institutions in order to support its projects and programs.

FOPREL's Charter establishes that the institution "may open branch offices in all countries that are full members of the Forum in order to implement and create programs and projects that contribute to capacity building and strengthen the ties between the aforementioned parliaments and International Organizations." FOPREL's "2022-2027 Institutional Development Plan" states that "branch offices shall be established in the countries that are members of FOPREL and such offices shall be granted the institutional tools necessary for their administration and operation."

During FOPREL's 25th Special Meeting held on November 26, 2021, in the Dominican Republic, an agreement was reached to "create a FOPREL branch office within the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico that shall serve as a liaison between Puerto Rico and the countries of the Caribbean Basin that are members of FOPREL." The new office shall undertake, administer, and carry out projects to further FOPREL's institutional goals, and shall serve as a liaison between Puerto Rico, the countries of the Caribbean Basin and all other full and observer members of FOPREL.

This Legislative Assembly believes that the establishment of a FOPREL branch office on our Island shall enable Puerto Rico to join in progressive conversations on different topics and challenges and provide Puerto Rico with access to answers and solutions that shall, in turn, allow for the development and drafting of more effective, sensible, and appropriate legislation to address the needs of Puerto Rican society.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—To express our enthusiastic support for the agreement entered into by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Forum of Presidents of the Legislative Bodies of Central America and the Caribbean Basin (FOPREL) at the 25th Extraordinary Meeting held on November 26, 2021, which provides for the establishment of a FOPREL branch office in Puerto Rico for the purpose of strengthening cooperation among the different parliaments that are members of this International Body and cementing ties among all Latin American peoples.

Section 2.—A branch office of the Forum of Presidents of the Legislative Bodies of Central America, the Caribbean Basin and Mexico (FOPREL) is hereby established within the House of Representatives, in the city of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Section 3.—FOPREL branch office shall be subject to FOPREL's regulatory framework,

depending hierarchically and administratively on the Permanent Secretary, as provided in Articles 9, 10, and 11 of the Institutional Bylaws, adopted in the 24th Special Meeting of the International Body held on August 10, 2021.

Section 4.—FOPREL branch office, in coordination with the FOPREL's Permanent Secretary shall enact bylaws to provide for its operation and management. Furthermore, it shall take legal and administrative actions as appropriate for its efficient operation as an International Parliamentary Body in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Section 5.—FOPREL branch office may undertake, administer, and carry out projects to further FOPREL's institutional goals, as well as to collaborate as necessary in any and all processes at the request of the House of Representatives upon authorization of FOPREL's Permanent Secretary.

Section 6.—The FOPREL branch office's work agenda includes, but is not limited to:

(a) Facilitating and promoting actions within the framework of Collaboration Agreement No. 2021-003 which is the governing instrument of the Institutional Fellowship and Collaboration Alliance between the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Chamber of Deputies of the Dominican Republic, entered into under Resolution No. RE-VVV-01-28112021.

(b) Developing a Regional Program for Inter Parliamentary Action and the Attainment of Sustainable Development Goals, as provided in Resolution No. RE-XXXIX-04-25022021.

(c) Serving as a liaison between the countries of the Caribbean Basin and all other full and observer members of FOPREL.

(d) Addressing all other matters assigned by FOPREL.

Section 7.—Upon its approval, a copy of this Resolution shall be delivered to the Forum of Presidents of the Legislative Bodies of Central America, the Caribbean Basin and Mexico (FOPREL) as well as to each member thereof. Furthermore, this Resolution shall be translated into English and delivered to the President of the United States and the leadership of the United States Congress.

Section 8.—This Resolution shall take effect upon its approval.

