

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, each member of Congress, and the news media of Ohio.

POM-15. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging thd United States Congress to take action relative to the use of prior authorization processes and its impact on the citizens of Louisiana; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

Whereas, the state of Louisiana recognizes the critical need to ensure timely access to healthcare services for all its citizens; and

Whereas, prior authorization processes, which are required by insurance companies for certain medical treatments, procedures, and medications, have been a persistent source of delay, frustration, and barriers to timely and appropriate care for Louisiana's patients; and

Whereas, these delays in care can result in negative health outcomes, increased costs to both patients and the healthcare system, and unnecessary suffering; and

Whereas, physicians in Louisiana report that the prior authorization process places a significant administrative burden on medical professionals, impeding their ability to provide timely and effective care for their patients; and

Whereas, the Louisiana Legislature recognizes the need for federal legislative action to streamline, standardize, and reform the prior authorization process to ensure that healthcare decisions are made in a timely and efficient manner based on patient needs and not solely by insurance protocols; and

Whereas, several states, including Louisiana, have made strides at the state level to address prior authorization issues, but further reforms are necessary at the federal level to ensure consistency, fairness, and the protection of patient welfare nationwide; and

Whereas, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has taken steps to improve prior authorization processes for Medicare Advantage plans, however there is still much room for improvement; and

Whereas, bipartisan support exists for reform efforts that improve access to care while reducing administrative burden on providers and patients, including legislation such as the "Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act"; and

Whereas, federal legislation is needed to ensure that prior authorization processes are transparent, that approval or denial of medical services occurs in a timely manner, and that there is a clear appeals process for patients and providers.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to take immediate and comprehensive action to reform prior authorization policies, including:

(1) The establishment of clear, timely, and standardized timelines for prior authorization decisions.

(2) The reduction of administrative burdens on healthcare providers to streamline the process and ensure that patient care is not delayed unnecessarily.

(3) The elimination of prior authorization requirements relative to generic medications.

(4) The introduction of legislative measures that provide a clear and effective appeals process for patients and providers when prior authorization is denied.

(5) The implementation of regulations that prioritize the needs of patients over bureaucratic red tape, ensuring that healthcare decisions are made by healthcare professionals rather than insurance companies.

(6) The creation of oversight and transparency mechanisms to ensure that insurance companies comply with prior authorization timelines and procedures.

Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. ERNST, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1199. A bill to extend the statute of limitations for fraud under certain pandemic programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2232. A bill to expand the surety bond program under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. RISCH for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Peter Lamelas, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Argentine Republic.

Nominee: Peter Lamelas.

Post: U.S. Ambassador Republic of Argentina.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, donee:

SEE ADDENDUM, for Part B Question 6. Donations Peter and Stephanie Lamelas FEC and Florida Department of State and Local.

Part B. 6. Addendum: Political Contributions—Peter Lamelas and Stephanie L. Lamelas

Lamelas, Peter, Tim Sheehy for Montana, FL, 11/2/2024, \$3,300.00; Ted Cruz Victory Fund, FL, 10/24/2024, \$25,000.00; NRSC, FL, 10/24/2024, \$25,000.00; WinRed, FL, 10/20/2024, \$62.00; House Freedom Action, FL, 9/12/2024, \$50,000.00.

Lamelas, Stephanie Ms., Rick Scott for Florida, FL, 9/11/2024, \$3,300.00; Lets Get To Work PAC, FL, 9/11/2024, \$1,700.00.

Lamelas, Peter Dr., Lets Get To Work PAC, FL, 9/11/2024, \$5,000.00.

Lamelas, Stephanie, Ms., Team Rick Scott, FL, 9/11/2024, \$5,000.00.

Lamelas, Peter Dr., Team Rick Scott, FL, 9/11/2024, \$5,000.00.

Lamelas, Peter, Republican Party of Texas, FL, 8/28/2024, \$10,000.00; Jobs, Freedom, and Security PAC, FL, 8/28/2024, \$5,000.00; Ted Cruz Victory Fund, FL, 8/28/2024, \$25,000.00; NRSC, FL, 8/28/2024, \$10,000.00; Republican Party of Kentucky, FL, 8/27/2024, \$10,000.00; South Dakota Republican Party, FL, 8/27/2024, \$9,000.00; Right for America, FL, 8/19/2024, \$100,000.00; Republican State Committee of Delaware, FL, 7/24/2024, \$10,000.00; DC Republican Party Federal Account, FL, 7/

24/2024, \$10,000.00; Missouri Republican State Committee-Federal, FL, 7/24/2024, \$10,000.00; South Carolina Republican Party, FL, 7/24/2024, \$10,000.00; Never Surrender, Inc., FL, 7/24/2024, \$3,300.00; Mississippi Republican Party, FL, 7/24/2024, \$10,000.00; Republican Party of Guam, FL, 7/24/2024, \$10,000.00; Georgia Republican Party Inc., FL, 7/24/2024, \$10,000.00; Oklahoma Leadership Council, FL, 7/24/2024, \$10,000.00; Save America, FL, 7/24/2024, \$2,500.00; Alaska Republican Party, FL, 7/24/2024, \$10,000.00; Republican Party of Louisiana, FL, 7/24/2024, \$10,000.00; Connecticut Republican State Central Committee, Inc., 7/24/2024, \$10,000.00.

Lamelas, Peter Dr., Republican National Committee, FL, 7/24/2024, \$65,200.00.

Lamelas, Peter, Trump 47 Committee, Inc., FL, 7/24/2024, \$200,000.00; Right for America, FL, 5/31/2024, \$100,000.00; Greene for Congress, FL, 5/14/2024, \$3,300.00; Greene for Congress, FL, 5/14/2024, (\$3,300.00); Greene for Congress, FL, 5/14/2024, \$6,600.00; Friends of Matt Gaetz, FL, 5/14/2024, \$3,300.00; Friends of Matt Gaetz, FL, 5/14/2024, \$3,300.00; Republican Party of Arizona, LLC, FL, 5/3/2024, \$6,100.00; Michigan Republican Party, FL, 5/3/2024, \$10,000.00; Massachusetts Republican Party, FL, 5/3/2024, \$10,000.00; Oregon Republican Party, FL, 5/3/2024, \$10,000.00; Wyoming Republican Party, FL, 5/3/2024, \$10,000.00; Republican Party of Arkansas, FL, 5/3/2024, \$10,000.00; Maine Republican Party, FL, 5/3/2024, \$10,000.00; Alabama Republican Party, FL, 5/3/2024, \$10,000.00; Trump 47 Committee, Inc., FL, 5/3/2024, \$100,000.00.

Lamelas, Peter Dr., Republican National Committee, FL, 5/3/2024, \$76,100.00; Republican National Committee, FL, 5/3/2024, \$23,900.00; Republican National Committee, FL, 5/3/2024, \$10,000.00; Republican National Committee, FL, 5/3/2024, (\$76,100.00); Mooney for Senate, Inc., FL, 4/22/2024, (\$1,041.02); Team Mooney, FL, 4/11/2024, \$1,000.00; Morgan County Republican Executive Committee-Federal, FL, 4/11/2024, \$1,000.00; Mooney for Senate, Inc., FL, 4/4/2024, \$1,041.02; Republican National Committee, FL, 3/27/2024, \$100,000.00.

Lamelas, Peter, Trump 47 Committee, Inc., FL, 3/27/2024, \$100,000.00.

Lamelas, Stephanie, Andrew Guthmann for Congress, FL, 3/25/2024, \$1,000.00.

Lamelas, Peter, Andrew Guthmann for Congress, FL, 3/25/2024, \$1,000.00; Republican National Committee, FL, 3/12/2024, \$41,300.00; Make America Great Again, Inc., FL, 2/13/2024, \$100,000.00.

Lamelas, Stephanie, Save America, FL, 1/5/2024, \$2,500.00.

Lamelas, Peter, Save America, FL, 1/5/2024, \$2,500.00.

Lamelas, Stephanie, Trump Save America Joint Fundraising Committee, FL, 1/5/2024, \$5,800.00.

Lamelas, Peter, Trump Save America Joint Fundraising Committee, FL, 1/5/2024, \$5,800.00.

Lamelas, Stephanie, Never Surrender, Inc., FL, 1/5/2024, \$3,300.00.

Lamelas, Peter, Jim Marchant for US Senate, FL, 12/29/2023, \$2,000.00; Ted Cruz Victory Fund, FL, 12/12/2023, \$6,600.00; Ted Cruz for Senate, FL, 12/12/2023, \$3,300.00; Ted Cruz for Senate, FL, 12/12/2023, \$3,300.00.

Lamelas, Stephanie, Kari Lake for Senate, FL, 12/11/2023, \$3,300.00; Kari Lake for Senate, FL, 12/11/2023, (\$3,300.00); Kari Lake for Senate, FL, 12/11/2023, (\$6,600.00); Kari Lake for Senate, FL, 12/11/2023, \$13,200.00; Parkinson for Senate, FL, 9/30/2023, (\$3,300.00); Parkinson for Senate, FL, 9/28/2023, \$3,300.00; House Freedom Fund, FL, 9/23/2023, \$5,000.00.

Lamelas, Peter, Mr., Patriots for Perry, FL, 9/23/2023, \$3,300.00; Patriots for Perry, FL, 9/23/2023, \$3,300.00.

Lamelas, Peter, Lauren Boebert for Congress, FL, 9/23/2023, \$6,600.00; Lauren Boebert for Congress, FL, 9/23/2023, (\$6,600.00); Anna Paulina Luna for Congress, FL, 9/23/2023, (\$3,300.00); Anna Paulina Luna for Congress, FL, 9/23/2023, (\$2,500.00); Anna Paulina Luna for Congress, FL, 9/23/2023, \$2,500.00; Anna Paulina Luna for Congress, FL, 9/23/2023, \$2,500.00; Anna Paulina Luna for Congress, FL, 9/23/2023, \$3,300.00; Anna Paulina Luna for Congress, FL, 9/23/2023, \$3,300.00; Eli Crane for Congress, FL, 9/23/2023, (\$6,600.00); Eli Crane for Congress, FL, 9/23/2023, \$6,600.00; Eli Crane for Congress, FL, 9/23/2023, \$3,300.00; Parkinson for Senate, FL, 9/23/2023, \$3,300.00; Lauren Boebert for Congress, FL, 9/22/2023, \$3,300.00; Lauren Boebert for Congress, FL, 9/22/2023, \$3,300.00.

Lamelas, Peter, Dr., Team Mooney, FL, 9/16/2023, \$2,000.00; Morgan County Republican Executive Committee—Federal, FL, 9/16/2023, \$2,000.00.

Lamelas, Peter, McCarthy Victory Fund, FL, 8/21/2023, \$5,000.00; Majority Committee PAC—MC PAC, FL, 8/21/2023, \$5,000.00.

Lamelas, Peter, Dr., Mooney for Senate, Inc., FL, 6/24/2023, \$1,005.00; Mooney for Senate, Inc., FL, 6/24/2023, (\$3,300.00).

Lamelas, Stephanie, Mrs., Mooney for Senate, Inc., FL, 6/24/2023, \$3,300.00.

Lamelas, Stephanie, Bernie Moreno for Senate, FL, 5/3/2023, \$3,300.00; Bernie Moreno for Senate, FL, 5/3/2023, (\$3,300.00); Bernie Moreno for Senate, FL, 5/1/2023, \$6,600.00.

Lamelas, Peter, Bernie Moreno for Senate, FL, 4/26/2023, \$3,300.00; Bernie Moreno for Senate, FL, 4/26/2023, (\$3,300.00).

Lamelas, Peter Dr., Mooney for Senate, Inc., FL, 4/25/2023, \$6,600.00.

Lamelas, Peter, Bernie Moreno for Senate, FL, 4/24/2023, \$6,600.00; Trump Save America Joint Fundraising Committee, FL, 4/7/2023, \$11,600.00; Never Surrender, Inc., FL, 4/7/2023, \$3,300.00; Never Surrender, Inc., FL, 4/7/2023, \$3,300.00; Save America, FL, 4/7/2023, \$5,000.00; Club for Growth PAC, FL, 3/14/2023, \$100.00; Club for Growth PAC, FL, 3/14/2023, \$100.00; Club for Growth PAC, FL, 3/14/2023, \$100.00; Rick Scott for Florida, FL, 1/31/2023, \$3,300.00; Rick Scott for Florida, FL, 1/31/2023, \$3,300.00.

Lamelas, Peter Mr., Lets Get To Work PAC, FL, 1/31/2023, \$3,400.00; Team Rick Scott, FL, 1/26/2023, \$10,000.00.

Lamelas, Peter Dr., Mooney for Senate, Inc., FL, 11/15/2022, \$1,000.00; Mooney for Senate, Inc., FL, 11/15/2022, \$5.00.

Lamelas, Peter, WinRed, FL, 11/15/2022, \$5.00; Team Herschel, Inc., FL, 11/11/2022, \$5.00; Team Herschel, Inc., FL, 11/11/2022, \$1,000.00; WinRed, FL, 11/15/2022, \$5.00; Doctor Oz for Senate, FL, 11/7/2022, \$1,000.00.

Lamelas, Peter Dr., Mooney for Congress 2022, FL, 11/7/2022, \$1,000.00.

Lamelas, Peter, WinRed, FL, 11/6/2023, \$5.00; Doctor Oz for Senate, FL, 11/5/2022, \$5.00; Harriet & Kelly Victory, FL, 9/21/2022, \$2,000.00; Kelly for Alaska, FL, 9/21/2022, \$2,000.00; House Freedom Action, FL, 9/1/2022, \$20,000.00; JD Vance for Senate, Inc., FL, 5/3/2022, \$1,000.00; JD Vance for Senate, Inc., FL, 5/3/2022, \$15.00; Ohioans for JD, FL, 5/3/2022, \$1,000.00; Ohioans for JD, FL, 5/3/2022, \$15.00; WinRed, FL, 5/3/2022, \$15.00.

Lamelas, Peter Mr., Patriots for Perry, FL, 4/24/2022, \$2,500.00.

Lamelas, Peter, Lauren Boebert for Congress, FL, 4/23/2022, \$2,500.00; Mary Miller for Congress, FL, 4/22/2022, \$2,500.00; House Freedom Fund, FL, 4/22/2022, \$2,500.00; House Freedom Fund, FL, 4/22/2022, \$2,500.00; House Freedom Fund, FL, 4/22/2022, \$2,500.00; Anna Paulina Luna for Congress, FL, 4/22/2022,

\$600.00; Anna Paulina Luna for Congress, FL, 4/22/2022, \$1,900.00.

Lamelas, Peter Mr., Patriots for Perry, FL, 4/24/2022, \$2,500.00.

Lamelas, Stephanie, Rand Paul for US Senate, FL, 4/6/2022, (\$2,800.00); Rand Paul for US Senate, FL, 4/6/2022, \$2,800.00; Rand Paul for US Senate, FL, 4/6/2022, \$2,800.00.

Lamelas, Peter, Rand Paul for US Senate, FL, 4/6/2022, (\$2,800.00); Rand Paul for US Senate, FL, 4/6/2022, \$2,800.00.

Lamelas, Stephanie, Martin Marks for Congress, FL, 3/27/2022, \$500.00.

Lamelas, Peter, Martin Marks for Congress, FL, 3/27/2022, \$500.00; Martin Marks for Congress, FL, 3/27/2022, \$500.00; Yvette4Congress, FL, 3/23/2022, \$1,000.00.

Lamelas, Peter Mr., Patriots for Perry, FL, 3/20/2022, \$800.00; Patriots for Perry, FL, 3/20/2022, (\$800.00); Patriots for Perry, FL, 3/18/2022, \$1,000.00.

Lamelas, Peter, Mooney for Congress 2022, FL, 3/18/2022, \$1,000.00; House Freedom Fund, FL, 3/18/2022, \$5,000.00; Anna Paulina Luna for Congress, FL, 3/18/2022, \$1,000.00; Martin Marks for Congress, FL, 3/17/2022, \$1,000.00; Martin Marks for Congress, FL, 3/17/2022, \$1,000.00; Martin Marks for Congress, FL, 3/17/2022, \$120.00.

Lamelas, Peter, Martin Marks for Congress, FL, 3/17/2022, (\$120.00); Lauren Boebert for Congress, FL, 3/17/2022, \$1,000.00; Lauren Boebert for Congress, FL, 3/17/2022, \$800.00; Lauren Boebert for Congress, FL, 3/17/2022, (\$800.00);

Lamelas, Stephanie, Hageman for Wyoming, FL, 3/9/2022, \$2,100.00; Hageman for Wyoming, FL, 3/9/2022, (\$2,100.00); Hageman for Wyoming, FL, 3/9/2022, \$5,000.00;

Lamelas, Peter, Hageman for Wyoming, FL, 3/9/2022, (\$5,000.00); Martin Marks for Congress, FL, 2/22/2022, \$2,000.00; Martin Marks for Congress, FL, 2/22/2022, \$20.00; Winred, FL, 2/22/2022, \$20.00; Hageman for Wyoming, FL, 2/10/2022, \$800.00; Hageman for Wyoming, FL, 2/10/2022, (\$800.00); Hageman for Wyoming, FL, 2/10/2022, \$5,800.00; Mooney for Congress 2022, FL, 11/16/2021, \$2,900.00; Winred, FL, 10/21/2021, \$100.00; Hageman for Wyoming, FL, 9/9/2021, \$2,100.00; Hageman for Wyoming, FL, 9/9/2021, (\$2,100.00); Hageman for Wyoming, FL, 9/9/2021, \$5,000.00; House Freedom Action, FL, 8/9/2021, \$10,000.00; Republican Party of Kentucky, FL, 7/1/2021, \$10,000.00; Right Women PAC, FL, 5/15/2021, \$15,000.00; Rand Paul for US Senate, FL, 4/7/2021, \$1,850.00; Reinventing a New Direction Political Action Committee, FL, 4/7/2021, \$5,000.00; NRSC, FL, 4/7/2021, \$3,950.00; Team Rand, FL, 4/7/2021, \$20,800.00; Lauren Boebert for Congress, FL, 3/31/2021, \$2,900.00; Lauren Boebert for Congress, FL, 3/31/2021, \$2,100.00; Patriots for Perry, FL, 3/30/2021, \$2,100.00; Patriots for Perry, FL, 3/30/2021, \$5,000.00; Patriots for Perry, FL, 3/30/2021, (\$2,100.00).

Lamelas, Stephanie, House Freedom Fund, FL, 3/30/2021, \$5,000.00.

Lamelas, Peter, House Freedom Fund, FL, 3/30/2021, \$5,000.00; Friends of Mike Lee Inc., FL, 3/10/2021, \$2,900.00; Friends of Mike Lee Inc., FL, 3/10/2021, \$2,900.00; Friends of Mike Lee Inc., FL, 3/10/2021, \$2,900.00; Lead Encourage Elect PAC, FL, 3/10/2021, \$1,900.00; NRSC, FL, 3/10/2021, \$1,900.00; Mike Lee Victory Fund, FL, 3/8/2021, \$10,600.00; Right Women PAC, FL, 2/2/2021, \$5,000.00; House Freedom Fund, FL, 2/2/2021, \$5,000.00.

Lamelas, Stephanie, Rand Paul for US Senate, FL, 1/21/2021, \$2,900.00.

Lamelas, Peter, Rand Paul for US Senate, FL, 1/21/2021, (\$2,900.00); Rand Paul for US Senate, FL, 1/21/2021, \$1,050.00; Rand Paul for US Senate, FL, 1/21/2021, (\$1,050.00).

Donations 12/2024 and Donations 01/31/2025—Calendar year 2025

Lamelas, Stephanie, To the “Let’s Get to Work PAC,” for Inaugural, Florida Sunshine

Ball—12/2024 (\$2,700); To the “Let’s Get to Work PAC,” for Inaugural, Florida Sunshine Ball—01/2025 (\$6,700)

Lamelas, Peter, To the Trump Vance Inaugural Committee—01/2025 (\$250,000)

Donations not included in the above list.

Lamelas, Peter, To the “Empower Parents PAC”—03/16/2021 (\$5,000); To the “Empower Parents PAC”—07/15/2022, (\$10,000); To the Republican Party of Palm Beach County—2/26/2024, (\$7,245)

*Thomas Rose, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Poland.

Nominee: Thomas A. Rose.

Post: Republic of Poland.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Rose, Thomas: \$360.00, 07/23/2024, Trump 47 Committee, Inc.; \$330.00, 06/04/2024, Never Surrender, Inc.; \$3,300.00, 06/04/2024, Never Surrender, Inc.; \$5,000.00, 06/04/2024, Save America; \$26,700.00, 06/04/2024, Trump 47 Committee, Inc.; \$18,070.00, 06/04/2024, Republican National Committee; \$330.00, 05/30/2024, Republican National Committee; \$3,300.00, 05/30/2024, Trump National Committee JFC, Inc.; \$100.00, 01/29/2024, WinRed; \$2,000.00, 10/09/2023, WinRed; \$1,000.00, 08/25/2023, Mike Pence for President; \$100.00, 07/22/2023, Mike Pence for President; \$100.00, 07/22/2023, WinRed; \$100.00, 07/21/2023, WinRed; \$100.00, 07/21/2023, WinRed.

*Jason Evans, of Texas, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management).

By Mr. CRUZ for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

*Paul Roberti, of Rhode Island, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

*Taylor Jordan, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

*Jonathan Morrison, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

*Derek Barrs, of Florida, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

*Michael Rutherford, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

*Gregory Zerzan, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. CRUZ. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary’s desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

*Coast Guard nomination of Trent D. Moon, to be Lieutenant Commander.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Kevin P. Carmichael and ending with Nicholas P. Zieser, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 17, 2025.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Scott M. Arbeiter and ending with Brian A.

Richardson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 23, 2025.

*Coast Guard nomination of Kailee H. Everetze, to be Lieutenant Commander.

By Mr. LEE for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*Timothy John Walsh, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management).

*Audrey Robertson, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy).

*Lanny Erdos, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

By Mr. PAUL for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Sean Plankey, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

*Pedro Allende, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

*Christopher Fox, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

*Edward Aloysius O'Connell, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*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.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. HUSTED (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 2529. A bill to increase the clarity and predictability of the process for developing applications for Rx-to-nonprescription switches; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. 2530. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the ability to expense certain qualified productions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. ALSOBROOKS (for herself and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 2531. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to increase early detection of and intervention for uterine fibroids, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Ms. HASSAN, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 2532. A bill to reauthorize the program of first responder training; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2533. A bill to require performance and security audits of certain agency computer systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SCHU-

MER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KING, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WELCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. GALLEG0, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 2534. A bill to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to certain members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their spouses or partners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2535. A bill to enable passenger vessels that were not built in the United States to receive coastwise endorsement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2536. A bill to exempt large cruise ships from certain requirements applicable to passenger vessels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2537. A bill to adjust certain ownership and other requirements for passenger vessels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2538. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for hazard mitigation projects in connection with certain working waterfront property; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2539. A bill to redesignate the Department of Defense Africa Center for Strategic Studies as the James M. Inhofe Africa Center for Strategic Studies; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2540. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Grant Program of the Department of Justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 2541. A bill to establish requirements for quality and discard date phrases that are voluntarily declared on the food label to display calendar dates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, and Ms. ERNST):

S. 2542. A bill to direct the Director of the Federal Protective Service to establish guidance relating to emergency protocols for buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 2543. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to submit a report on New World screwworm readiness and response; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. BRITT (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 2544. A bill to permit State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies and grantees that receive eligible Federal grant funds to use such funds for investigating elder financial fraud, pig butchering, and general financial fraud, and to clarify that Federal law enforcement agencies may assist State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies in the use of tracing tools for blockchain and related technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2545. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to provide for certain ways in which credit unions may be Agent members of the National Credit Union Administration Central Liquidity Facility; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. SCHMITT, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 2546. A bill to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. BUDD, Mr. JUSTICE, and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 2547. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally enter and reenter the United States after being removed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2548. A bill to designate the Camp Hutchins Wilderness and establish Special Management Areas in the Shawnee National Forest in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GALLEG0, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2549. A bill to provide employees with a minimum of 2 consecutive hours of paid leave in order to vote in Federal elections; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. CURTIS):

S. 2550. A bill to provide for international cooperation to secure critical mineral supply chains, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 2551. A bill to provide the Secretary of Homeland Security with the authority to temporarily extend the duration of protections provided under the SAFETY Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MCCORMICK (for himself and Mr. FETTERMAN):

S. 2552. A bill to amend the securities laws to prohibit brokers and dealers with certain connections to the People's Republic of China from being members of a national securities association, to prohibit investment advisers with certain connections to the People's Republic of China from registering with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HAGERTY (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BUDD, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. COTTON, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 2553. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to classify aliens who have been convicted of, or who have committed, an offense for driving while intoxicated or impaired as inadmissible and deportable; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 2554. A bill to provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities