

Whereas, the federal Radiation Exposure Compensation Act limited compensation for uranium miners, millers and haulers to those workers employed by the uranium industry before January 1, 1972; and

Whereas, the amount of monetary compensation awarded pursuant to the federal Radiation Exposure Compensation Act differs widely according to whether an individual was exposed to radiation due to being in a downwind area or according to the type of uranium industry-related work the individual performed; and

Whereas, under the strict guidelines of the federal Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, many individuals who have lived downwind from test sites outside of Arizona, Nevada and Utah or who worked in the uranium industry were provided no remedy for their radiation exposure; and

Whereas, on April 28, 2022, United States Senators Ben Ray Lujan and Martin Heinrich co-sponsored United States Senate Bill 4119, which was signed by President Joe Biden on June 7, 2022, becoming public law 117-119 and extending the federal Radiation Exposure Compensation Act by two years; and

Whereas, members of New Mexico's congressional delegation are continuing their previous efforts to expand and improve compensation for individuals exposed to radiation; and

Whereas, on May 18, 2023, United States Senate Bill 1751 was introduced by Senators Ben Ray Lujan and Martin Heinrich and fifteen bipartisan co-sponsors to amend and extend the federal Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, expanding eligibility, raising compensation amounts and extending by nineteen years the expiration date of the federal Radiation Exposure Compensation Act; and

Whereas, legislation mirroring Senator Lujan's bill was introduced on June 30, 2023 as United States House Resolution 4426 by United States Representatives Teresa Leger Fernandez, Melanie Stansbury and Gabe Vasquez and thirty-nine bipartisan co-sponsors; and

Whereas, in 2024, United States Senator Josh Hawley introduced United States Senate Bill 3853, and in 2025, he introduced United States Senate Bill 243 to extend the period for filing claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act and to provide for compensation under that act; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of New Mexico that the United States congress be encouraged to support the passage of United States Senate Bill 243 and any subsequent federal legislation to expand and improve compensation under the federal Radiation Exposure Compensation Act; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this memorial be transmitted to members of New Mexico's congressional delegation and members of the United States congress.

POM-7. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Ohio urging the United States Congress to support the provision of prompt and comprehensive mental health treatment to military personnel and veterans who are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and other service-related stress disorders; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

Whereas, According to the National Institutes of Health, the most common mental health problems faced by returning troops are, in order, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), substance use disorder, anxiety disorder, and serious mental illness such as schizophrenia or bipolar disorder; and

Whereas, The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq were the longest combat operations since Vietnam, and the stress of being in a war zone or long-term naval deployment combined with the stress of being away from home for long periods of time can increase the chance of having PTSD or other mental health problems; and

Whereas, According to research conducted at Brown University's Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, 30,177 active duty personnel and veterans who served in the military after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks have died by suicide compared to the 7,057 service members killed in combat in those same 20 years; and

Whereas, According to the United Service Organizations, Inc., suicide rates among active-duty military members in 2021 were at an all-time high since recordkeeping began after September 11, 2001, and had been increasing over the previous five years at an alarmingly steady pace; and

Whereas, The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the U.S. Department of Defense, and many other entities are working to identify and address the issues of veterans and military personnel suffering from PTSD and other service-related stress disorders; and

Whereas, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs has established the National Center for PTSD as a center of excellence for research and education on the prevention, understanding, and treatment of PTSD; and

Whereas, According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, each medical center within the Department has PTSD specialists who provide treatment for veterans with PTSD; and

Whereas, Mental trauma may not be as easily identifiable as the physical trauma suffered by military personnel and veterans, and may require additional resources to identify and treat; and

Whereas, Only qualified and licensed medical professionals with experience treating military personnel and veterans should have the authority to approve or disapprove mental health treatment of military personnel and veterans experiencing service-related stress disorders; and

Whereas, While support and treatment programs are available to veterans and military personnel suffering from PTSD or other service-related stress disorders, there are many service members who are still not receiving sufficient treatment; and

Whereas, Several recommendations made by the U.S. Government Accountability Office to the U.S. Department of Defense have not yet been fully implemented to ensure that PTSD and traumatic brain injuries are appropriately considered prior to separating certain service members from the military for misconduct, thereby placing both the earned benefits due to veterans and the mental health of some service members and veterans in jeopardy; and

Whereas, The service members who willingly sacrifice their safety for the freedom of all Americans deserve to have access to all the resources and support services necessary for them to reintegrate into society; and

Whereas, According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable may qualify for VA health care benefits including qualifying Reserve and National Guard members; now therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Ohio Senate of the 136th General Assembly, urge the United States Congress to support the provision of prompt and comprehensive mental health diagnosis and treatment to all military personnel and veterans who are suf-

fering from PTSD and other service-related stress disorders; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that each of the U.S. Government Accountability Office's recommendations is implemented to guarantee that PTSD and traumatic brain injuries are appropriately considered prior to separating certain service members from the military for misconduct; and be it further

Resolved, That we believe military personnel and veterans who had separation or discharge from military service related to mental health issues should have consideration to correct records to a more honorable discharge; and be it further

Resolved, That we affirm that post-military service civilian income should not have any bearing on eligibility for healthcare-related benefits or treatment; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Speaker and Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the U.S. Senate, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BOOZMAN for the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

\*Stephen Vaden, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

\*Tyler Clarkson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

\*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. HAWLEY (for himself and Mr. WELCH):

S. 1587. A bill to require that the retail list price for certain prescription drugs and biological products may not exceed the average retail list price for the drug or biological product among certain nations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1588. A bill to support United States policy toward Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. HAWLEY, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. BUDD, Mr. LEE, Ms. ERNST, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MORENO, and Mr. SHEEHY):

S. 1589. A bill to amend section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform immigration parole, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. 1590. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow qualified distributions from qualified tuition programs for

certain aviation maintenance and commercial pilot courses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 1591. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reorganize the acquisition structure of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to establish the Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation in the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. RICKETTS (for himself and Mr. KIM):

S. 1592. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget conduct a review to determine the impact of the lowest price technically acceptable source selection process on national security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1593. A bill to exempt small business concerns from duties imposed pursuant to the national emergency declared on April 2, 2025, by the President; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1594. A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit certain activities involving prohibited primate species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. COONS, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1595. A bill to establish standards for trauma kits purchased using funds provided under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1596. A bill to rename the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge located in the State of Texas as the "Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SHEEHY (for himself, Mr. LEE, and Mr. TUBERVILLE):

S. 1597. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that agencies may not deduct labor organizations dues from the pay of Federal employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LUJÁN:

S. 1598. A bill to address maternity care shortages and promote optimal maternity outcomes by expanding access to birth centers and exploring more effective payment models for birth center care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. KELLY):

S. 1599. A bill to address maternity care shortages and promote optimal maternity outcomes by expanding educational opportunities for midwives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself and Mr. KING):

S. 1600. A bill to protect hospital personnel from violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1601. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a penalty for assault against journalists, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1602. A bill to coordinate Federal research and development efforts focused on

modernizing mathematics in STEM education through mathematical and statistical modeling, including data-driven and computational thinking, problem, project, and performance-based learning and assessment, interdisciplinary exploration, and career connections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. MORAN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. GALLEGO, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KELLY, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. Res. 200. A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 5, 2025, as the "National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HUSTED, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. KING, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. SMITH, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. CASIDY, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LUJÁN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. DAINES, Mr. REED, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. MARSHALL, Ms. WARREN, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. COONS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. KELLY, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. WARNOCK, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. BANKS, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BUDD, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. LUMMIS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. PETERS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WARNER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. GALLEGO, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 201. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of May 4, 2025, through May 10, 2025, as "National Small Business Week" to celebrate the contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in every community in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WELCH, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KING, Mr. CRAPO, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER):

S. Res. 202. A resolution recognizing the significance of "Community College Month" in April 2025 as a celebration of the more than 1,000 community colleges throughout the United States that support access to higher education, workforce training, and

more, and broadly sustain and advance the economic prosperity of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. RICKETTS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. ERNST, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MARSHALL, Ms. SMITH, Mr. ROUNDS, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 203. A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 2025 as "Renewable Fuels Month" to recognize the important role that renewable fuels play in reducing carbon impacts, lowering fuel prices for consumers, supporting rural communities, and lessening reliance on foreign adversaries; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. Res. 204. A resolution recognizing escalating threats to freedom of the press and freedom of speech worldwide, including increasing harm to journalists reporting in conflict zones and under repressive regimes, reaffirming the vital role that a free and independent press plays in upholding democracy, fostering economic prosperity, and keeping the public informed, and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority of the United States Government in supporting democracy, human rights, and good governance in commemoration of "World Press Freedom Day" on May 3, 2025; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Con. Res. 12. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 199

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 199, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special rules for the taxation of certain residents of Taiwan with income from sources within the United States.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 299, a bill to establish a competitive grant program to support the establishment, expansion, or enhancement of youth mentoring programs for eligible youth, and to provide for social and emotional learning, employability skill development, career exploration, work-based learning, and other youth workforce opportunities.

S. 338

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Fred Korematsu, in recognition of his contributions to civil rights, his loyalty and patriotism to the United States, and his dedication to justice and equality.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi