

human rights and enhance opportunities for LGBTQI people around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 2286

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2286, a bill to improve the effectiveness and performance of certain Federal financial assistance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2300

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2300, a bill to require that information on spending associated with national emergencies be subject to the same reporting requirements as other Federal funds under the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, and for other purposes.

S. 3050

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3050, a bill to require a report on artificial intelligence regulation in the financial services industry, to establish artificial intelligence bug bounty programs, to require a vulnerability analysis study for artificial intelligence-enabled military applications, and to require a report on data sharing and coordination, and for other purposes.

S. 3109

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor 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. 3456

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3456, 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.

S. 3722

At the request of Mr. PETERS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3722, a bill to require a report on access to maternal health care within the military health system, and for other purposes.

S. 3834

At the request of Mr. PETERS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3834, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure veterans may obtain a physical copy of a form

for reimbursement of certain travel expenses by mail or at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 4284

At the request of Mr. PETERS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 4284, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of monthly housing stipend received by parents pursuing a program of education through distance learning using Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 5008

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5008, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 5226

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5226, a bill to establish a program to address sickle cell disease and other heritable hemoglobinopathies.

S. 5541

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5541, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training Program.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 5625. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize the Clean School Bus program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I rise to speak in support of the Clean Commute for Kids Act of 2024, which I introduced today.

Growing up in the San Fernando Valley, I still recall the diesel exhaust that my classmates and I inhaled each day on our way to school. Unfortunately, this is still a reality for nearly 25 million American children who ride more than 400,000 diesel-powered buses to school. These vehicles expose our children to harmful pollutants that impact not just their health but also their academic performance.

As we continue our efforts to combat climate change and build more sustainable infrastructure, we must simultaneously prioritize reducing children's exposure to these harmful emissions by accelerating the deployment of zero-emission buses.

That is why I am reintroducing the Clean Commute for Kids Act, which builds on the successful Clean School Bus Program that I was proud to champion as part of the bipartisan infrastructure law. This program is already

delivering impactful results, having awarded nearly \$3 billion to fund the replacement of approximately 8,700 diesel buses across the country, with many more on the way.

This legislation offers improvements to streamline the process for school districts to apply for the program, promotes good-paying schoolbus manufacturing jobs, and authorizes an additional \$22 billion to further support the replacement of aging diesel buses with zero-emission fleets. By doing so, we can continue to cut greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and safeguard the health of our children for generations to come.

As we know, investing in zero-emission schoolbuses is not just about reducing pollution—it is about investing in our children, their health, and their future. I am grateful to Senator WARNOCK for co-leading this effort with me in the Senate, and I thank my good friend Representative CÁRDENAS for championing this legislation in the House before his retirement.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 935—CONDEMNING THE COMMUTATION OF MICHAEL CONAHAN GRANTED BY PRESIDENT BIDEN ON DECEMBER 12, 2024

Mr. COTTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 935

SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE COMMUTATION OF MICHAEL CONAHAN GRANTED BY PRESIDENT BIDEN ON DECEMBER 12, 2024.

It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) President Joseph R. Biden undermined the rule of law and robbed victims of justice, when he issued the commutation of Michael Conahan on December 12, 2024;

(2) Michael Conahan was a judge convicted of accepting kickbacks in exchange for his role in sentencing more than 2,300 children to private juvenile detention centers;

(3) this commutation is a reprehensible insult to the victims of Michael Conahan;

(4) the action of the President is made yet more outrageous by his failure to individually review Michael Conahan's case;

(5) President Biden acted contrary to the original intent of the Presidential pardon power to correct specific and limited failures in the criminal justice system; and

(6) the Senate condemns this commutation and condemns the process by which it was approved.

SENATE RESOLUTION 936—CONGRATULATING THE LOS ANGELES GALAXY FOR WINNING THE 2024 MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER CUP

Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 936

Whereas, on December 7, 2024, the Los Angeles Galaxy (referred to in this preamble as the "LA Galaxy") defeated the New York

Red Bulls by a final score of 2 to 1 to win the 2024 Major League Soccer (referred to in this preamble as the “MLS”) Cup;

Whereas this victory marks the sixth MLS Cup for the LA Galaxy franchise and their tenth overall finals appearance;

Whereas the LA Galaxy was undefeated at home at Dignity Health Sports Park throughout the entire 2024 MLS season and playoff run;

Whereas, during the 2024 playoffs, the LA Galaxy defeated the Colorado Rapids, the Minnesota United FC, the Seattle Sounders FC, and the New York Red Bulls en route to winning the MLS Cup;

Whereas the LA Galaxy was the only team to reach the conference finals that finished the regular season in the top 3 in their conference;

Whereas the LA Galaxy scored a record 18 goals throughout the playoffs;

Whereas the LA Galaxy leads the league with 6 MLS Cup titles;

Whereas goals scored by Gabriel Pec, Joseph Paintsil, and Dejan Joveljić on November 24, 2024, marked the first time in MLS postseason history that 3 teammates have each scored 2 goals in the same match;

Whereas Dejan Joveljić led the league in the playoffs with 6 goals and also had 2 assists;

Whereas every member of the 2024 LA Galaxy roster played a key part in winning the MLS Cup during this historic season;

Whereas the LA Galaxy secured its first MLS Cup title in 10 years;

Whereas the LA Galaxy Foundation continues to advance the game of soccer and make a positive impact in the community through volunteerism, financial support, and programming; and

Whereas LA Galaxy fans never stopped supporting the team throughout the 2024 season, playing a key role in motivating their team to victory: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Los Angeles Galaxy for winning the 2024 Major League Soccer Cup;

(2) recognizes the achievements and contributions of the entire Los Angeles Galaxy organization, including the players, coaches, management, front office staff, and support staff in bringing the Major League Soccer Cup back to Los Angeles; and

(3) respectfully directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) the controlling owner of the Los Angeles Galaxy, Philip Anschutz;

(B) the president and CEO of AEG, the ownership group of the Los Angeles Galaxy, Dan Beckerman; and

(C) the president of business operations and chief operating officer of the Los Angeles Galaxy, Thomas Braun.

SENATE RESOLUTION 937—TO AUTHORIZE TESTIMONY AND REPRESENTATION IN UNITED STATES V. WARNAGIRIS

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 937

Whereas, in the case of *United States v. Warnagiris*, Cr. No. 21–382, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, the prosecution has requested the production of testimony from Daniel Schwager, a former employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of

1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent current and former officers and employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for evidence relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate; and

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Daniel Schwager, a former employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, is authorized to provide relevant testimony in the case of *United States v. Warnagiris*, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Mr. Schwager, and any current or former officer or employee of the Secretary's office, in connection with the production of evidence authorized in section one of this resolution.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3345. Mr. LEE proposed an amendment to the bill S. 4511, to provide for the crediting of funds received by the National Guard Bureau as reimbursement from States.

SA 3346. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 82, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3347. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 82, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3348. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 82, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3349. Mr. BENNET (for Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. OSSOFF)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 5062, to address sexual harassment and sexual assault of Bureau of Prisons staff in prisons, and for other purposes.

SA 3350. Mr. BENNET (for Mr. OSSOFF (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 4640, to strengthen trafficking victim assistance grant funding.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3345. Mr. LEE proposed an amendment to the bill S. 4511, to provide for the crediting of funds received by the National Guard Bureau as reimbursement from States; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Guarding Readiness Resources Act”.

SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF FUNDS RECEIVED BY NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU AS REIMBURSEMENT FROM STATES.

Section 710 of title 32, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(g) TREATMENT OF REIMBURSED FUNDS.— Any funds received by the National Guard

Bureau from a State, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, or the Virgin Islands as reimbursement under this section for the use of military property—

“(1) shall be credited to—

“(A) the appropriation, fund, or account used in incurring the obligation; or

“(B) an appropriate appropriation, fund, or account currently available for the purposes for which the expenditures were made; and

“(2) may only be used by the Department of Defense for the repair, maintenance, replacement, or other similar functions related directly to assets used by National Guard units while operating under State active duty status.”.

SA 3346. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 82, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . ADJUSTMENT TO NORMAL AND EARLY RETIREMENT AGE.

Section 216(l) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 416(l)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

“(F) with respect to an individual who—

“(i) attains 62 years of age after December 31, 2024, and before January 1, 2032, such individual's early retirement age (as determined under paragraph (2)(A)(ii)) plus 60 months; or

“(ii) receives a benefit described in paragraph (2)(B) and attains 60 years of age after December 31, 2024, and before January 1, 2032, 67 years plus the number of months in the age increase factor (as determined under paragraph (5)(A) for the calendar year in which such individual attains 60 years of age;

“(G) with respect to an individual who—

“(i) attains 62 years of age after December 31, 2031, and before January 1, 2033, 69 years of age; or

“(ii) receives a benefit described in paragraph (2)(B) and attains 60 years of age after December 31, 2031, and before January 1, 2033, 69 years of age;

“(H) with respect to an individual who—

“(i) attains 62 years of age after December 31, 2032, and before January 1, 2036, 67 years of age plus the number of months in the age increase factor (as determined under paragraph (5)(B)); or

“(ii) receives a benefit described in paragraph (2)(B) and attains 60 years of age after December 31, 2032, and before January 1, 2036, 67 years of age plus the number of months in the age increase factor (as determined under paragraph (5)(A));

“(I) with respect to an individual who—

“(i) attains 62 years of age after December 31, 2035, and before January 1, 2037, 70 years of age; or

“(ii) receives a benefit described in paragraph (2)(B) and attains 60 years of age after December 31, 2035, and before January 1, 2037, 70 years of age; and

“(J) with respect to an individual who—

“(i) attains 62 years of age after December 31, 2036, 70 years of age plus the number of months in the age increase factor (as determined under paragraph (6)); or

“(ii) receives a benefit described in paragraph (2)(B) and attains 60 years of age after