

Protection and Affordable Care Act to require coverage of hearing devices and systems in certain private health insurance plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. 3401. A bill to establish, improve, or expand high-quality workforce development programs at community colleges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. TILLIS, and Ms. CORTEZ, MASTO):

S. 3402. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the certified community behavioral health clinic program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 3403. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to require the President to provide assistance for predisaster hazard mitigation measures and adjust the Federal cost share for certain building resilient infrastructure and communities projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 3404. A bill to require a report on Federal support to the cybersecurity of commercial satellite systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 3405. A bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to conduct a study regarding certain brokers and dealers that are controlled by or organized under the laws of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 3406. A bill to establish a grant program for innovative partnerships among teacher preparation programs, local educational agencies, and community-based organizations to expand access to high-quality tutoring in hard-to-staff schools and high-need schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CURTIS:

S. 3407. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a Western Refined Fuel Storage Reserve as part of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. KIM):

S. 3408. A bill to prohibit a United States currency featuring the likeness of a living or sitting President; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DAINES:

S. 3409. A bill to reaffirm that the Bureau of Reclamation retains exclusive ownership, operational control, and financial responsibility for the Lower Yellowstone Fish Bypass Channel, ensuring long-term conservation of the endangered pallid sturgeon and other native aquatic species in the Yellowstone River while protecting the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project and District from undue financial and operational burdens, and for other purposes; 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 Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Mr. JUSTICE):

S. Res. 537. A resolution honoring the service and sacrifice of United States Army Specialist Sarah Beckstrom and United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe, who were tragically shot in Washington, D.C., in a targeted assault against United States service members on November 26, 2025; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 538. A resolution designating November 2025 as "National Homeless Children and Youth Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GALLEGO (for himself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. Res. 539. A resolution recognizing the 80th anniversary of the commencement of continuous operations of Stars and Stripes in the Pacific and the invaluable service of the Stars and Stripes as the "hometown newspaper" for members of the Armed Forces, civilian employees, and family members stationed around the world; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 525

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 525, a bill to transfer the functions, duties, responsibilities, assets, liabilities, orders, determinations, rules, regulations, permits, grants, loans, contracts, agreements, certificates, licenses, and privileges of the United States Agency for International Development relating to implementing and administering the Food for Peace Act to the Department of Agriculture.

S. 554

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 554, a bill to enhance bilateral defense cooperation between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 556

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 556, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to persons engaged in logistical transactions and sanctions evasion relating to oil, gas, liquefied natural gas, and related petrochemical products from the Islamic Republic of Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 1227

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1227, a bill to require the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Commissioner of Social Security to review and simplify the processes, procedures, forms, and communications for

family caregivers to assist individuals in establishing eligibility for, enrolling in, and maintaining and utilizing coverage and benefits under the Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, and Social Security programs respectively, and for other purposes.

S. 1261

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1261, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to telehealth services, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) were added as cosponsors of S. 1302, a bill to provide for increased transparency in generic drug applications.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1335, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude debt held by certain insurance companies from capital assets and to extend capital loss carryovers for such companies from 5 years to 10 years.

S. 1498

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1498, a bill to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, to prohibit transactions involving certain financial instruments by Members of Congress.

S. 1538

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1538, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to expand and improve the enforcement capabilities of the Attorney General, and for other purposes.

S. 1677

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) 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. 1744

At the request of Mr. RICKETTS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1744, a bill to amend the Arms Export Control Act to include Taiwan among the list of recipient countries with respect to which shorter certification and reporting periods apply and to expedite licensing for allies transferring military equipment to Taiwan, and for other purposes.

S. 1748

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1748, a bill to protect the safety of children on the internet.

S. 1884

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) 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. 1965

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGOS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1965, a bill to eliminate employment-based visa caps for abused, abandoned, and neglected children who are classified as special immigrant juveniles, and for other purposes.

S. 2032

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2032, a bill to provide for the establishment of Medicare part E public health plans, and for other purposes.

S. 2086

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2086, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to allow health marketplace pools to be deemed an employer under section 3(5) of such Act for purposes of offering a group health plan or group health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 2119, a bill to enhance United States support for identifying and recovering Ukrainian children who were abducted by the Russian Federation, and to hold accountable those who are responsible for such abductions.

S. 2211

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2211, a bill to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Type 1 Diabetes and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

S. 2255

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2255, a bill to provide for the vacating of certain convictions and expungement of certain arrests of victims of human trafficking.

S. 2355

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2355, a bill to amend the Public

Health Service Act to provide for hospital and insurer price transparency.

S. 2667

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2667, a bill to prevent violence in the West Bank and authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to any foreign person endangering United States national security and undermining prospects for a two-state solution by committing illegal violent acts.

S. 2746

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) were added as cosponsors of S. 2746, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to produce suspicious activity reports relating to Jeffrey Epstein and his associates, and for other purposes.

S. 2903

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2903, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require a group health plan or health insurance coverage offered in connection with such a plan to provide an exceptions process for any medication step therapy protocol, and for other purposes.

S. 2907

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2907, a bill to prohibit health care professionals, hospitals, or clinics from participating in the chemical or surgical mutilation of a child and to provide a private right of action for children and the parents of children whose healthy body parts have been damaged by medical professionals practicing chemical and surgical mutilation.

S. 3023

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3023, a bill to limit liability for certain entities storing child sexual abuse material for law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 3279

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3279, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of religion, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), and marital status in the administration and provision of child welfare services, to improve safety, well-being, and permanency for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning foster youth, and for other purposes.

S. 3302

At the request of Mr. MULLIN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 3302, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to molecularly targeted pediatric cancer investigations, and for other purposes.

S. 3340

At the request of Ms. ALSOBROOKS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3340, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants to local educational agencies to encourage girls and underrepresented minorities to pursue studies and careers in STEM fields.

S. 3344

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3344, a bill to prohibit the unauthorized use of United States Armed Forces in hostilities with respect to Venezuela.

S. 3369

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3369, a bill to establish a public health plan.

S. 3378

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3378, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish name, image, and likeness investment accounts for student-athletes, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 97

At the request of Mr. HUSTED, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 97, a joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

S. RES. 61

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 61, a resolution expressing support for the continued value of arms control agreements and negotiated constraints on Russian and Chinese strategic nuclear forces.

S. RES. 236

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor 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. 525

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) and the Senator

from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 525, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of the Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 3403. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to require the President to provide assistance for predisaster hazard mitigation measures and adjust the Federal cost share for certain building resilient infrastructure and communities projects, and for other projects; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, today, I am introducing the Building Resilience and Stronger Communities Act, along with Senator MURKOWSKI of Alaska. Our bipartisan bill would reinstate the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities, BRIC Program at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, and protect it against elimination in the future. It would also make it easier for smaller communities to access funding by increasing the Federal cost-share for small projects and for projects that protect critical facilities, and it would ensure that Tribes will be able to access funding under the program.

Established by Congress in the Disaster Recovery Reform Act and signed into law by President Trump in 2018, BRIC serves as FEMA's primary predisaster mitigation program. Since 2020, FEMA has awarded more than \$4.5 billion in BRIC funding to help communities across the country strengthen their resilience efforts. Through BRIC, local governments have been able to carry out essential projects such as elevating at-risk infrastructure, reinforcing bridges, or improving drainage systems. These projects not only protect vital infrastructure and in turn, homes and businesses but also create jobs and ensure that communities can continue to function in the aftermath of natural disasters.

Rather than waiting for costly recovery efforts after a disaster, the BRIC Program helps communities prepare in advance—reducing disaster impacts, promoting long-term safety, and saving taxpayer dollars through proactive investment. Indeed, various studies have found that for every \$1 spent on resilience and preparedness, communities save between \$13 and \$18 in damages, cleanup costs, and economic impact.

Despite the BRIC Program's demonstrated benefits under both Democratic and Republican administrations, the Trump administration abruptly canceled the program in April 2025, claiming it was "wasteful and ineffective." Regrettably, FEMA did not take

steps to improve the program or reinstate funding. Our bill addresses these issues by reestablishing the program, opening it to a broader array of mitigation projects in smaller and Tribal communities, and making it easier to access funds to protect critical facilities—including healthcare facilities, police and fire stations, schools, and power stations. These are common-sense reforms that will help improve BRIC and save taxpayers billions of dollars in disaster recovery payments in the future.

I urge my colleagues to join us in supporting this bipartisan legislation.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 537—HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIALIST SARAH BECKSTROM AND UNITED STATES AIR FORCE STAFF SERGEANT ANDREW WOLFE, WHO WERE TRAGICALLY SHOT IN WASHINGTON, D.C., IN A TARGETED ASSAULT AGAINST UNITED STATES SERVICE MEMBERS ON NOVEMBER 26, 2025

Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Mr. JUSTICE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 537

Whereas, on the afternoon of November 26, 2025, members of the National Guard on patrol in Washington, D.C. as part of the D.C. Safe and Beautiful Task Force were violently assaulted with gunfire in a vicious, targeted attack;

Whereas United States Army Specialist Sarah Beckstrom and United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe, both members of the West Virginia National Guard, sustained severe gunshot wounds during the attack;

Whereas Specialist Beckstrom succumbed to her injuries and passed away surrounded by her loved ones on November 27, 2025, making the ultimate sacrifice in service to her country;

Whereas Staff Sergeant Wolfe remains hospitalized in critical condition;

Whereas United States Army Specialist Sarah Beckstrom, who was 20 years old at the time of her passing, was from Summersville, West Virginia, enlisted on June 26, 2023, weeks after graduating with honors from Webster County High School, and was assigned to the 863rd Military Police Company, 111th Engineer Brigade of the West Virginia Army National Guard;

Whereas Specialist Beckstrom worked a civilian job as a community engagement specialist at a Certified Community Behavioral Health Center in Summersville, West Virginia that provides mental health and substance use disorder treatment;

Whereas United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe, age 24, of Martinsburg, West Virginia, a graduate of Musselman High School in Inwood, West Virginia, enlisted on February 5, 2019, while still in high school, and was assigned to the Force Support Squadron, 167th Airlift Wing of the West Virginia Air National Guard;

Whereas, in his civilian job, Staff Sergeant Wolfe has worked as a lineman with Frontier

Communications since 2023, which has benefited his community by bringing connectivity to more homes and businesses in West Virginia;

Whereas Specialist Beckstrom and Staff Sergeant Wolfe have both received an outpouring of support and praise from their communities and from around the country as individuals who served with distinction, earned the admiration and respect of their communities, and acted selflessly and courageously on behalf of others; and

Whereas Specialist Beckstrom and Staff Sergeant Wolfe had both recently volunteered to extend their deployments in Washington, D.C. and continue their service to help keep the Capital of the United States safe: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the memory, service and sacrifice of United States Army Specialist Sarah Beckstrom for her dedicated service to her State and to her country as a member of the West Virginia National Guard;

(2) honors the service and sacrifice of United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe for his dedicated service to his State and to his country as a member of the West Virginia National Guard;

(3) extends its sympathies, gratitude, and support for the Beckstrom and Wolfe families for all they have endured and will face because of this attack, as their love and support have been the foundation of the service of Specialist Beckstrom and Staff Sergeant Wolfe to their State and the United States;

(4) honors the bravery of National Guard members on the scene who displayed courage and strength while under attack;

(5) expresses gratitude for the swift action of National Guard members and first responders on the scene who responded to the attack and apprehended the attacker;

(6) condemns in the strongest terms the horrific, violent assault on United States service members in the Capital of the United States; and

(7) recognizes that the men and women who volunteer to serve their communities and their country as members of the National Guard represent the very best of the United States of America.

SENATE RESOLUTION 538—DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 2025 AS "NATIONAL HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH"

Ms. ALSOBROOKS (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 538

Whereas, in the United States, public schools identified nearly 1,400,000 enrolled children and youth who were homeless during the 2022 to 2023 school year, a 14 percent increase from the previous school year;

Whereas every year an estimated 1,200,000 children younger than 6 years of age, and approximately 4,200,000 youth and young adults, experience homelessness as part of the general population, with many of those children, youth, and young adults staying on couches, in motels, in shelters, or outside;

Whereas the Department of Housing and Urban Development reported a 39 percent increase in families staying in homeless shelters or visibly on the streets in 2024, which was the highest of any population and the second consecutive year of increase;

Whereas infants experiencing homelessness are at a higher risk for certain illnesses and health conditions;