

XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect beneficiaries with limb loss and other orthopedic conditions by providing access to appropriate, safe, effective, patient-centered orthotic and prosthetic care, to reduce fraud, waste, and abuse with respect to orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes.

S. 2398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2398, a bill to reauthorize the Kay Hagan Tick Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2406

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2406, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize admission of Canadian retirees as long-term visitors for pleasure described in section 101(a)(15)(B) of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2468

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2468, a bill to amend section 249 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to render available to certain long-term residents of the United States the benefit under that section.

S. 2503

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2503, a bill to require all aircraft to be equipped with Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast In, to improve aviation safety, and for other purposes.

S. 2557

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) were added as cosponsors of S. 2557, a bill to direct the Attorney General to make publicly available documents related to Jeffrey Epstein, and for other purposes.

S. 2747

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2747, a bill to require the Secretary of State to designate the Federal Republic of Nigeria as a Country of Particular Concern, to impose certain sanctions, and for other purposes.

S. 2858

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2858, a bill to improve research and data collection on stillbirths, and for other purposes.

S. 2875

At the request of Mr. SHEEHY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2875, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the treatment of health reimbursement arrangements integrated with individual market coverage.

S. 2977

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2977, a bill to amend chapter 77 of title 5, United States Code, to ensure timely rulings by the Merit Systems Protection Board on appeals by Federal employees and applicants for employment.

S. 3126

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3126, a bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to reform farm loans, to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to reform the National Appeals Division process, and for other purposes.

S. 3147

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3147, a bill to provide for continuing appropriations for Head Start programs.

S. 3165

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3165, a bill to appropriate funds for pay and allowances of Federal employees during the lapse in appropriations that began on October 1, 2025, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 158

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 158, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that paraprofessionals and education support staff should have fair compensation, benefits, and working conditions.

S. RES. 463

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULIVAN) 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 Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. RICKETTS, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr.

MULLIN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MORENO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 3178. A bill to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture to withdraw a final determination relating to energy efficiency standards for housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. BARRASSO. 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. 3178

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR HOUSING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture—

(1) shall withdraw the final determination announced in the notice of final determination entitled "Adoption of Energy Efficiency Standards for New Construction of HUD- and USDA-Financed Housing" (89 Fed. Reg. 33112);

(2) may not take any action or use any Federal funds to implement or enforce the final determination described in paragraph (1) or any substantially similar final determination; and

(3) shall revert energy efficiency standards for covered programs under the final determination described in paragraph (1) to the energy efficiency standards required before the final determination.

(b) ACTION BY ADDITIONAL AGENCIES.—

(1) DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not take any action or use any Federal funds to implement or enforce a final determination that is substantially similar to the final determination described in subsection (a)(1).

(2) FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency may not finalize, implement, or enforce a determination or rule relating to energy efficiency standards for single and multifamily housing.

(c) CONSIDERATION OF STATE STANDARDS.—Section 109(d) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12709(d)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "and" at the end;

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at the end and inserting "and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(3) not fewer than 26 States have adopted an energy efficiency code or standard that meets or exceeds the requirements of the revised code or standard."

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 3192. A bill to require Transmission Organizations to allow aggregators of retail customers to submit to organized wholesale electric markets bids that aggregate demand flexibility of customers of certain utilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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. 3192

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 “Responsive Energy Demand Unlocks Clean Energy Act” or the “REDUCE Act”.

SEC. 2. AGGREGATOR BIDDING INTO ORGANIZED POWER MARKETS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any prohibition established by State law or a State commission (as defined in section 3 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 796)) with respect to who may bid into an organized wholesale electric market, each Transmission Organization shall, consistent with any applicable market rules that do not establish such a prohibition, allow aggregators of retail customers to submit bids that aggregate demand flexibility of customers of utilities that distributed more than 4,000,000 megawatt-hours in the previous fiscal year.

(b) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission shall issue a rule to carry out the requirements of subsection (a).

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

S. 3194. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land in California as the Monterey Bay National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Monterey Bay National Heritage Area Study Act. This legislation would direct the completion of a study to assess the feasibility of designating certain land along California’s central coast as the Monterey Bay National Heritage Area.

This bill would require the National Park Service to conduct a study to determine if coastal communities adjacent to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary meet the requirements to be designated as a national heritage area. If passed, the Park Service would hold robust consultation and listening sessions with local stakeholders and community members to assess whether this designation is appropriate.

A national heritage area designation recognizes a place’s cultural, historical, and ecological value. These designations create public-private partnerships that leverage Federal support to empower local conservation efforts, provide technical assistance, and spur economic development without imposing Federal land use restrictions or affecting private property.

In California, where we already have two such designations, residents continue to retain their private property rights despite the designation. Nothing in this bill would allow the Federal Government to infringe upon private property acquire land within a potential national heritage area boundary.

My bill would also not immediately authorize the designation but, rather,

assess the feasibility of moving toward a designation. I want to thank Senator SCHIFF for cosponsoring this bill, and I want to thank Representative JIMMY PANETTA for leading this effort in the House.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this straightforward legislation to recognize the unique cultural, historical, and environmental treasures in the Monterey Bay region.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 499—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF “CREUTZFELDT-JAKOB DISEASE (CJD) AWARENESS DAY”

Mr. HUSTED submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 499

Whereas Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) is a rare, fatal brain disorder within a group of illnesses called prion diseases;

Whereas CJD occurs in approximately 1 to 2 individuals per 1,000,000 each year, resulting in approximately 600 cases annually in the United States, 85 percent of which are designated as sporadic, with no known causes, while 10 to 15 percent are deemed genetic, and less than 1 percent are deemed acquired;

Whereas, in the early stages of the disease, CJD patients may exhibit failing memory, behavioral changes, impaired coordination, and visual disturbances, and as the illness progresses, mental deterioration becomes more pronounced while involuntary movements, blindness, weakness of extremities, and ultimately coma may occur;

Whereas CJD typically leads to death within a few months to 1 year following the onset of symptoms;

Whereas CJD is responsible for 1 in every 6,000 deaths in the United States each year;

Whereas comprehensive prion disease surveillance is critical in order to develop more efficient detection methods and to determine whether humans can acquire the disease through the consumption of prion-contaminated beef (known to cause bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) or “mad cow” disease) or meat from cervids (deer, elk, and moose) affected by chronic wasting disease (referred to in this preamble as “CWD”);

Whereas CWD is a fatal condition in cervids, caused by misfolded prions, that has been detected in cervids in more than 36 States and all 4 regions of the United States;

Whereas monitoring the prevalence of prion diseases, including determining a disease’s incidence and whether it was acquired from animals or other humans, is critical;

Whereas continued prion disease surveillance, particularly through examination of postmortem human brain tissue, is imperative to evaluate whether CWD has or can spread to humans;

Whereas the National Prion Disease Pathology Surveillance Center is the only laboratory-based organization in the United States that monitors human prion diseases, which is critical to protecting the public health of the United States;

Whereas Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias (referred to in this preamble as “ADRD”) research could benefit from the study of prion diseases, like CJD;

Whereas caregiver and health-services research of ADRD should be applied to prion diseases, like CJD, which share many of the same challenges;

Whereas the families and communities affected by CJD have compelling stories due to the rarity and rapid effects of the disease;

Whereas, from the time of diagnosis, CJD presents unique challenges and burdens for patients, their family members, and caregivers given the rapidly progressive nature of this devastating disease; and

Whereas the establishment of November 12, 2025, as “Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) Awareness Day” would raise awareness about this rare, rapidly progressive, and invariably fatal disease: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of “Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) Awareness Day”; and

(2) recognizes the importance of raising awareness of this rare brain disorder.

SENATE RESOLUTION 500—COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL YEAR OF THE AMERICAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION

Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Ms. ALSOBROOKS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 500

Whereas the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (referred to in this preamble as “ASHA”) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 241,000 members, certificate holders, and affiliates who are—

- (1) audiologists;
- (2) speech-language pathologists;
- (3) speech, language, and hearing scientists;
- (4) audiology and speech-language pathology assistants; or
- (5) students;

Whereas, in its centennial year, ASHA remains steadfast in achieving its mission to—

- (1) advance science;
- (2) foster excellence in education and professional practice;
- (3) establish standards; and
- (4) advocate for accessible and quality care for all;

Whereas ASHA believes that effective communication is a human right and should be accessible and achievable for all;

Whereas ASHA led the path for licensing in all 50 States and the District of Columbia by setting the initial standards in the fields of practice for audiology and speech-language pathology to ensure consumer protections through State licensure;

Whereas ASHA’s commitment to promoting access to care and support for those with communications disorders is demonstrated through engaging in advocacy for laws, such as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148), the Steve Gleason Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-40), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-241), and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.);

Whereas people with communication disorders are frequently subjected to stigma that includes mockery, bullying, and myths that say they are of low intelligence and ability, which causes them to be wrongly underestimated and denied advancement at work and educationally, as well as isolated socially;