

of S. 593, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to modify Reid Vapor Pressure requirements and to provide for the return of certain retired credits, and for other purposes.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to achieve parity between the cost-of-living adjustment with respect to an annuity under the Federal Employees Retirement System and an annuity under the Civil Service Retirement System, and for other purposes.

S. 627

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make certain provisions with respect to qualified ABLE programs permanent.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 721, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish a demonstration project to improve outpatient clinical care for individuals with sickle cell disease.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income interest received on certain loans secured by rural or agricultural real property.

S. 1206

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1206, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit the issuance of national injunctions, and for other purposes.

S. 1241

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1241, a bill to impose sanctions and other measures with respect to the Russian Federation if the Government of the Russian Federation refuses to negotiate a peace agreement with Ukraine, violates any such agreement, or initiates another military invasion of Ukraine, and for other purposes.

S. 1316

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1316, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide that COPS grant funds may be used for local law enforcement recruits to attend schools or academies if the recruits agree to serve in precincts of law enforcement agencies in their communities.

S. 1441

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1441, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to nonprofit entities to assist such entities in carrying out programs to provide service dogs to eligible veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1448

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1448, a bill to address mental health issues for youth, particularly youth of color, and for other purposes.

S. 1459

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1459, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the historic rehabilitation tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1532

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1532, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 1556

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1556, a bill to require the review of promulgated agency regulations and prohibit rule-making by agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1593

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. CON. RES. 8

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 8, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

S. RES. 145

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 145, a resolution protecting the Iranian political refugees, including female former political prisoners, in Ashraf-3 in Albania.

S. RES. 190

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 190, a resolution seeking justice for the Japanese citizens abducted by North Korea.

S. RES. 204

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Virginia

(Mr. KAINE), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of 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.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. BRITT (for herself, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. MORAN, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BUDD, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 1630. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide more opportunities for mothers to succeed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mrs. BRITT. Mr. President, today I could not be more proud to introduce a piece of legislation that goes to the heart of what I believe the Republican Party stands for. We are the party of life, the party of parents, and the party of hard-working Americans.

This, among many reasons, is why I believe the Republican Party won so resoundingly in November. We ran on a promise to strengthen and grow American families, and this is another promise that we are going to keep. My legislation, the MOMS Act, is further proof of that commitment.

Alongside my friends, Senators ERIC SCHMITT and KEVIN CRAMER, I am honored to introduce this pro-life, pro-woman, and pro-family legislation. I would also like to thank so many of my Republican colleagues for already jumping on and cosponsoring this.

The MOMS Act is straightforward. It stands for More Opportunities for Moms to Succeed.

First, the MOMS Act would establish pregnancy.gov. This new website would feature a wide range of resources available to expecting and postpartum moms as well as moms and families with young children.

We are providing necessary resources and support to women throughout their

pregnancy journey. While being a mom is the most rewarding experience, I think I can speak for most moms when I say that it is a challenging one as well.

When I was pregnant with my first child, I felt like I had no idea what I was doing. I remember actually being in the hospital room, them waiting, you know, to discharge me, and me thinking, You are going to send me home with her? What do I do next?

Fortunately, I had the support of my friends and my family that helped me through this exciting journey of bringing new life into the world and bringing that baby home. However, I know that many moms may not have the incredible support that I did.

That is why the MOMS Act is so important. This would help the most vulnerable, the most isolated women the most. Resources available to moms would include: mentorship opportunities, including pregnancy and parenting health; health and well-being services, including women's medical services like OB/GYN services, primary care, dental care, and mental health services.

Financial assistance, work opportunities, childcare resources, foster care resources, adoption services, and educational opportunities for parents would be included. I could go on and on and on.

It also includes material or legal support. So when you think of what material support would be, it is transportation, food, nutrition, clothing, household goods, baby supplies, housing, shelters, maternity homes, help with tax preparation, and more.

When you think about legal services, what it would include is child support, family leave, breastfeeding protections, and custody issues.

Next, I want to talk about the grant portion of the bill. This part would actually be separated into two different grant programs. The first one would help purchase necessary tools for prenatal and postnatal telehealth appointments, including medical equipment and technologies for those in rural areas and others in medically underserved communities.

And the second program would establish a grant program for nonprofit entities to support, encourage, and to assist women through their pregnancies and to care for their babies after birth. This grant program would be funding many of the resources that I just named for mental health services, other medical care, childcare, housing assistance, education and employment assistance, and nutritional assistance.

Finally, the third part of my bill is Senator KEVIN CRAMER's Unborn Child Support Act. It would require States to apply child support obligations to the time period during pregnancy if requested by the mother. This could be requested retroactively, and State level requirements involving proof of paternity would still apply.

When I think about what this bill means to me, I immediately think of

my own two children. They are why I am here today. They are why I chose to step up and run for the Senate. Their future and the future of the next generation is absolutely what I am fighting for.

As parents, our children are at the heart of every decision we make. We want them to have the greatest opportunity to succeed and to thrive. As a Senator, I want that for children across our Nation, from coast to coast. They are at the heart of this common-sense legislation.

Building a comprehensive culture of life starts with building blocks just like the MOMS Act. To all moms across my great State of Alabama and across our incredible country, I could not be more proud to stand with you. I am committed to growing and strengthening families and ensuring parents have the opportunities and resources needed so that they and their children can thrive and live their American dream.

I am committed to getting the MOMS Act signed into law so that we can ensure that the comprehensive culture of life, that the next generation is ready, is prepared, and that women, as they go through their pregnancy journey, all the phases of it, are supported as they work to bring life into this world.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 205—CONDEMNING RECENT ATTACKS ON THE FREE PRESS BY PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP AND REAFFIRMING THE UNITED STATES COMMITMENT TO PRESERVING AND PROTECTING FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AS A CORNERSTONE OF DEMOCRACY

Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BOOKER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 205

Whereas a free and independent press is fundamental to the preservation of democracy, ensuring government accountability, an informed citizenry, and the protection of fundamental rights;

Whereas President Donald J. Trump has taken direct action to harm and restrict press freedoms and has repeatedly attacked the press through inflammatory rhetoric in his speeches and on social media, including—

(1) accusing, without evidence, media outlets such as The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, MSNBC, CNN, ABC, CBS, and NBC of “illegal” behavior during a speech at the Department of Justice;

(2) claiming CNN and MSNBC networks are “political arms of the Democrat Party” during a speech at the Department of Justice;

(3) excluding the Associated Press from the White House press pool access due to disputes over naming conventions, leading to legal challenges concerning First Amendment violations;

(4) filing a lawsuit against CBS News over a “60 Minutes” interview with Vice President Kamala Harris, alleging biased editing and calling for CBS to lose broadcast licenses;

(5) seeking to defund National Public Radio and Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), including launching a Federal Communications Commission probe and issuing an Executive order instructing the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to cease providing direct and indirect funds to both broadcasters;

(6) refusing to take questions from NBC News reporters, claiming the network is “discredited”;

(7) seeking to impose the Administration's policy preferences on independent news organizations by forcing PBS to eliminate its diversity, equity, and inclusion office using threats of government funding cuts and ignoring reporters who list pronouns in their email signatures; and

(8) rescinding a Department of Justice policy against subpoenaing journalists, exposing journalists' sources to the threat of possible identification and punishment;

Whereas President Trump has used executive action to significantly reduce the United States Agency for Global Media (USAGM), leading to the placement of Voice of America journalists on administrative leave and the attempted termination of grants for Radio Free Asia, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, and Middle East Broadcasting Network, which broadcast news to regions lacking free press;

Whereas these actions demonstrate disdain for the fundamental rights of freedom of speech and freedom of the press specifically protected in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution;

Whereas these actions set a dangerous precedent, emboldening authoritarian regimes abroad to suppress free expression and silence dissent, and endangering the lives of journalists working in or broadcasting in authoritarian countries;

Whereas, as of the date of the introduction of this resolution, 11 USAGM reporters are behind bars abroad, and international employees of USAGM in both Washington, D.C. and abroad are on work visas and risk deportation to hostile countries without the support and protection of the United States; and

Whereas the United States has historically been a global leader in championing press freedom and condemning censorship and must reaffirm that commitment: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) strongly condemns President Donald J. Trump's attacks on the press, including efforts to delegitimize and restrict journalistic institutions;

(2) reaffirms the essential role of a free press in preserving democracy and ensuring governmental accountability;

(3) urges the executive branch to respect the rights of journalists and allow them to perform their duties without fear of retaliation;

(4) calls for continued efforts to secure the release of the 11 USAGM journalists imprisoned abroad; and

(5) expresses solidarity with journalists who face threats, harassment, or violence as a result of their commitment to truth and public service.