

Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. MANCHIN for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*Judy W. Chang, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2029.

*David Rosner, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2027.

*Lindsay S. See, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2028.

*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. CORNYN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 4446. A bill to amend the National Construction Safety Team Act to enable the National Institute of Standards and Technology to investigate structures other than buildings to inform the development of engineering standards, best practices, and building codes related to such structures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 4447. A bill to allow women greater access to safe and effective oral contraceptive drugs intended for routine use, and to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on Federal funding of contraceptive methods; read the first time.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WICKER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 4448. A bill to provide for the automatic acquisition of United States citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 4449. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain river segments in the State of Oregon as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 4450. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide education assistance to public safety of-

ficers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PADILLA:

S. 4451. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to carry out a study on reservation systems for Federal land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 4452. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the safety of children purchasing food items from frozen desert trucks; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 4453. A bill to require the United States Postal Service to implement recommendations from the Inspector General of the United States Postal Service for decreasing instances of delayed mail and improving staffing and training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 4454. A bill to provide for the establishment of an Operational Flexibility Grazing Management Program on land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 4455. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit consumer reporting agencies from furnishing consumer reports containing adverse items of information about a consumer that resulted from that consumer being unlawfully or wrongfully detained abroad or held hostage abroad; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 4456. A bill to amend the Granger-Thye Act to modify the maximum term for certain special use permits for housing; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO:

S. 4457. A bill to provide for conservation and economic development in the State of Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 4458. A bill to reauthorize the Reclamation Rural Water Supply Act of 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MARSHALL, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. LUMMIS, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. BRITT, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. LEE, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S.J. Res. 91. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services relating to "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Minimum Staffing Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities and Medicaid Institutional Payment Transparency Reporting"; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. LEE):

S. Res. 718. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Government should immediately place a moratorium on all federally funded gain-of-function research given the increased safety concerns; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. Res. 719. A resolution designating June 13, 2024, as "National Seersucker Day", designating every Thursday after National Seersucker Day through the last Thursday in August 2024 as "Seersucker Thursday", and designating June 2024 as "Seersucker Appreciation Month"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 720. A resolution congratulating Trine University men's basketball team for winning the 2024 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Men's Basketball National Championship; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 721. A resolution congratulating the Grace College Lancers women's basketball team for winning the 2024 National Christian College Athletic Association Division I National Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. SCHMITT, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. MARSHALL, Ms. ERNST, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COTTON, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. KELLY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KING, Mr. CARPER, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. TESTER, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. SMITH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. KAINE):

S. Res. 722. A resolution expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and valor by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending those individuals for leadership and bravery in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 723. A resolution celebrating 40 years of Universal Design for Learning; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 724. A resolution designating May 2024 as "National Brain Tumor Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 216

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S.

216, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the family caregiver program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to include services related to mental health and neurological disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 597

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 597, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 711

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) were added as cosponsors of S. 711, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the invaluable service that working dogs provide to society.

S. 722

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 722, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit certain expenses associated with obtaining or maintaining recognized postsecondary credentials to be treated as qualified higher education expenses for purposes of 529 accounts.

S. 786

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 786, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain amounts paid for physical activity, fitness, and exercise as amounts paid for medical care.

S. 1024

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1024, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to eligible entities to develop and implement a comprehensive program to promote student access to defibrillation in public elementary schools and secondary schools.

S. 1384

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1384, a bill to promote and protect from discrimination living organ donors.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) 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. 1527

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico

(Mr. HEINRICH) 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. 1792

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1792, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1840

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1840, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and improve the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program for fiscal years 2024 through 2028, and for other purposes.

S. 1960

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1960, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for violations of the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 2477

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2477, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide pharmacy payment of certain services.

S. 2539

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2539, a bill to clarify that, in awarding funding under title X of the Public Health Service Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services may not discriminate against eligible States, individuals, or other entities for refusing to counsel or refer for abortions.

S. 2647

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) were added as cosponsors of S. 2647, a bill to improve research and data collection on stillbirths, and for other purposes.

S. 2948

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2948, a bill to require the Secretary of Labor to issue guidance and regulations regarding opioid overdose

reversal medication and employee training.

S. 3047

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3047, a bill to award payments to employees of Air America who provided support to the United States from 1950 to 1976, and for other purposes.

S. 3183

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3183, a bill to consider, for purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act, that officers, officials, representatives, spokespersons, and members of Hamas, Palestine Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah, Al-Qaeda, and ISIS, and individuals who endorse or espouse terrorist activities conducted by such organizations are engaged in terrorist activity.

S. 3528

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3528, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to establish the position of Coordinator for Disabled Small Business Concerns within the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Civil Rights of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 3530

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3530, a bill to retain Federal employees who are spouses of a member of the Armed Forces or the Foreign Service when relocating due to an involuntary transfer, and for other purposes.

S. 3604

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3604, a bill to amend title 1, United States Code, to clarify that certain tax exemptions are not treated as Federal financial assistance.

S. 3770

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3770, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants to support schools of nursing in increasing the number of nursing students and faculty and in program enhancement and infrastructure modernization, and for other purposes.

S. 3984

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3984, a bill to amend the State Justice Institute Act of 1984 to authorize the State Justice Institute to provide awards to certain organizations to establish a State judicial threat intelligence and resource center.

S. 4075

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4075, a bill to prohibit payment card networks and covered entities from requiring the use of or assigning merchant category codes that distinguish a firearms retailer from a general merchandise retailer or sporting goods retailer, and for other purposes.

S. 4252

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4252, a bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to establish additional payments for unborn livestock under the livestock indemnity payment program.

S. 4255

At the request of Ms. SINEMA, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4255, a bill to modernize Federal firearms laws to account for advancements in technology and less-than-lethal weapons, and for other purposes.

S. 4275

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4275, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to inverted corporations.

S. 4322

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4322, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements relating to the designation of rural emergency hospitals.

S. 4374

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4374, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to include screening for loneliness and coordination of supportive services and health care to address the negative health effects of loneliness, to require a report on loneliness, and for other purposes.

S. 4425

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4425, a bill to support democracy and the rule of law in Georgia, and for other purposes.

S. 4445

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr.

FETTERMAN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJAN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4445, a bill to protect and expand nationwide access to fertility treatment, including in vitro fertilization.

S.J. RES. 79

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 79, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Retirement Security Rule: Definition of an Investment Advice Fiduciary".

S. RES. 74

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) 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. 81

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 81, a resolution relating to the establishment of a means for the Senate to provide advice and consent regarding the form of an international agreement relating to pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response.

S. RES. 703

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 703, a resolution designating a day in May 2024, as "Disability Reproductive Equity Day".

S. RES. 712

At the request of Mr. KELLY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 712, a resolution des-

ignating May 2024 as "Older Americans Month".

S. RES. 717

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 717, a resolution calling on the Biden Administration to pursue censure of Iran at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), refer the issue to the United Nations Security Council, and reaffirm that all measures will be taken to prevent the regime in Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 718—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHOULD IMMEDIATELY PLACE A MORATORIUM ON ALL FEDERALLY FUNDED GAIN-OF-FUNCTION RESEARCH GIVEN THE INCREASED SAFETY CONCERNS

Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. LEE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 718

Whereas the Obama Administration defined gain-of-function studies as research that aims to increase the ability of infectious agents to cause disease by enhancing its pathogenicity or by increasing its transmissibility;

Whereas the Obama Administration, on October 17, 2014, mandated a Federal Government pause on new gain-of-function research, citing recent concerns regarding biosafety and biosecurity;

Whereas the Obama Administration, on October 17, 2014, stated that new Federal funding will not be released for gain-of-function research projects that may be reasonably anticipated to confer attributes to the influenza, Middle East respiratory syndrome (referred to in this preamble as "MERS"), or severe acute respiratory syndrome (referred to in this preamble as "SARS") viruses such that such a virus would have enhanced pathogenicity or transmissibility in mammals via the respiratory route;

Whereas in the lead up to the Obama Administration pausing new gain-of-function research, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted an increase in accidents involving leaks, spills, or other releases of infectious material inside the laboratories receiving Federal funding;

Whereas the Cambridge Working Group, a consortium of some of the leading international researchers and scientists, released a 2014 open letter stating "experiments involving the creation of potential pandemic pathogens should be curtailed until there has been a quantitative, objective and credible assessment of the risks, potential benefits, and opportunities for risk mitigation, as well as comparison against safer experimental approaches";

Whereas in 2014, after the Obama Administration mandated a pause on gain-of-function research, the National Institutes of Health (referred to in this preamble as