

Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Supply Assistance (SCA) Funds to Alleviate Supply Chain Disruptions in the School Meal Programs" received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2043. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Child Nutrition Program Integrity" (RIN0584-AE08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2044. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thrifty Food Plan Cost Estimates for Alaska and Hawaii" received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2045. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Management Division, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fertilizer Production Expansion Program" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2046. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting and Information Requirements Derivatives Clearing Organizations" (RIN3038-AF12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2047. A communication from the Chief of Staff, United States Army, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report by the Armed Forces on Out-Year Unconstrained Total Munitions Requirements and Out-Year Inventory Numbers (OSS-2023-0760); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2048. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2049. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Industrial Base Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, an interim response to the reporting requirement on any negotiated comprehensive subcontracting plan that the Secretary determines did not meet the subcontracting goals negotiated in the plan for the prior fiscal year; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2050. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2022 Purchases from foreign entities"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2051. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Distribution of Department of Defense Depot Maintenance Workloads for Fiscal Years 2022 through 2024"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2052. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Industrial Base Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, an interim response to the reporting requirement on any negotiated comprehensive subcontracting plan that the Secretary determines did not meet the subcontracting goals negotiated in the plan for the prior fiscal year; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2053. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting additional legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 118th Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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EC-2058. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Commercial Solutions Opening" (RIN0750-AL57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Armed Services.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-35. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging and requesting the United States Congress to support the extension of funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) of 2021, which provides their citizens with access to broadband services; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 103

Whereas, in August of 2019, by executive order, Governor John Bel Edwards created the Broadband for Everyone in Louisiana commission. This commission facilitates private sector providers, public entities, and other broadband stakeholders to improve both the adoption and availability of broadband service for Louisiana residents by providing universal access to broadband service; and

Whereas, during the 2020 Second Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, the legislature created the office of broadband and connectivity within the governor's office to promote and encourage broadband adoption for households in an ef-

fort to eliminate the digital divide in Louisiana by 2029; and

Whereas, the office of broadband and connectivity's mission is to coordinate federal, state, and municipal efforts by identifying best practices and tactics necessary in their goal; and

Whereas, in 2021, as part of the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's historic investment in broadband infrastructure and digital equity, Congress appropriated more than fourteen billion dollars for the ACP; and

Whereas, Congress assigned the Federal Communications Commission to administer the ACP, the successor program to the Emergency Broadband Benefit, which helped almost nine million households afford internet access during the pandemic; and

Whereas, under the ACP, eligible households can receive up to thirty dollars per month discount toward internet services and up to seventy-five dollars per month for households on qualifying tribal lands; and

Whereas, eligible households may also receive a one-time discount of up to one hundred dollars to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers; and

Whereas, Louisiana was the first state to receive broadband award approval from the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and is number one in the nation for ACP enrollment with an estimated forty-six percent of eligible households enrolled; and

Whereas, currently, there are more than nine hundred thousand eligible households within the state that may qualify for the ACP and four hundred and twenty-two thousand, two hundred and fifty-seven households that have enrolled; and

Whereas, based on current take rates, the more than fourteen billion dollars in funding appropriated for the ACP program could be exhausted in late 2023 or early 2024; and

Whereas, the ACP has been a critical tool in helping bridge the "digital divide" that exists between those who have access to modern information and communications technology and those who do not; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation to support continued funding of the ACP so that low-income Louisiana households can continue to receive the support they need to participate in the digital marketplace; 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-36. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging and requesting the Transportation and Security Administration (TSA) of the United States to have discussions with the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) regarding the development of guidelines and procedures for individuals released from DPS&C custody and those on probation or parole for a pre-application process for Transportation Worker Identification Credential cards (TWIC cards) while in custody and to work on a process to streamline felony conviction automatic denials; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 275

Whereas, the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2001 (MTSA) was introduced following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, and became P.L. 107-295 in 2002; and

Whereas, the MTSA provided that TWIC cards were to be issued to workers who have access to secure areas of the nation's maritime facilities and vessels; and

Whereas, TSA and the United States Coast Guard jointly administer the TWIC card program; and

Whereas, TSA has rules and regulations in place to address an applicant's criminal history on a case-by-case basis through an appeals and waiver process; and

Whereas, DPS&C releases over thirteen thousand individuals back into the community each year and supervises over forty-four thousand individuals; and

Whereas, securing a TWIC card as soon as possible after release provides for more opportunities for employment; and

Whereas, according to the Ports Association of Louisiana, five hundred twenty-five thousand jobs in Louisiana are tied to the state's ports; additionally, there are over two hundred sixty thousand jobs related to the oil and gas industry in Louisiana; many of the jobs require a valid TWIC card; and

Whereas, employment is critical to the success of those on supervision and studies show that unemployment is a major predictor of recidivism; and

Whereas, it is critical to our national security to protect and secure the nation's maritime facilities and vessels through the TWIC card process; and

Whereas, it is also critical that opportunities are available to those who have demonstrated rehabilitation and are seeking a second chance; and

Whereas, according to TSA, individuals in the custody of DPS&C are not eligible to apply for a TWIC card until after they have been released from custody; and

Whereas, TSA issues TWIC cards within its current regulations to individuals with certain felony convictions; and

Whereas, the appeal and waiver process takes months for TSA to review conviction details, circumstances, proof of rehabilitation, and whether the person is in the process of rehabilitation before issuing a waiver or ruling on an appeal; and

Whereas, applying for a TWIC card and beginning the appeal and waiver process prior to a person's release from DPS&C will increase chances of employment shortly after release: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Transportation and Security Administration of the United States to have discussions with the Department of Public Safety and Corrections regarding the development of guidelines and procedures for individuals released from the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and those on probation or parole for a pre-application process for Transportation Worker Identification Credential cards while in custody and to work on a process to streamline felony conviction automatic denials; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security of the United States, the administrator of the Transportation and Security Administration, presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and to each member of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation.

POM-37. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming recognizing and congratulating the United States Air Force on the 75th anniversary of its founding; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas, the United States Air Force was founded in 1947 and has had a continuous and active presence in Wyoming since that time; and

Whereas, The United States Air force's heritage in Wyoming pre-dates the Air Force founded as a separate military branch and includes the significant training mission of strategic bomber crews at the Casper Army Air Field during World War II; and

Whereas, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base is the oldest continuously active, Air Force based in the Nation; and

Whereas, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base has played a vital role in the strategic defense of the United States and its allies by maintaining the first fully operational Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM), the Atlas D, in 1959; and

Whereas, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base is home to the 90th Missile Wing, one of three active missile wings currently operating the Minuteman III ICBM and the headquarters of 20th Air Force, which commands all three (3) missile wings; and

Whereas, the 90th Missile wing was the only military unit to operate the Peacekeeper ICBM, the most advanced ballistic missile fielded to date which was deployed exclusively in Wyoming; and

Whereas, the 90th Missile Wing will continue to play a vital role in the strategic defense of the United States now and into the future and be the first unit to deploy the new Sentinel ICBM; and

Whereas, the University of Wyoming has a strong history of supporting the United States Air Force by establishing Air Force ROTC Detachment 940 in 1952 and counting Samuel C. Phillips, the leader of the Air Force's Minuteman ICBM program, as an alumnus; and

Whereas, the Wyoming Air National Guard has continuously supported our state and nation since 1946; and

Whereas, the Wyoming Air National Guard became part of the Air Force in 1947 and ever since has honorably, ably and faithfully been the "Sword and Shield" for our state and nation; and

Whereas, the Wyoming Air National Guard, as the Sword, has played a vital role in guarding the United States and defending freedom in nearly every major conflict and contingency by repeatedly answering the nation's call in places such as Korea, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Iraq and around the world; and

Whereas, the Wyoming Air National Guard, as the Shield, has fought fires on the ground and in the air in Wyoming and throughout the West, mitigated flooding in Saratoga, Fremont county and elsewhere, and most recently provided desperately needed manpower for medical facilities throughout the state during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, the State of Wyoming is dedicated to memorializing the story of the Air Force through the Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum and Quebec 01 Missile Alert Facility State Historic Site. Now, Therefore

Be it Resolved by the Members of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1.

(a) The State of Wyoming commends the United States Air Force on its 75th anniversary.

(b) The State of Wyoming acknowledges the strong historic relationship between the United States Air Force and the State.

(c) The State of Wyoming recognizes the significant service that the United States Air Force currently provides in protecting our vital state and national interests.

(d) The State of Wyoming is determined to continue the strong partnership between the State and the United States Air Force.

Section 2. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit 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, to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Air Force, the Com-

mander of the 90th Missile Wing, 20th Air Force and the Commander of the Air Force ROTC Detachment 940.

POM-38. A resolution adopted by the Senate of Louisiana memorializing the United States Congress to pass the AMERICANS Act of 2023 to reinstate any service member removed from any branch of the military for refusing the COVID-19 vaccine; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 117

Whereas, in August of 2021, United States Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin required COVID-19 vaccinations for all service members; and

Whereas, at the direction of Congress in January of 2022, Secretary Austin rescinded the COVID-19 vaccination mandate; and

Whereas, during the effective period of the mandate, approximately eight thousand two hundred service members of the armed forces were discharged for refusing to get the vaccine for religious or other reasons; and

Whereas, while the passing of the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act ended the mandate, it did not go far enough to prevent a similar mandate in the future or provide meaningful remedies for service members that were kicked out of the military; and

Whereas, if the AMERICANS Act of 2023 is enacted, service members that were involuntarily separated from their service would be credited with missed retirement pay, have their rank restored, and receive any compensation for any pay or benefits lost due to the demotion or discharge; and

Whereas, the AMERICANS Act of 2023 would also change any "general" discharge given to the unvaccinated to "honorable" and expunge the records of service members who faced adverse action for their refusal to be vaccinated; and

Whereas, the enactment of the AMERICANS Act of 2023 would result in a fair and just outcome for those loyal service members who were discharged for remaining true to their personal convictions. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to pass the AMERICANS Act of 2023 to reinstate any service member removed from any branch of the military for refusing the COVID-19 vaccine. Be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-39. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of Louisiana urging the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to assist in the establishment of a Louisiana pilot program for the recruitment of new United States Army members to address the military recruitment shortage; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 239

Whereas, the United States Army was founded to serve the American people, defend the nation, protect vital national interests, and fulfill national military responsibilities; and

Whereas, the United States Army helps to maintain peace and stability in the United States and in regions critical to the interests of the United States; and

Whereas, recruiting and retaining service members is essential for our military members and national security; and

Whereas, in recent years, the United States Army has struggled to recruit qualified and willing recruits; and

Whereas, last fiscal year, the United States Army missed its recruiting goal by fifteen thousand active duty soldiers, or twenty-five percent of its target; and

Whereas, the United States Senate Committee on Armed Services convened recently to explore solutions to the military recruitment crisis; and

Whereas, for decades, Louisiana has had the nation's highest incarceration rate and state leaders have sought programs to reduce recidivism and alternatives to incarceration; and

Whereas, elected officials want to work with the armed forces, law enforcement, and advocates to develop a plan to improve military eligibility which includes nonviolent offenders between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five with a high school diploma or college degree, such as an associate degree or bachelor's degree, to participate in the pilot program and join the United States Army; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to assist in the establishment of a Louisiana pilot program for the recruitment of new United States Army members to address the military recruitment shortage.

Resolved, that the offenders who fail to complete the pilot program or who fail to enlist in the United States Army shall return to the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections with credit for time served in the pilot program.

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-40. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to assist in the establishment of a Louisiana pilot program for the recruitment of new United States Army members to address the military recruitment shortage; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 90

Whereas, the United States Army was founded to serve the American people, defend the nation, protect vital national interests, and fulfill national military responsibilities; and

Whereas, the United States Army helps to maintain peace and stability in the United States and in regions critical to the interests of the United States; and

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Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to assist in the establishment of a Louisiana pilot program for the recruitment of new United States Army members to address the military recruitment shortage; and be it further

Resolved, That the offenders who fail to complete the pilot program or who fail to enlist in the United States Army shall return to the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections with credit for time served in the pilot program; 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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 447. A bill to establish a demonstration program for the active remediation of orbital debris and to require the development of uniform orbital debris standard practices in order to support a safe and sustainable orbital environment, and for other purposes.

S. 1303. A bill to require sellers of event tickets to disclose comprehensive information to consumers about ticket prices and related fees.

S. 1669. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule requiring access to AM broadcast stations in motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

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

*Robert G. Taub, of New York, to be a Commissioner for the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2028.

*Tanya Monique Jones Bosier, 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.

*Danny Lam Hoan Nguyen, 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.

*Kenechukwu Onyemaechi Okocha, 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.

*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. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 2762. A bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Robert Cleckler ("Bobby") Bowden, in honor of his achievements both on and off the football field; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 2763. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2395 East Del Mar Boulevard in Laredo, Texas as the "Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza, Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez & Sergeant Roberto Arizona Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 2764. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a rebate by manufacturers for selected drugs and biological products subject to maximum fair price negotiation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RICKETTS:

S. 2765. A bill to require a watermark for AI-generated materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2766. A bill to amend title V of the Public Health Service Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. CASIDY, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 2767. A bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to update the resource limit for supplemental security income eligibility; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2768. A bill to protect hospital personnel from violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJAN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2769. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 to prevent wage theft and assist in the recovery of stolen wages, to authorize the Secretary of Labor to administer grants to prevent wage and hour violations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. COONS, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2770. A bill to prohibit the distribution of materially deceptive AI-generated audio or visual media relating to candidates for Federal office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. 2771. A bill to allow additional individuals to enroll in standalone dental plans offered through Federal Exchanges; to the