POM-21. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee urging state agencies to expand comprehensive cardiovascular screening programs to allow for earlier identification of patients at risk of cardiovascular events; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44

Whereas, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States; and,

Whereas, in the United States, approximately 21 million patients have been diagnosed with atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) and are at risk of a cardiovascular event, according to the U.S. Census Bureau; and,

Whereas, the Mayo Clinic states that ASCVD is linked to the buildup of cholesterol in the arteries, and the risk of associated events can be modified by lowering low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C); and

Whereas, in 2016, nearly 70 million adults in the United States had higher than recommended LDL-C levels; and

Whereas, 43.1 million people in the United States are currently treated with lipid-lowering therapies to manage cardiovascular risk; and

Whereas, only 20 percent of people with ASCVD who are taking statins, one of the

leading lipid-lowering therapies, actually achieve healthy levels of LDL-C; and

Whereas, the total direct and indirect cost of ASCVD in the United States was \$555 billion in 2016 and is projected to climb to \$1.1 trillion by 2035, according to the American Heart Association; and

Whereas, in Tennessee, 579,200 adults have been told by a health professional that they had angina, a stroke, a heart attack, or coronary heart disease, which are some of the manifestations of ASCVD; and

Whereas, in Tennessee, 10,491 people had ASCVD as an underlying cause of death; and

Whereas, in Tennessee, 280,700 adults reported experiencing a heart attack in their lifetime, and 243,600 adults reported experiencing a stroke in their lifetime; and

Whereas, Tennessee spends an estimated \$3.41 billion on direct medical expenses for ASCVD care each year; now, therefore;

Be it resolved by the Senate of the One Hundred Thirteenth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the House of Representatives concurring, That we urge state agencies to expand comprehensive cardiovascular screening programs to allow for earlier identification of patients at risk of cardiovascular events; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge state agencies to explore ways to collaborate with federal and national agencies to establish or expand comprehensive cardiovascular screening programs; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge an update of the State's cardiovascular plan to accelerate quality improvements in the care rendered to these patients such that screening, treatment, monitoring, and improved health outcomes are achieved.

Resolved, That we support the creation of policies to decrease the rising number of deaths of Americans as a result of ASCVD; and be it further

Resolved, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the members of the Tennessee Congressional Delegation, and other federal and state government officials and agencies as appropriate.

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 Ms. CORTEZ MASTO:

S. 1763. A bill to include smoke in the definition of disaster in the Small Business Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO:

S. 1764. A bill to improve Federal activities relating to wildfires, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1765. A bill to require the Federal Aviation Administration to establish evacuation standards for transport category airplanes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. KING, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1766. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on overdoses among members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1767. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for emergency grants to safeguard essential health care workers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. BUDD, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 1768. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Taliban, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 1769. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish a demonstration project testing Whole Child Health Models, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1770. A bill to expand the imposition of sanctions under the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act of 2020 with respect to human rights abuses in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China and to counter the genocidal policies of the Government of the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PADILLA:

S. 1771. A bill to authorize additional district judges for the district court for the eastern district of California; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1772. A bill to establish a national mercury monitoring program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1773. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a national outreach and education strategy and research to improve behavioral health among the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander population, while addressing stigma against behavioral health treatment among such population; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNOCK (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. CARPER, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. FETTERMAN):

S. 1774. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide for an increased Federal medical assistance percentage for State expenditures on certain behavioral health services furnished under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 1775. A bill to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to require recipients of Federal awards to collect and report data relating to sub-awards granted to entities outside of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1776. A bill to provide for the protection of and investment in certain Federal land in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Ms. ERNST, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1777. A bill to engage in cybersecurity cooperation with Abraham Accords coun-

tries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 1778. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a study and research and demonstration on agrivoltaic systems; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1779. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the new clean vehicle credit to include clean vehicles with fewer than 4 wheels; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MULLIN (for himself and Ms. SMITH):

S. 1780. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to allow the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into self-determination contracts with Tribal organizations to carry out the authority of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 1781. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to provide a uniform 8-digit subheading number for all whiskeys; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BUDD, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 1782. A bill to provide for the entry of infant formula and infant formula base powder free of duty and free of quantitative limitation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MULLIN:

S. 1783. A bill to provide for the equitable settlement of certain Indian land disputes regarding land in Illinois, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 1784. A bill to increase language access to behavioral health services at eligible health centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 1785. A bill to establish programs to address addiction and overdoses caused by illicit fentanyl and other opioids, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. KAINE):

S. Res. 227. A resolution calling on the President to support the creation of an international special tribunal to prosecute Russia's aggression against Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 228. A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Indiana Pacers' 1972-1973 American Basketball Association Championship and their third American Basketball Association Championship in 5 seasons; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. WARREN, Ms. SINEMA, and Mr. WARNOCK):