

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GALLEG0:

S. 2038. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Wildfire Science and Technology Advisory Board; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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S. 2039. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Homeland Security to carry out a quadrennial fire review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SLOTKIN:

S. 2040. A bill to establish the Office of Information and Communications Technology and Services within the Bureau of Industry and Security of the Department of Commerce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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S. 2041. A bill to establish the Office of Information and Communications Technology and Services within the Bureau of Industry and Security of the Department of Commerce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WELCH, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2042. A bill to provide lasting protection for inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 271. A resolution commemorating June 11, 2025, as "World Franchise Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Res. 272. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the second Saturday in June as "Veterans Get Outside Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 167

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 167, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish criminal offenses targeting law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) was added as a cosponsor 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. 398

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to transfer and limit Exec-

utive Branch authority to suspend or restrict the entry of a class of aliens.

S. 469

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to restore the exemption of family farms and small businesses from the definition of assets under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

S. 752

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 752, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to streamline enrollment under the Medicaid program of certain providers across State lines.

S. 847

At the request of Mrs. BRITT, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) were added as cosponsors of S. 847, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the employer-provided child care credit and the dependent care assistance exclusion.

S. 900

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) was added as a cosponsor of S. 900, a bill to require certain flags of the United States to be made in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 921

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 921, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue guidance on whether hospital emergency departments should implement fentanyl testing as a routine procedure for patients experiencing an overdose, and for other purposes.

S. 967

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 967, a bill to provide downpayment assistance to first-generation homebuyers to address multigenerational inequities in access to homeownership and to narrow and ultimately close the racial homeownership gap in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1032

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1032, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for concurrent receipt of veterans' disability compensation and retired pay for disability retirees with combat-related disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1203

At the request of Mr. GALLEG0, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1203, a bill to authorize the appropriation of \$2,000,000,000 for rental

vouchers for high population areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1232

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1232, a bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an occupational safety and health standard that requires covered employers within the health care and social service industries to develop and implement a comprehensive workplace violence prevention plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1299

At the request of Ms. BLUNT ROCH-ESTER, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1299, a bill to direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, to publish guidelines and best practices for State zoning and local zoning frameworks, and for other purposes.

S. 1375

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1375, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the exception for de minimis payments by third party settlement organizations with respect to returns relating to payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, as in effect prior to the enactment of the American Rescue Plan Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1532

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) 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. 1643

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1643, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect patient access to ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1748

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Maryland (Ms.

ALSOBROOKS) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1748, a bill to protect the safety of children on the internet.

S. 1881

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1881, a bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to expand coverage under such Act to public employees.

S. 1919

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1919, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a domestic cotton consumption credit.

S. 1945

At the request of Mr. JUSTICE, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1945, a bill to prohibit States and local governments from prohibiting or limiting the connection, reconnection, modification, installation, transportation, distribution, or expansion of an energy service based on the type or source of energy to be delivered, and for other purposes.

S. 1957

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1957, a bill to repeal certain executive orders targeting LGBTQI+ individuals.

S. 1961

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1961, a bill to streamline the application of regulations relating to commercial space launch and reentry requirements and licensing of private remote sensing space systems, and for other purposes.

S. 1998

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1998, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify reporting requirements, promote tax compliance, and reduce tip reporting compliance burdens in the beauty service industry.

S.J. RES. 53

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 53, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of Qatar of certain defense articles and services.

S.J. RES. 54

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 54, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of

the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of the United Arab Emirates of certain defense articles and services.

S. RES. 218

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 218, a resolution condemning any acceptance of Presidential aircraft, or any other substantial gift, from a foreign government.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. REED, Ms. WARREN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2026. A bill to provide that chapter 1 of title 9 of the United States Code, relating to the enforcement of arbitration agreements, shall not apply to enrollment agreements made between students and certain institutions of higher education, and to prohibit limitations on the ability of students to pursue claims against certain institutions of 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. 2026

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 “Court Legal Access and Student Support Act of 2025” or the “CLASS Act of 2025”.

SEC. 2. INAPPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 9, UNITED STATES CODE, TO ENROLLMENT AGREEMENTS MADE BETWEEN STUDENTS AND CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 9 of the United States Code (relating to the enforcement of arbitration agreements) shall not apply to an enrollment agreement made between a student and an institution of higher education.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT.—The term “enrollment agreement” means any contract or agreement between a student and an institution of higher education under which the student makes a financial commitment to the institution in exchange for enrollment in a program of study at the institution.

(2) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The term “institution of higher education” has the meaning given such term in section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON LIMITATIONS ON ABILITY OF STUDENTS TO PURSUE CLAIMS AGAINST CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

Section 487(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(30) The institution will not require any student to agree to, and will not enforce, any limitation or restriction (including a limitation or restriction on any available choice of applicable law, a jury trial, or venue) on the ability of a student to pursue a claim, individually or with others, against an institution in court.”.

SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall take effect 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 271—COMMEMORATING JUNE 11, 2025, AS “WORLD FRANCHISE DAY”

Mr. MULLIN (for himself and Mr. COONS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 271

Whereas the World Franchise Council, which consists of over 40 national franchise associations from around the world, recently established June 11 every year as World Franchise Day;

Whereas franchising has served as a core business model in the United States for decades and has empowered aspiring entrepreneurs of all backgrounds to launch and operate independent businesses under the brand and operational guidance of an established company;

Whereas, through the business format of franchising, hundreds of thousands of entrepreneurs have achieved the American Dream of business ownership;

Whereas franchising has contributed to robust job creation and provided foundational skills development to millions of workers in every community in which a franchise exists;

Whereas franchising has its roots in 1731 with Benjamin Franklin, who is credited with founding the first commercial franchise system in the Americas due to his efforts expanding his printing business by agreeing to partnerships with his workers to run their own printing shops;

Whereas franchising further took hold in the mid-19th century as Isaac Singer, who revolutionized the sewing machine industry, developed a franchise system to distribute and repair his machines, setting the stage for a model that would soon spread to other industries;

Whereas, as of 2025, franchising is a proven business growth strategy used in over 200 industries, including childhood education centers, action parks, spas, hardware stores, health care laboratories, home remodeling and repair services, salons, campgrounds, hotels, fitness clubs, auto shops, pet stores, tax preparation offices, restaurants, and more;

Whereas franchising offers a unique entrepreneurial opportunity to minorities, veterans, and all aspiring entrepreneurs, with nearly a 26 percent minority ownership rate, and 14 percent veteran ownership rate;

Whereas franchising in the United States consists of 830,876 franchise establishments that support nearly 8,800,000 direct jobs, \$896,900,000,000 in economic output for the economy, and contributes almost 3 percent of the gross domestic product; and

Whereas franchising is set to continue to serve as a vital business growth model for opportunity, entrepreneurship, job creation, and career skills development in communities throughout the United States and the world: Now, therefore, be it