

S. 1008. A bill to provide equitable treatment for the people of the Village Corporation established for the Native Village of Saxman, Alaska, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. KING, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CASIDY, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. GALLEGRO):

S. 1009. A bill to establish the Baltic Security Initiative for the purpose of strengthening the defensive capabilities of the Baltic countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LANKFORD:

S. 1010. A bill to prohibit the use of funds for universities that provide support to the People's Liberation Army, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LANKFORD:

S. 1011. A bill to establish the position of Country China Officer in the Department of State to monitor and counter financing projects around the world that are backed by the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 1012. A bill to increase oversight of foreign direct investment in agricultural land in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. GALLEGRO, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. Res. 124. A resolution recognizing the 250th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. OSSOFF (for himself, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. WARNOCK, and Mr. LEE):

S. Res. 125. A resolution commemorating the centennial of Delta Air Lines; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Res. 126. A resolution calling on the United Nations Security Council to enforce the existing arms embargo on Darfur and extend it to cover all of Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 110

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 110, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to exclude extensions of credit made to veterans from the definition of a member business loan.

S. 128

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 128, a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require proof of United States citizenship to register an individual to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 214

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of the special pension payable to Medal of Honor recipients, and for other purposes.

S. 272

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 272, a bill to improve the safety of infant formula through testing of infant formula for microorganisms and toxic elements, and for other purposes.

S. 297

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 297, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to require group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage to provide coverage for prostate cancer screenings without the imposition of cost-sharing requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 315

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule requiring access to AM broadcast stations in passenger motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. 339, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of multi-cancer early detection screening tests.

S. 410

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 410, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for surviving spouses, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 410, supra.

S. 424

At the request of Mrs. BRITT, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to amend the Federal securities laws to enhance 403(b) plans, and for other purposes.

S. 470

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 470, a bill to amend the CARES Act to remove a requirement on lessors to provide notice to vacate, and for other purposes.

S. 475

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 475, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure appropriate access to non-opioid pain management drugs under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 725

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 725, a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue reports after activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System and to make improvements to network outage reporting, to categorize public safety telecommunicators as a protective service occupation under the Standard Occupational Classification system, and for other purposes.

S. 763

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 763, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the exemption for telehealth services from certain high deductible health plan rules.

S. 858

At the request of Mr. JUSTICE, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 858, a bill to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work on the National Mall to honor the extraordinary acts of valor, selfless service, and sacrifice displayed by Medal of Honor recipients.

S. 916

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 916, a bill to safeguard the humane treatment of pregnant and postpartum women by ensuring the presumption of release and prohibiting shackling, restraining, and other inhumane treatment, and for other purposes.

S. 963

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 963, a bill to establish the Space National Guard.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 970, a bill to establish a pilot program to improve the family self-sufficiency program, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 18

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 18, a joint

resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Overdraft Lending: Very Large Financial Institutions".

S. RES. 86

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 86, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 (XXVI) and the harmful conflation of China's "One China Principle" and the United States' "One China Policy".

S. RES. 91

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 91, a resolution acknowledging the third anniversary of Russia's further invasion of Ukraine and expressing support for the people of Ukraine.

AMENDMENT NO. 1258

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1258 intended to be proposed to S. 331, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 984. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to establish an exception to certain payment limitations in the case of person or legal entity that derives income from agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise to introduce the bipartisan Fair Access to Agriculture Disaster Programs Act. This legislation would ensure all farmers can access critical U.S. Department of Agriculture disaster relief programs. Increasingly frequent and catastrophic floods, fires, freezes, and other disasters are threatening the long-term sustainability of agriculture across the country.

The impact has been particularly acute for California's agricultural communities, who face year-round threats from drought, heat, floods, and fires—even in January.

The farm bill authorizes safety net programs to help producers recover, but outdated adjusted gross income, AGI, limits exclude many specialty crop growers, despite facing the same extreme weather challenges as other farmers.

As a result, producers from California to North Carolina are blocked from vital disaster assistance.

The Fair Access to Agriculture Disaster Programs Act adopts flexibility

used in the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program to waive the AGI limitation for producers that derive 75 percent of their AGI from farming, ranching, or related farming practices.

What are referred to as specialty crops are just that—special. Specialty crops, which include fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops that are cultivated for food and medicine, require overall higher input costs and specialized processes for planting, growing, and harvesting.

Did you know that it costs more than \$30,000 to produce an acre of strawberries? The cost of production for specialty crops is typically thousands of dollars per acre.

As a result, both large and small producers of specialty crops end up exceeding the AGI limitations put in place to means-test critical disaster assistance.

That is why we need to pass the Fair Access to Agriculture Disaster Programs Act to ensure farmers and ranchers can access agricultural safety net programs in the wake of increasingly more frequent and catastrophic disasters.

I would like to thank Senator TILLIS for joining me to introduce this bill, and I forward to working with my colleagues to pass the Fair Access to Agriculture Disaster Programs Act as quickly as possible.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 994. A bill to provide for accountability in higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 994

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Preventing Risky Operations from Threatening the Education and Career Trajectories of Students Act of 2025" or the "PROTECT Students Act of 2025".

#### SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title.
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#### TITLE I—STUDENT AND TAXPAYER PROTECTIONS

- Sec. 101. Gainful employment and financial value transparency.
- Sec. 102. Borrower defense and substantial misrepresentations.
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#### TITLE II—ENSURING INTEGRITY AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTRACTORS

- Sec. 201. Updating Federal oversight of third-party servicers.

- Sec. 202. Job placement rates.
- Sec. 203. Allocation of tuition and fee revenue by title IV institutions.
- Sec. 204. Past performance.
- Sec. 205. Recoupment.

#### TITLE III—IMPROVING OVERSIGHT

- Sec. 301. Enforcement in the Office of Federal Student Aid.
- Sec. 302. For-Profit Education Oversight Coordination Committee.
- Sec. 303. Establishment and maintenance of complaint resolution and tracking system.
- Sec. 304. Reforms to eligibility and certification procedures.
- Sec. 305. State oversight.
- Sec. 306. Accrediting agency oversight.
- Sec. 307. Mandatory spending for administrative costs of operating the student aid programs.

#### TITLE IV—IMPROVING ACCESS TO STUDENT AND TAXPAYER INFORMATION

- Sec. 401. Reporting and disclosures from institutions of higher education.
- Sec. 402. Transparency of oversight activities.

#### SEC. 3. REFERENCES.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, wherever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or a repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to that section or other provision of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

#### TITLE I—STUDENT AND TAXPAYER PROTECTIONS

##### SEC. 101. GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT AND FINANCIAL VALUE TRANSPARENCY.

(a) DEFINING GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS.—

(1) ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS.—Section 101(b) (20 U.S.C. 1001(b)) is amended in paragraph (1), by inserting "including that meets the standards for debt-to-earnings and earnings premium in section 498C," after "gainful employment in a recognized occupation".

(2) PROPRIETARY INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—Section 102(b)(1)(A)(i) (20 U.S.C. 1002(b)(1)(A)(i)) is amended, by inserting "including that meets the standards for debt-to-earnings and earnings premium in section 498C" after "gainful employment in a recognized occupation".

(3) POSTSECONDARY VOCATIONAL INSTITUTION.—Section 102(c)(1)(A) (20 U.S.C. 1002(c)(1)(A)) is amended, by inserting "including that meets the standards for debt-to-earnings and earnings premium in section 498C" after "gainful employment in a recognized occupation".

(4) ELIGIBLE PROGRAM.—Section 481(b)(1)(A)(i) (20 U.S.C. 1088(b)(1)(A)(i)) is amended, by inserting "including that meets the standards for debt-to-earnings and earnings premium in section 498C" after "gainful employment in a recognized profession".

(b) DEBT-TO-EARNINGS AND EARNINGS PREMIUM.—Subpart 3 of part H of title IV (20 U.S.C. 1099c et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

##### "SEC. 498C. DEBT-TO-EARNINGS AND EARNINGS PREMIUM.

"(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

"(1) ANNUAL DEBT-TO-EARNINGS RATE.—The term 'annual debt-to-earnings rate' means the rate that is calculated for a cohort of students by taking the annual loan payment for such cohort, as calculated by the Secretary, divided by the median annual earnings for such cohort.

"(2) ANNUAL LOAN PAYMENT.—The term 'annual loan payment' means, for a cohort of students, as defined by the Secretary, who