

to wildland fires caused by certain Government actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BANKS (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MCCORMICK, and Mr. COONS):

S. 3150. A bill to require entities seeking a license to export advanced artificial intelligence chips to countries of concern to certify that United States persons have priority in acquiring those chips; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 3151. A bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to provide for the automatic contingent extension of the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LUJAN (for himself and Mr. DAINES):

S. 3152. A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to give preference to local contractors in awarding contracts to carry out certain hazardous fuel reduction projects on Federal land; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 486. A resolution condemning the suggestion by President Donald J. Trump that criticism of him is "illegal," reaffirming the fundamental importance of free speech, and declaring that criticism of the President is not only lawful but essential to democracy in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Ms. SMITH):

S. Res. 487. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week beginning on November 3, 2025, as "National School Psychology Week"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COONS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. CORNYN, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. Res. 488. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the European Union's actions to diversify from Russian energy sources; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 489. A resolution commending Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi, for 100 years of service to the State of Mississippi and the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. MCCORMICK, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 490. A resolution affirming the critical importance of preserving the United States' advantage in artificial intelligence and ensuring that the United States achieves and maintains artificial intelligence dominance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER:

S. Con. Res. 23. A concurrent resolution recognizing the difficult challenges Black veterans faced when returning home after serving in the Armed Forces, their heroic military sacrifices, and their patriotism in

fighting for equal rights and for the dignity of a people and a Nation; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 137

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 137, a bill to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit the Federal Government from entering into contracts with an entity that discriminates against firearm or ammunition industries, and for other purposes.

S. 932

At the request of Mr. MULLIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 932, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to molecularly targeted pediatric cancer investigations, and for other purposes.

S. 952

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 952, a bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to provide a uniform 8-digit subheading number for all whiskeys.

S. 1220

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1220, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for a Savings Opportunity and Affordable Repayment plan as an income contingent repayment plan.

S. 1410

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to provide for health coverage with no cost-sharing for additional breast screenings for certain individuals at greater risk for breast cancer.

S. 1677

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1677, a bill to provide health insurance benefits for outpatient and inpatient items and services related to the diagnosis and treatment of a congenital anomaly or birth defect.

S. 1806

At the request of Mr. RICKETTS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1806, a bill to terminate unused authorities of the Securities and Exchange Commission that were established pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

S. 1884

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Delaware

(Mr. COONS), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 1884, a bill to clarify the Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016, to appropriately limit the application of defenses based on the passage of time and other non-merits defenses to claims under that Act.

S. 2252

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2252, a bill to require United States foreign assistance commodities to be made available for their intended purposes before they expire.

S. 2983

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2983, a bill to reauthorize the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015.

S. 2991

At the request of Ms. LUMMIS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2991, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to the requirement to test drivers of commercial motor vehicles for English proficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 3072

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3072, a bill to prohibit the imposition of additional tariffs on coffee imported from countries to which the United States has extended normal trade relations, and for other purposes.

S. 3090

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3090, a bill to prohibit the use of funds for an explosive nuclear weapons test.

S. 3106

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3106, a bill to require the approval of Congress before explosive nuclear testing may be resumed.

S.J. RES. 90

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) and the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 90, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against Venezuela that have not been authorized by Congress.

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 90, supra.

S. RES. 236

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr.

CORNYN), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 236, a resolution calling for the return of abducted Ukrainian children before finalizing any peace agreement to end the war against Ukraine.

S. RES. 463

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 463, a resolution expressing condemnation of the Chinese Communist Party's persecution of religious minority groups, including Christians, Muslims, and Buddhists and the detention of Pastor "Ezra" Jin Mingri and leaders of the Zion Church, and reaffirming the United States' global commitment to promote religious freedom and tolerance.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 3145. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to require the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to test a comprehensive alternative response for emergencies model under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today with my colleague from Vermont, Senator WELCH, to introduce the Comprehensive Alternative Response to Emergencies Act, or the CARE Act. Our bipartisan legislation would require the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to test a 5 year treatment-in-place model for Medicare. This model, also known as TIP, is the practice of treating patients in their homes or where a medical emergency occurs. The pilot program in our bill would reimburse EMS for the care they administer to seniors in emergencies outside of the hospital, such as for minor medical incidents. This program would expand access to health services for seniors, especially in rural communities, while reducing unnecessary emergency room visits and expenses.

