

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 3552. A bill to amend the Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2020 to allow qualified tax-exempt organizations to claim the employee retention credit for employers affected by qualified disasters against Medicare hospital insurance taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. KING, Ms. ERNST, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BUDD, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. RICKETTS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LANKFORD, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. LEE, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. PADILLA, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. KELLY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 3553. A bill to provide a retroactive effective date for the promotions of senior officers of the Armed Forces whose military promotions were delayed as a result of the suspension of Senate confirmation of such promotions; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 503. A resolution congratulating the Florida State University Seminoles for winning the 2023 Atlantic Coast Conference Football Championship; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. Res. 504. A resolution requesting information on Israel's human rights practices pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mrs. BRITT, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. KING, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KAINE, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. WARNER, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. PETERS):

S. Res. 505. A resolution condemning the use of sexual violence and rape as a weapon of war by the terrorist group Hamas against the people of Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. BUTLER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 506. A resolution commemorating the 80th anniversary of the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. CAPITO, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 507. A resolution designating September 25, 2023, as "National Ataxia Aware-

ness Day", and raising awareness of ataxia, ataxia research, and the search for a cure; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BRAUN:

S. Res. 508. A resolution recognizing Inter-scholastic Athletic Administrators' Day on December 14, 2023; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 509. A resolution recognizing the first commemoration of the anti-LGBTQ+ attack that occurred on November 19-20, 2022, at Club Q, an LGBTQ+ bar in Colorado Springs, Colorado; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BENNET, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. KING, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. BUTLER, Mr. REED, Mr. CARPER, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. WELCH, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. KELLY, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 510. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the scientific judgment of the Food and Drug Administration that mifepristone is safe and effective should be respected, and law and policy governing access to lifesaving, time-sensitive medication abortion care in the United States should be equitable and based on science; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 134

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 134, a bill to require an annual budget estimate for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to reports and recommendations made under the National Alzheimer's Project Act.

S. 204

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 204, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion.

S. 610

At the request of Ms. SINEMA, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) 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. 759

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 759, a bill to authorize the National Detector Dog Training Center, and for other purposes.

S. 766

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 766, a bill to ensure that teachers are paid a livable and competitive salary throughout their career, and for other purposes.

S. 1031

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1031, a bill to ensure affordable abortion coverage and care for every person, and for other purposes.

S. 1064

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1064, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a national project to prevent and cure Parkinson's, to be known as the National Parkinson's Project, and for other purposes.

S. 1113

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1113, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish direct care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements in hospitals, and for other purposes.

S. 1200

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to establish a Federal grant program to combat the smuggling and trafficking of children and young women.

S. 1351

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1351, a bill to study and prevent child abuse in youth residential programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1474

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1474, a bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to establish a dairy nutrition incentive program, and for other purposes.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) 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. 1560

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1560, a bill to require the development of a comprehensive rural hospital cybersecurity workforce development strategy, and for other purposes.

S. 1944

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1944, a bill to exempt grants received under the Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services (CERTS) Act from Federal taxation.

S. 1957

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1957, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to allow schools that participate in the school lunch program to serve whole milk, and for other purposes.

S. 2227

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2227, a bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to carry out a study on the trafficking into the United States of synthetic drugs, and related illicit finance, and for other purposes.

S. 2327

At the request of Mrs. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2327, a bill to provide support for nationals of Afghanistan who supported the United States mission in Afghanistan, adequate vetting for parolees from Afghanistan, adjustment of status for eligible individuals, and special immigrant status for at-risk Afghan allies and relatives of certain members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2415

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2415, a bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize Federal support of States in their work to save and sustain the health of mothers during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period, to eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes for pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated deaths, to identify solutions to improve health care quality and health outcomes for mothers, and for other purposes.

S. 2477

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2477, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide pharmacy payment of certain services.

S. 2555

At the request of Mr. BROWN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2555, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to expand and improve the enforcement capabilities of the Attorney General, and for other purposes.

S. 2592

At the request of Mr. FETTERMAN, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) 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. 2757

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2757, a bill to limit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from modifying the rate of payment or reimbursement for transportation of veterans or other individuals via special modes of transportation under the laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

S. 2824

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2824, a bill to secure the borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2825

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) were added as cosponsors of S. 2825, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the United States Army Dustoff crews of the Vietnam War, collectively, in recognition of their extraordinary heroism and life-saving actions in Vietnam.

S. 2849

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2849, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide formula grants to States to improve higher education opportunities for foster youth and homeless youth, and for other purposes.

S. 3078

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3078, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit institutions of higher education that authorize Anti-Semitic events on campus from participating in the student loan and grant programs under title IV of such Act.

S. 3109

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3109, a bill to require the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Commissioner of Social Security to review and simplify the processes, procedures, forms, and communications for family caregivers to assist individuals in establishing eligibility for, enrolling in, and maintaining and utilizing coverage and benefits under the Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, and Social Security programs respectively, and for other purposes.

S. 3125

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

DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3125, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 3187

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3187, a bill to require the Department of Homeland Security to publish various publications and reports regarding the number of aliens seeking entry along the southern border of the United States.

S. 3221

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3221, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to establish a special limitation on pay for wildland fire responders, and for other purposes.

S. 3223

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3223, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent bulk sales of ammunition, promote recordkeeping and reporting about ammunition, end ammunition straw purchasing, and require a background check before the transfer of ammunition by certain Federal firearms licensees to non-licensees.

S. 3227

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3227, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an alternative manner of furnishing certain health insurance coverage statements to individuals.

S. 3330

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3330, a bill to require the Secretary of Labor to conduct a study on the fiduciary duties of pharmacy benefit managers.

S. 3369

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3369, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to restrict the possession of certain firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 3405

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3405, a bill to require reciprocity from certain countries with respect to the reporting of official meetings with State and local officials, and for other purposes.

S. 3449

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3449, a bill to provide low-income individuals with opportunities to enter and follow a career pathway in

the health professions, and for other purposes.

S. 3454

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3454, a bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to purchase at-home tests for SARS-CoV-2 from certain foreign entities.

S. 3466

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3466, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress reports regarding security and safety at facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 3491

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3491, a bill to prohibit United States contributions to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the Green Climate Fund.

S.J. RES. 49

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 49, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to a "Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status".

S. RES. 74

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 74, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of the Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

S. RES. 500

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 500, a resolution designating November 8, 2023, as "National First-Generation College Celebration Day".

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 3544. A bill to designate the visitor and education center at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine as the "Paul S. Sarbanes Visitor and Education Center"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, I am pleased to join Senator VAN HOLLEN in

introducing legislation to honor my friend and former colleague, the late Senator Paul S. Sarbanes, for his ceaseless efforts to preserve Fort McHenry in Baltimore, MD. Senator Sarbanes worked tirelessly to honor the site and elevate the history of the War of 1812 in the national consciousness throughout his career. This legislation acknowledges his long-term advocacy for the preservation of the site and the improvement of the visitor experience by designating the visitor and education center the Paul S. Sarbanes Visitor and Education Center.

I first got to know Senator Sarbanes when he first ran for public office in 1966. We both were elected to the Maryland General Assembly that year, and we became good friends. Delegate Sarbanes at that point made a name for himself on the House Judiciary Committee in the Maryland General Assembly and was a rising star from his first day in the Maryland General Assembly. He shortly thereafter ran for the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served three terms with a very distinguished record. His service in the House occurred during the Watergate scandal. Representative Sarbanes was on the Judiciary Committee and was given the responsibility of the first Article of Impeachment against President Nixon. That article dealt with obstruction of justice. It was the key article against President Nixon on impeachment, and it is very telling that a relatively young and junior Member of the House of Representatives was entrusted with pursuing and presenting it. It was because of his work ethic, his commitment to scholarship, and his understanding of legal issues that he was entrusted with such an awesome responsibility.

Paul Sarbanes then served five terms in the U.S. Senate, the longest term for any Senator in Maryland's history, which Senator Barbara Mikulski ties 10 years later. Paul Sarbanes was known as a Senator's Senator for his integrity and for his principled commitment to public service. He was a Rhodes Scholar who chose to serve the public rather than using his skills in the private sector for his own personal gain. His entire life was devoted to public service. What a legacy he has left us by his incredible public service. In 2002, the Enron scandal hit America, and Senator Sarbanes, then chairing the Banking Committee, teamed up with House Financial Services Committee Chair Michael Oxley ass the Sarbanes-Oxley legislation. Then-President George W. Bush called the Sarbanes-Oxley bill "the most far-reaching reforms of American business practices since the time of Franklin Delano Roosevelt." From Watergate to Enron and beyond, Paul Sarbanes stepped into the breach and he delivered on behalf of the American people. It is a fitting tribute to name the Visitor Center at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine after a true American hero: Paul S. Sarbanes.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. PADILLA, and Ms. BUTLER):

S. 3549. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to extend the consumer credit protections provided to members of the Armed Forces and their dependents under title 10, United States Code, to all consumers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. REED. Madam President, today I am reintroducing the Predatory Lending Elimination Act along with along with Senator MERKLEY, Senate Banking Committee Chairman BROWN, and many of my colleagues. This important legislation would extend the bipartisan Military Lending Act's, MLA, protections for Active-Duty servicemembers and their families to all Americans by imposing a nationwide 36-percent cap on the annual percentage rate APR for most extensions of consumer credit.

To The MLA was enacted on a bipartisan basis in 2006 to rein in payday and other unscrupulous lenders that targeted American troops with abusive and predatory loans. Unfortunately, the MLA does not protect veterans or Gold Star families from these exploitative practices. Our servicemembers and their families should not lose important consumer protections simply because they retire, separate from honorable service, or lose their loved ones. As such, our legislation would extend the MLA's protections to veterans and Gold Star families as well as ensure that all Americans are shielded from predatory loans.

Hundreds of millions of American consumers could benefit from a 36-percent APR cap. In States that do not have such a cap, predatory lenders are permitted to offer loans with triple-digit APRs that trap individuals in cycles of debt. For instance, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau found that 80 percent of payday loans are rolled over or renewed within 2 weeks. This practice can subject borrowers not just to high nominal interest rates but also to high fees that can quickly surpass the amount of money originally borrowed. These are hallmarks of predatory lending and poor underwriting.

According to a coalition of community organizations, payday lenders are known to target the most vulnerable, including seniors, veterans, and low-income borrowers. Many in these communities were already struggling to make ends meet before the COVID-19 pandemic, and continuing to pay exorbitant APRs may cause them to fall deeper into economic insecurity. This is why it is important to extend strong protections against unscrupulous lenders to all Americans.

The MLA's successful track record demonstrates that providing reasonable, responsible limits on interest