

S. 2681

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. Lujan) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. Fetterman) were added as cosponsors of S. 2681, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the availability of certain clean energy credits.

S. 2686

At the request of Mr. Banks, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. Cornyn) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2686, a bill to limit youth offender status in the District of Columbia to individuals 18 years of age or younger, to direct the Attorney General for the District of Columbia to establish and operate a publicly accessible website containing updated statistics on juvenile crime in the District of Columbia, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to prohibit the Council of the District of Columbia from enacting changes to existing criminal liability sentences, and for other purposes.

S. 2687

At the request of Mr. Cruz, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. Britt) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2687, a bill to repeal the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 enacted by the District of Columbia Council.

S. 2688

At the request of Mr. Van Hollen, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. Heinrich) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2688, a bill to extend to the Mayor of the District of Columbia the same authority over the National Guard of the District of Columbia as the Governors of the several States exercise over the National Guard of those States with respect to administration of the National Guard and its use to respond to natural disasters and other civil disturbances, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 69

At the request of Mr. Kennedy, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. Blackburn) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 69, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Record of Decision for the Barred Owl Management Strategy; Washington, Oregon, and California".

S. RES. 343

At the request of Mr. King, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. Reed) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. Whitehouse) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 343, a resolution recognizing the important work of the United States Preventive Services Task Force.

AMENDMENT NO. 2952

At the request of Mr. Warnock, the name of the Senator from South Da-

kota (Mr. Rounds) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2952 intended to be proposed to S. 2296, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2968

At the request of Mr. Blumenthal, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. Durbin) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. Ossoff) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2968 intended to be proposed to S. 2296, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2995

At the request of Ms. Duckworth, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Warner) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2995 intended to be proposed to S. 2296, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3189

At the request of Mr. Rounds, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. Lummis) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3189 intended to be proposed to S. 2296, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3288

At the request of Mr. Lee, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. Moody) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3288 intended to be proposed to S. 2296, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3697

At the request of Mr. Curtis, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. Lee) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3697 intended to be proposed to S. 2296, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3730

At the request of Mrs. Shaheen, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. Kelly) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3730 intended to be proposed to S. 2296, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. Kaine):

S. 2699. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain education and training programs relating to geriatrics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation with my colleague from Virginia Senator Kaine that would reauthorize the only federally funded programs specifically designed to develop a healthcare workforce focused on the care of older Americans. The Geriatrics Workforce Improvement Act would reauthorize two programs important to training specialists who care for our older adults: the Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program and the Geriatrics Academic Career Awards Program.

The number of Americans age 65 and older is growing. In 2020, there were just three States in which senior citizens outnumbered children: Maine, Vermont, and Florida. Today, there are 11 States that have more seniors than children, and Maine has the oldest population in the Nation. The percentage of the U.S. population over age 65 rose by 3 percent, to 18 percent, in just 1 year.

The fact is, the United States is facing a shortage of geriatric health professionals and direct service workers to support our aging population. The American Geriatrics Society projects that we will be short some 1,700 geriatricians by the year 2036. Fewer than 7,000 of our Nation's nearly 1 million physicians are board-certified geriatricians. We need to train 1,600 geriatricians per year over the next 9 years to fill that gap.

Complicating this shortfall is the fact that as many as 90 percent of our older adults either have or will develop one or more chronic health conditions. So you put together many chronic conditions, an aging population, multiple medications, and changes that naturally occur in aging, and you have a situation making caring for older adults ever more complex and challenging. In any given year, it is expected that 30 percent of older adults will require specialized geriatric care.

Today, there are 42 Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Programs in 37 States. I am pleased that since the last

reauthorization in 2019, this list has expanded to include such a program in the State of Maine. It is located at the University of New England.

For Maine, with an aging population of more than a quarter of a million Mainers over the age of 65 and only 36 geriatricians, there is an acute need to train more geriatric health professionals and direct service providers quickly to meet this growing demand. Maine's program, known as AgingME, has brought much needed support to communities and families throughout the State. For example, AgingME has worked with other training and geriatrics-serving partners to develop a postgraduate credentialing program in geriatrics. Students who participate in the program complete more than 2,000 hours of training in medically underserved communities and rural areas of Maine.

AgingME has also worked to increase the number of community-based learning programs, such as falls prevention education programs in rural areas. It has also helped to connect family caregivers with resources for Alzheimer's and related dementias through its website and through partnerships with Maine's Area Agencies on Aging.

Nationally, the geriatric workforce program has produced significant outcomes. In 2022, the most recent reported year, Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Programs trained nearly 72,000 students, professionals, patients, caregivers, and faculty. These programs were also able to offer faculty development training programs and activities, provide outreach and education to families and caregivers on care delivery for older adults, and train patients in self-management of their conditions. More than 2.2 million individuals have been trained through these programs, of whom 57 percent were patients and their caregivers.

And all of us know the vitally important role that family caregivers play in taking care of their older relatives, often their parents. But we also know that they need help in doing so, including training. Approximately a third of the courses offered focused on Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Patients and caregivers also took courses on other topics related to the health needs of older adults, such as geriatric health, emergency response training, and community health.

Our legislation would also reauthorize the geriatrics career advancement award program. Established in 1998, this program was created to increase the number of faculty engaged in geriatric education.

Transitioning from clinical training and practice into an academic faculty role can be challenging. It requires gaining new skills as an educator, skills not typically taught in clinical training programs. Geriatrics Academic Career Awards support early career development for emerging leaders by providing funding that supports their efforts to develop skills as an educator in geriatrics.

The Geriatrics Workforce Improvement Act would reauthorize these two vitally important programs at a combined amount of \$48.2 million per year over the next 5 years. It really is a modest investment that will help ensure that our older Americans have the expert care that they need, that their caregivers are provided with training, that other support employees and healthcare providers receive the skills that they need as well. Together, these programs will continue to train the current workforce and family caregivers while developing a cadre of emerging leaders in geriatric education in a variety of disciplines.

In doing both, we can help to ensure that our aging Americans will be cared for by a healthcare workforce specifically trained to meet their unique and often complex health needs for decades to come.

This will lead to improved care for older Americans while saving valuable resources and reducing unnecessary costs.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation to strengthen and extend these two important programs.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 372—HONORING THE LIFE OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS POLICE OFFICER HUNTER SIMONCIC

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

S. RES. 372

Whereas Hunter Simoncic was a brave law enforcement officer who sacrificed his life to keep his local Kansas community safe;

Whereas Hunter Simoncic was born on April 16, 1999;

Whereas Hunter Simoncic grew up in Galesburg, Kansas;

Whereas Hunter Simoncic graduated from Erie High School in 2018 and earned a bachelor of science degree in sociology from Pittsburgh State University in 2021 and a master's degree in forensic sciences from Oklahoma State University in 2023;

Whereas Hunter Simoncic graduated from the Kansas City, Kansas Police Academy in November 2023;

Whereas Hunter Simoncic served as a big brother with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kansas and volunteered to read to local children each week through the Lead to Read program at Banneker Elementary School;

Whereas Hunter Simoncic is survived by his father Ron Simoncic of Franklin, Kansas, his mother Christine Brungardt of Galesburg, Kansas, and his brother Fischer Simoncic of Wichita, Kansas;

Whereas Officer Simoncic was killed on August 26, 2025, while on duty in Kansas City, Kansas, when he was struck by a driver fleeing law enforcement while he attempted to disable the fleeing vehicle;

Whereas Hunter Simoncic is an American hero, whose bravery, integrity, and steadfast dedication as a faithful civil servant have made a lasting impact; and

Whereas Mr. Simoncic's legacy will endure, inspiring his family, community, and a thankful Nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) highly respects and appreciates all that Hunter Simoncic did to protect and serve his Kansas community;

(2) offers condolences to the family of Hunter Simoncic;

(3) pays tribute to Mr. Simoncic's noble sacrifice in the line of duty; and

(4) calls on all levels of government to support the family of this fallen officer.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 21—DENOUNCING THE HORRORS OF SOCIALISM

Mr. SCOTT of Florida submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. CON. RES. 21

Whereas socialist ideology necessitates a concentration of power that has, time and time again, collapsed into communist regimes, totalitarian rule, and brutal dictatorships;

Whereas socialism has repeatedly led to famine and mass murders, and the killing of over 100,000,000 people worldwide;

Whereas many of the greatest crimes in history were committed by socialist ideologues, including Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, Mao Zedong, Fidel Castro, Pol Pot, Kim Jong Il, Kim Jong Un, Daniel Ortega, Hugo Chavez, and Nicolás Maduro;

Whereas tens of millions died in the Bolshevik Revolution, at least 10,000,000 people were sent to the gulags in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and millions more starved in the Terror-Famine (Holodomor) in Ukraine;

Whereas between 15,000,000 and 55,000,000 people starved to death in the wake of famine and devastation caused by the Great Leap Forward in China;

Whereas the socialist experiment in Cambodia led to the killing fields in which over a million people were gruesomely murdered;

Whereas up to 3,500,000 people have starved in North Korea, dividing a land of freedom from a land of destitution;

Whereas the Castro regime in Cuba expropriated the land of Cuban farmers and the businesses of Cuban entrepreneurs, stealing their possessions and their livelihoods, and exiling millions with nothing but the clothes on their backs;

Whereas the implementation of socialism in Venezuela has turned a once-prosperous country into a failed State with the highest rate of inflation in the world;

Whereas President Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence, wrote, "To take from one, because it is thought that his own industry and that of his fathers has acquired too much, in order to spare to others, who, or whose fathers have not exercised equal industry and skill, is to violate arbitrarily the first principle of association, the guarantee to every one of a free exercise of his industry, and the fruits acquired by it";

Whereas President James Madison, the "Father of the Constitution", wrote that it "is not a just government, nor is property secure under it, where the property which a man has in his personal safety and personal liberty, is violated by arbitrary seizures of one class of citizens for the service of the rest"; and

Whereas the United States was founded on the belief in the sanctity of the individual, to which the collectivistic system of socialism in all of its forms is fundamentally and necessarily opposed: Now, therefore, be it