

Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. BUDD, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. VANCE):

S. 3659. A bill to require a citizenship question on the decennial census, to require reporting on certain census statistics, and to modify apportionment of Representatives to be based on United States citizens instead of all persons; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 3660. A bill to require electronically prepared tax returns to include scannable code when submitted on paper, and to require the use of optical character recognition technology for paper documents received by the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. RICKETTS, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 3661. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to periodically assess cybersecurity threats to, and vulnerabilities in, the agriculture and food critical infrastructure sector and to provide recommendations to enhance their security and resilience, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct an annual cross-sector simulation exercise relating to a food-related emergency or disruption, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 3662. A bill to repeal the Jones Act restrictions on coastwise trade, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 3663. A bill to provide funding for programs and activities under the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 3664. A bill to require executive branch employees to report certain royalties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 3665. A bill to establish a process for waiver of coastwise endorsement requirements; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Ms. ERNST, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. YOUNG, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. TUBERVILLE):

S. 3666. A bill to amend the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 to establish an additional reporting requirement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. LUJÁN):

S. 3667. A bill to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to strike provisions relating to the maximum civil penalties for violations of product safety standards; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. VANCE:

S. 3668. A bill to authorize certain States to erect temporary protective fencing within 25 miles of the southwest border to deter illegal immigration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 3669. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to require transportation planners to consider projects and strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WARNOCK, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 3670. A bill to require States to establish complete streets programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 3671. A bill to provide that an individual who uses marijuana in compliance with State law may not be denied occupancy of federally assisted housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 3672. A bill to support healthy fisheries in dynamic ocean conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FETTERMAN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 3673. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a tax on the purchase of single-family homes by certain large investors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 3674. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to prohibit the use of cell-cultivated meat under the school lunch program and the school breakfast program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 3675. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to create an innovation zone initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HAGERTY:

S. 3676. A bill to except quotations of fixed-income securities from certain regulatory requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 3677. A bill to permanently authorize the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Ms. BUTLER):

S. 3678. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the time during which a qualified disaster may have occurred for purposes of the special rules for personal casualty losses; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. KAINE, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. KING, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. Res. 533. A resolution expressing support for the designation of January 21 through 27, 2024, as "National Board Certified Teachers Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 534. A resolution expressing support for the recognition of January as "Muslim-American Heritage Month" and celebrating the heritage and culture of Muslim Americans in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 161

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 161, a bill to extend the Federal Pell Grant eligibility of certain short-term programs.

S. 217

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 217, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for certain casualty losses of uncut timber.

S. 243

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 243, a bill to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish procedures for conducting maintenance projects at ports of entry at which the Office of Field Operations conducts certain enforcement and facilitation activities.

S. 1300

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1300, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the late Prime Minister Golda Meir and the 75th anniversary of the United States-Israel relationship.

S. 1400

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1400, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to modify the delivery of technical assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 1527

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1527, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that members of the Armed Forces and their families have access to the contraception they need in order to promote the health and readiness of all members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1729

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

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 532. A resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Medicolegal Death Investigation Professionals Week; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mrs. BRITT, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH,

(Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1729, a bill to facilitate nationwide accessibility and coordination of 211 services and 988 services in order to provide information and referral to all residents and visitors in the United States for mental health emergencies, homelessness needs, other social and human services needs, and for other purposes.

S. 1976

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1976, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify congressional intent and preserve patient access to home infusion therapy under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2757

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) 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. 2966

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2966, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to encourage programs to address college athlete mental health.

S. 3192

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3192, a bill to designate Ansarallah as a foreign terrorist organization and impose certain sanctions on Ansarallah, and for other purposes.

S. 3323

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3323, a bill to establish the Office of the Ombudsman for Immigrant Children in Immigration Custody, and for other purposes.

S. 3367

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3367, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate tax loopholes that allow billionaires to defer tax indefinitely through planning strategies such as “buy, borrow, die”, to modify over 30 tax provisions so that billionaires are required to pay taxes annually, and for other purposes.

S. 3549

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of 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 depend-

ents under title 10, United States Code, to all consumers.

S. 3558

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3558, a bill to prohibit contracting with certain biotechnology providers, and for other purposes.

S. 3627

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 3627, a bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to require a certain efficiency level for certain distribution transformers, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 45

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 45, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FETTERMAN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 3673. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a tax on the purchase of single-family homes by certain large investors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. REED. Madam President, today, I am introducing the Affordable Housing and Homeownership Protection Act with Senators SMITH, GILLIBRAND, BLUMENTHAL, KLOBUCHAR, FETTERMAN, and BALDWIN. Our bill would provide up to \$50 billion to help build and preserve approximately 3 million units of affordable housing and would be fully paid for through a transfer tax on investors who acquire and hold more than 15 single-family homes.

Driven by a shortage of as many as 6.8 million homes nationwide, home prices have surged 39 percent and rents 31 percent over the last 4 years, according to the National Association of Realtors and Zillow. Higher rents and fewer opportunities for home ownership are devastating for millions of families. As housing costs skyrocket, more households are priced out of home ownership, while renters have less to spend on food, clothing, and other everyday necessities.

Low-income Americans are particularly strained. The National Low Income Housing Coalition estimates that 73 percent of extremely low-income households spend more than half their income on housing. Unsurprisingly, homelessness has risen in line with housing prices and is up 15 percent since 2019.

Unfortunately, Federal investments in low-income housing are insufficient to solve this affordability crisis. Indeed, researchers at Harvard University found that the three largest Federal housing programs serve nearly 300,000 fewer households today than they did 20 years ago, while approximately 25 percent more households are eligible but can't get aid.

At the same time, investors are buying a greater share of single-family homes sold each year—many of which they hold as rentals—preventing more families from reaching home ownership and often driving up rents. Most households cannot compete with the largest investors, who are typically private equity and other institutional investors. That is because large investors can use their financial might to make all-cash offers, waive, contingencies, and provide other concessions that individual buyers simply cannot match. Through last October, more than one out of every four single-family homes sold in 2023 were bought by investors, not hard-working households—a 69-percent increase from investors' prepandemic share of home purchases.

Our Affordable Housing and Homeownership Protection Act would tackle both our affordable housing crisis and institutional investors who crowd out families in the housing market. It would raise \$50 billion by taxing investors who purchase large numbers of single-family homes, with higher tax rates for the largest investors. Revenue would be split between the Housing Trust Fund, HTF, and Capital Magnet Fund, CMF, to help build and rehab over 300,000 rental units for extremely low-income Americans through HTF grants and help finance 2.7 million homes for low-income families via CMF, which leverages private investments.

In other words, our bill would help build and rehabilitate millions of homes for American families and boost households competing to buy homes with deep-pocketed investors, all without raising the deficit. This is a commonsense, fair proposal that tackles perhaps our Nation's biggest challenge.

I thank the bill's endorsers—the National Low Income Housing Coalition, National Housing Law Project, National Consumer Law Center on behalf of its low-income clients, National Housing Resource Center, Americans for Financial Reform, and Consumer Action—and urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.