Emergency room doctors throughout Maine often tell me about the frequent backlogs and long wait times that patients experience in waiting rooms. One way to address this problem is to reduce the number of nonessential emergency room visits. By creating a pathway to reimburse EMS for treating certain patients at home, the CARE Act will help decrease the number of emergency room visits and lengthy wait times.

When EMS arrives after a 9-1-1 call, they usually transport patients to the emergency department immediately. Many patients, however, may not need emergency services from a hospital and could be better served by receiving treatment "in place." EMS is capable of providing a host of interventions,

such as treating hypoglycemia for a patient with a diabetic emergency or responding to routine, chronic seizures.

Most insurance plans, including Medicare, do not reimburse emergency medical services unless the patient is transported to the hospital. The current payment model can thus incentivize transportation to the hospital even when a less expensive level of care is appropriate.

The CARE Act will also help support EMS providers' long-term financial viability. According to the Maine Ambulance Association, approximately 35 percent of EMS calls conclude without transport. Without reimbursement, EMS providers must absorb the costs of these calls, further challenging the sustainability of their operations. The treatment-in-place pilot program proposed by our legislation offers a solution to this financial burden by reimbursing EMS for this kind of care.

This model also saves Medicare money. When CMS implemented a trial version of TIP during the COVID-19 pandemic, the program demonstrated more than \$500 net savings to Medicare per patient encounter.

This commonsense bill builds on the past success of TIP. TIP increases communities at a time when EMS is facing historic staffing and financial challenges, by removing the need for time-consuming transport. The reimbursement of a TIP encounter is only a fraction of the cost of ambulance transport and a hospital emergency department visit.

Reducing unnecessary emergency room visits, lowering costs, and easing the strain on our hospital and EMS workforce will help improve care overall. The CARE Act presents an opportunity to further test the TIP model and improve patient care, while supporting the brave first responders who save countless lives in our communities. Our bill is supported by the American Ambulance Association, the Maine Ambulance Association, the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, the National Rural Healthcare Association, the National EMS Quality Alliance, and many other local EMS organizations around the country. I urge all my colleagues to support this legislation.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 486—CONDEMNING THE SUGGESTION BY PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP THAT CRITICISM OF HIM IS "ILLEGAL," REAFFIRMING THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF FREE SPEECH, AND DECLARING THAT CRITICISM OF THE PRESIDENT IS NOT ONLY LAWFUL BUT ESSENTIAL TO DEMOCRACY IN THE UNITED STATES

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

S. RES. 486

Whereas the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides that "Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press.":

Whereas robust public debate and criticism of those who hold public office lie at the core of democratic governance, which includes the proposition that the right to speak, publish, and dissent is fundamental to a self-governing people;

Whereas the institution of the presidency, like all offices of government in the United States, is subject to public scrutiny, criticism, and accountability;

Whereas, on November 1, 2025, President Donald J. Trump posted on social media that commentary by comedian Seth Meyers was "100% ANTI TRUMP" and therefore "PROBABLY ILLEGAL";

Whereas President Trump has previously attacked late-night comedians and urged the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission to punish broadcasters that air the comedians' political commentary by revoking their broadcast licenses;

Whereas Federal Communications Commission Chairman Brendan Carr has demonstrated a willingness to weaponize the Commission's authority over broadcasters for political purposes, including, in September 2025, in response to a monologue delivered by comedian Jimmy Kimmel, by publicly threatening ABC and its parent company Disney, stating that "we can do this the easy way or the hard way," in clear reference to the Commission's regulatory power;

Whereas President Trump's social media post and the repeated actions of the Trump administration suggest that they view criticism of President Trump as illegal and subject to regulatory punishment;

Whereas such episodes serve as a reminder that when government officials treat criticism—especially of themselves—as unlawful, they undermine the basic premise of free and open political discourse; and

Whereas the right to criticize the president is not only lawfully protected but politically essential, and the ability of citizens, the press, and elected representatives to question, challenge, and hold the executive branch to account is foundational to the health of democracy in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns any suggestion by President Donald J. Trump or his administration that criticism of President Trump is illegal or that governmental power may lawfully be used to punish, censor, or intimidate dissenting views;

(2) affirms that the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States protects the right to criticize public officials, including the President of the United States, and to engage in vigorous public debate without fear of governmental retaliation; and

(3) urges all officials of the Trump administration to refrain from using regulatory, licensing, investigative, or enforcement authorities to penalize or suppress speech that criticizes President Trump or the policies of his administration.

SENATE RESOLUTION 487—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 3, 2025, AS "NATIONAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY WEEK"

Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Ms. SMITH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred