

By Mr. KAINE:

S. 2729. A bill to provide for a period of continuing appropriations in the event of a lapse in appropriations under the normal appropriations process, and to prohibit consideration of other matters in the Senate if appropriations are not enacted; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2730. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Ms. SMITH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. KING):

S. 2731. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deduction for certain expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2732. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the sale or other disposition of any firearm or ammunition to any person who has been convicted of a violent misdemeanor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2733. A bill to address the behavioral health workforce shortages through support for peer support specialists, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2734. A bill to amend the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 to reauthorize the emergency and transitional pet shelter and housing assistance grant program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 2735. A bill to clarify that section 8526(7) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 does not apply with respect to the use of funds for activities carried out under programs authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 that are otherwise permissible under such programs and that provide students with educational enrichment activities and instruction, such as archery, hunter safety education, or culinary arts; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PAUL:

S.J. Res. 44. A joint resolution directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Niger that have not been authorized by Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 329. A resolution to authorize testimony and representation in United States v. Horn; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 330. A resolution expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Child Abuse Prevention Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. TILLIS, Mr.

TUBERVILLE, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. Res. 331. A resolution designating August 2023 as "National Catfish Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 76

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 76, a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to furnish tailored information to expecting mothers, and for other purposes.

S. 308

At the request of Mr. ROMNEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 308, a bill to end the treatment of the People's Republic of China as a developing nation.

S. 359

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 359, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for a code of conduct for justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 380

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the distribution of fentanyl resulting in death as felony murder.

S. 503

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 503, a bill to establish the Space National Guard.

S. 566

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 566, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and extend the deduction for charitable contributions for individuals not itemizing deductions.

S. 610

At the request of Ms. SINEMA, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 610, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to modify the frequency of board of directors meetings, and for other purposes.

S. 740

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Is-

land (Mr. REED) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 740, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reinstate criminal penalties for persons charging veterans unauthorized fees relating to claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 838

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to mental health services under the Medicare program.

S. 949

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) were added as cosponsors of S. 949, a bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to transition the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes.

S. 976

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 976, a bill to establish and expand child care programs for parents who work nontraditional hours, and for other purposes.

S. 1110

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1110, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to rebase the calculation of payments for sole community hospitals and Medicare-dependent hospitals, and for other purposes.

S. 1128

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1128, a bill to establish special rules relating to information provided with respect to drug applications concerning method of use patents.

S. 1273

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1273, a bill to require a study on Holocaust education efforts of States, local educational agencies, and public elementary and secondary schools, and for other purposes.

S. 1307

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1307, a bill to ensure that students in schools have a right to read, and for other purposes.

S. 1367

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr.

VANCE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1367, a bill to amend XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care, to amend title XVIII of such Act to modify the requirements for diabetic shoes to be included under Medicare, and for other purposes.

S. 1401

At the request of Mr. OSSOFF, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1401, a bill to establish an inspections regime for the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes.

S. 1456

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to provide for certain energy development, permitting reforms, and for other purposes.

S. 1462

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1462, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 1478

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1478, a bill to designate United States Route 20 in the States of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts as the "National Medal of Honor Highway", and for other purposes.

S. 1502

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1502, a bill to direct the Secretary of Education to award grants to eligible entities to carry out teacher leadership programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to provide grants to State, local, territorial, and Tribal law enforcement agencies to purchase chemical screening devices and train personnel to use chemical screening devices in order to enhance law enforcement efficiency and protect law enforcement officers.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to allow for the interstate internet sales of certain State-inspected meat and poultry, and for other purposes.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1514, a bill to amend the National Housing Act to establish a mortgage insurance program for first responders, and for other purposes.

S. 1654

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1654, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to clarify Federal law with respect to reporting certain positive consumer credit information to consumer reporting agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1701

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1701, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the National Institutes of Health, to take certain steps to increase clinical trial diversity, and for other purposes.

S. 1706

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1706, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction for qualified business income.

S. 1731

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1731, a bill to provide grants to enable nonprofit disability organizations to develop training programs that support safe interactions between law enforcement officers and individuals with disabilities and older individuals.

S. 1781

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1781, a bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to provide a uniform 8-digit subheading number for all whiskies.

S. 1930

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1930, a bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to support the buildout of clean school bus charging infrastructure through community facilities direct loans and grants.

S. 1932

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1932, a bill to require that certain aspects of bridge projects be carried out by certified contractors, and for other purposes.

S. 1940

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

(Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1940, a bill to prohibit the use of M-44 devices, commonly known as "cyanide bombs", on public land, and for other purposes.

S. 2004

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2004, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 relating to de minimis treatment under that Act.

S. 2043

At the request of Mr. RISCH, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 2043, a bill to provide for certain authorities of the Department of State, and for other purposes.

S. 2054

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2054, a bill to ensure that the Department of Defense achieves a clean audit opinion on its financial statements.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. 2067, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to nonprofit organizations to assist such organizations in carrying out programs to provide service dogs to eligible veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 2210

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2210, a bill to provide for congressional review of actions to terminate or waive sanctions imposed with respect to Iran.

S. 2391

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2391, a bill to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.

S. 2500

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2500, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to adjust the period during which amounts transferred by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to the account for customer education initiatives and non-awards expenses shall remain available, and for other purposes.

S. 2575

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2575, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to provide increased protections for election workers and voters in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 2577

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 2577, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to improve the Gus Schumacher nutrition incentive program, and for other purposes.

S. 2589

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2589, a bill to amend the Research Facilities Act and the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 to address deferred maintenance at agricultural research facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 2592

At the request of Mr. FETTERMAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2592, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to require nationwide consumer reporting agencies, upon request, to use the current legal name of a consumer on consumer reports, and for other purposes.

S. 2608

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2608, a bill to provide for the long-term improvement of public school facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 2645

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2645, a bill to reduce the health risks of heat by establishing the National Integrated Heat Health Information System within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Integrated Heat Health Information System Interagency Committee to improve extreme heat preparedness, planning, and response, requiring a study, and establishing financial assistance programs to address heat effects, and for other purposes.

S. 2659

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2659, a bill to provide increased financial assistance for farmers' markets and farmers' market nutrition programs, to increase local agricultural production through food bank in-house production and local farmer contracting, and for other purposes.

S. 2710

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2710, a bill to provide for the conservation of the Chesapeake Bay, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 32

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 32, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by

the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)".

S.J. RES. 43

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD), the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 43, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program".

S. RES. 72

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 72, a resolution recognizing Russian actions in Ukraine as a genocide.

S. RES. 208

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 208, a resolution expressing support for the designation of November 12, 2023, as "National Warrior Call Day" and recognizing the important of connecting warriors in the United States to support structures necessary to transition from the battlefield, especially peer-to-peer connection.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KAINE:

S. 2729. A bill to provide for a period of continuing appropriations in the event of a lapse in appropriations under the normal appropriations process, and to prohibit consideration of other matters in the Senate if appropriations are not enacted; to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. KAINE. Madam President, today I want to discuss legislation I am introducing, the End Shutdown Act.

When Congress is unable to come to an agreement about government funding, Federal employees, government

contractors, and Americans who depend on critical government services all suffer the consequences of using government shutdowns as a negotiating tactic. This bill prevents government shutdowns by initiating an automatic continuing resolution on October 1 if no appropriations bill is passed by that date and stops Congress from considering any nonemergency legislation until it reaches a long-term spending deal.

For Federal employees who are forced to go without a paycheck through no fault of their own during a government shutdown, furlough can mean falling behind on mortgage, rent, or student loan payments and uncertainty about how to put food on the table for their families. I am glad my colleagues and I were able to guarantee backpay for all Federal employees in 2019, but the potential for prolonged shutdowns continues to threaten families' budgets and local economies. Virginia is home to more than 170,000 Federal employees and tens of thousands of Federal contractors. They are not a bargaining chip to be played in these negotiations.

Government shutdowns disproportionately harm Virginia's economy, but over 80 percent of Federal workers live and work outside of the DC area. Shutdowns inflict pain on communities across the Nation, as they disrupt Federal contracts and loans to small businesses, complicate supply chains, and stall the release of data business owners need to make decisions.

Further, government shutdowns halt the essential services that furloughed employees are unable to provide, from food inspection services to passport renewals and Social Security card replacement. Over the past two decades, government shutdowns have put some of our most essential programs like Medicare, SNAP, TANF, and WIC in jeopardy. Using government shutdowns as a negotiating tactic has the potential to inflict senseless pain on millions of Americans who rely on these and other Federal programs.

By ending the threat of government shutdowns, Congress can ensure no one can ever again hold public servants and critical programs hostage by using a shutdown as a negotiating tactic. I encourage my colleagues to support this common-sense proposal that is needed for both the American people and the Federal employees across the country on whom we rely.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2730. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows: