

Black midwives to maternal and infant health in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. Res. 647. A resolution designating March 21, 2026, as "National Osceola Turkey Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. SMITH):

S. Res. 648. A resolution honoring the memory, service, and sacrifice of Master Sergeant Nicole M. Amor, United States Army Reserve; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 142

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 142, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to wildland firefighters in recognition of their strength, resiliency, sacrifice, and service to protect the forests, grasslands, and communities of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 410

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 410, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for surviving spouses, and for other purposes.

S. 478

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 478, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from transmitting certain information to the Department of Justice for use by the national instant criminal background check system.

S. 492

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 492, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve and enhance the work opportunity tax credit, to encourage longer-service employment, and to modernize the credit to make it more effective as a hiring incentive for targeted workers, and for other purposes.

S. 494

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 494, a bill to establish a national plan to coordinate research on epilepsy, and for other purposes.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to modify the frequency of board of directors meetings, and for other purposes.

S. 545

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs.

MOODY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to prohibit certain uses of xylazine, and for other purposes.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to achieve parity between the cost-of-living adjustment with respect to an annuity under the Federal Employees Retirement System and an annuity under the Civil Service Retirement System, and for other purposes.

S. 679

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 679, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 782

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 782, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to amend regulations to allow for certain packers to have an interest in market agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 976

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 976, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to reduce fraudulent enrollments in qualified health plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1283

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1283, a bill to modernize Federal firearms laws to account for advancements in technology and less-than-lethal weapons, and for other purposes.

S. 1343

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 1343, a bill to improve coordination between the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation on activities carried out under the National Quantum Initiative Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1404

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1404, a bill to combat organized crime involving the illegal acquisition of retail goods and cargo for the purpose of selling those illegally obtained goods through physical and online retail marketplaces.

S. 1532

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New York

(Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1532, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 1542

At the request of Mr. CURTIS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1542, a bill to support the human rights of Uyghurs and members of other minority groups residing primarily in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, to safeguard their distinct identity, and for other purposes.

S. 1552

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1552, a bill to promote and protect from discrimination living organ donors.

S. 1572

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1572, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Federal carjacking statute.

S. 1609

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1609, a bill to provide for further comprehensive research at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke on unruptured intracranial aneurysms.

S. 1746

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1746, a bill to establish the Commission on American Quantum Information Science Dominance, and for other purposes.

S. 1816

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1816, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish requirements with respect to the use of prior authorization under Medicare Advantage plans.

S. 1918

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1918, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable tax credit against income tax for the purchase of qualified access technology for the blind.

S. 1970

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1970, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the service members of the Military Assistance Command Vietnam-Studies and Observations Group, in recognition of their bravery and outstanding service in South Vietnam, North Vietnam,

Laos, and Cambodia during the Vietnam War.

S. 2265

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2265, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles, California, and the 2034 Olympics and Paralympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah.

S. 2541

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 2842

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2842, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for congenital Cytomegalovirus screening of newborns.

S. 2903

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) 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. 3062

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3062, a bill to require artificial intelligence chatbots to implement age verification measures and make certain disclosures, and for other purposes.

S. 3138

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3138, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include adaptive prostheses and terminal devices for sports and other recreational activities in the medical services furnished to eligible veterans by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 3220

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. 3220, a bill to transfer \$160,000,000 from the Travel Promotion Fund to Brand USA.

S. 3257

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGRO) were added as cosponsors of S. 3257, a bill to

require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to revise regulations for certain individuals carrying out aviation activities who disclose a mental health diagnosis or condition, and for other purposes.

S. 3304

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3304, a bill to provide for the coverage of medical food and vitamins and individual amino acids for digestive and inherited metabolic disorders under Federal health programs, to ensure State and Federal protection for existing coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 3456

At the request of Mr. SHEEHY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3456, a bill to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a free annual National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass for law enforcement officers and firefighters.

S. 3726

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3726, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the President to define veteran success and to develop and implement a National Veterans Strategy, and for other purposes.

S. 3892

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3892, a bill to prohibit retail food stores from price gouging and engaging in surveillance-based price setting practices, and for other purposes.

S. 3938

At the request of Mr. KING, the names of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 3938, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize representatives of veterans service organizations to participate in presentations to promote certain benefits available to veterans during pre-separation counseling under the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 3949

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3949, a bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to require the promulgation of cybersecurity and digital service regulations relating to the use of EBT cards under the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes.

S. 3985

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3985, a bill to allow States

to require payment of State fees related to boating as a condition for issuance of a vessel number and to collect such fees in conjunction with other fees related to vessel numbering.

S. 4049

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4049, a bill to repeal section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to balance-of-payments authority.

S. 4051

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. CURTIS) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4051, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins that are emblematic of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial and the service and sacrifice of firefighters throughout the history of the United States.

S. 4061

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4061, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require local educational agencies to include mental health and suicide prevention information on student identification cards, and for other purposes.

S. 4064

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4064, a bill to provide for a system of regulation of the offer and sale of digital commodities by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and for other purposes.

S. 4087

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4087, a bill to exempt public school employees from non-processing related fees for H-1B visas imposed by Presidential Proclamation 10973.

S. RES. 629

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 629, a resolution honoring the life and legacy of Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., and commending him for his significant leadership during the Civil Rights Movement and his decades of advocacy in pursuit of justice, equality, and human rights.

S. RES. 642

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 642, a resolution celebrating the 175th anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA).

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED  
BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 4109. A bill to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, today, I am pleased to introduce the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act of 2026 with Senators TIM SCOTT, TINA SMITH, and JAMES LANKFORD.

Our bipartisan bill will reauthorize the C.W. Bill Young National Marrow Donor Program and the National Cord Blood Inventory, which help individuals diagnosed with leukemia and lymphomas, sickle cell anemia, and rare genetic blood disorders find suitable bone marrow or umbilical cord blood donors.

More than 18,000 individuals are diagnosed with diseases like blood cancer and sickle cell disease each year and hope for a blood stem cell or bone marrow transplant to help treat or even cure their disease. Since the 1980s, the public registries created under these programs have been a lifeline for the more than 75 percent of Americans who do not have a matched donor in their families. By strengthening and enhancing the important programs operating these registries, many more Americans will be afforded the opportunity to find a match if they are ever in need.

I look forward to swift consideration of this legislation in the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee and working toward passage in the full Senate.

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

S. 4110. A bill to revise and extend health workforce programs under title VII of the Public Health Service Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I am pleased to be introducing the Educating Medical Professionals and Optimizing Workforce Efficiency and Readiness, EMPOWER, for Health Act with Senator Murkowski. Our bipartisan legislation would reauthorize funding for the title VII health professions programs to help strengthen the distribution, quality, and diversity of the health professions workforce so it is better prepared to meet the country's evolving and emerging health care needs.

The title VII health professions programs have a longstanding history of increasing the supply of primary care professionals, expanding access to care in rural and urban underserved areas, and developing a workforce that reflects the Nation's diversity and the needs of patients. At a time when the country is facing persistent health provider shortages, it is critical that we continue to support the programs that

build our healthcare workforce, such as scholarships for disadvantaged students, public health and preventive medicine, geriatrics training, area health education centers, oral health training, and primary care medicine.

These education and training programs guide current and aspiring health professionals to high-demand careers in areas of greatest need, and this legislation will take an important step in ensuring that these programs can continue to serve students and patients for years to come. Our legislation addresses some ongoing challenges with the Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program, clarifying eligibility requirements and making it easier for qualified pediatric subspecialists to apply.

I want to thank the stakeholders supporting this bill, including AIDS Action Baltimore, AIDS Foundation Chicago, the AIDS Institute, the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Association of Medical Colleges, the American Public Health Association, the American Society for Microbiology, the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health, Big Cities Health Coalition, the Children's Hospital Association, Fast-Track Health, the Gerontological Society of America, the HIV Dental Alliance, the HIV Medicine Association, the Infectious Diseases Society of America, the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care, the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors, the National Association of County & City Health Officials, the National Association for Geriatric Education, the National Hispanic Medical Association, NMAC, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, and the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists and I urge my colleagues to join me and Senator MURKOWSKI in working to pass the EMPOWER for Health Act this year.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 4124. A bill to prohibit funds made available to the Department of Justice from being used to make a personal payment to the President in connection with a claim that is subject to the Federal Tort Claims Act, whether in the form of a settlement or any other payment from the Judgment Fund for the personal benefit of the President; read the first time.

Mr. SCHUMER. 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. 4124

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

**SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON USING FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR PAYMENTS TO THE PRESIDENT WITH RESPECT TO TORT CLAIMS.**

None of the funds made available to the Department of Justice before, on, or after

the date of enactment of this Act may be used to approve or facilitate a claim that—

(1) is subject to chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code (commonly known as the "Federal Tort Claims Act"); and

(2) results in a personal payment to the President, whether in the form of a settlement or any other payment issued under section 1304 of title 31, United States Code, (commonly known as the "Judgment Fund") for the personal benefit of the President.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

## SENATE RESOLUTION 645—RECOGNIZING 2026 AS THE "INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF RANGELANDS AND PASTORALISTS"

Ms. LUMMIS (for herself, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RICKETTS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. ROSEN, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

S. RES. 645

Whereas rangelands cover up to 770,000,000 acres of land in the United States;

Whereas rangelands include prairies, grasslands, pampas, shrublands, wetlands, woodlands, savannas, chaparrals, steppes, and tundras inhabited by grasses, grass-like plants, forbs, or shrubs that comprise nearly 36 percent of land in the United States;

Whereas rangelands are economically, socially, and culturally vital to human communities through an array of ecological services, water resources, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, and carbon sequestration and storage, and provide renewable and nonrenewable energy resources and aesthetic and recreational opportunities;

Whereas American rangelands are crucial for domestic production of forage, food, and fiber like beef, lamb, wool, and hides, as more than 50 percent of the national sheep herd and 60 percent of the Western cattle herd spend some time on Federal public rangelands;

Whereas rangelands cover over half the terrestrial surface of the globe, totaling more than 19,800,000,000 acres and supporting nearly 2,000,000,000 people;

Whereas pastoral grazing management decreases the risk of catastrophic wildfire by up to 60 percent, makes rangelands more diverse and resilient, and increases biodiversity;

Whereas pastoralists are the ranchers, nomads, and transhumant herders who raise livestock or semi-domesticated animals as they steward and protect these rangelands;

Whereas American pastoralists and ranchers have generations of traditional knowledge in managing these landscapes and use science-based management, adaptive grazing practices, and emerging information and technologies to support ecological balance and economic productivity;

Whereas American ranchers and land management stewards work with the Federal Government to manage 43 percent of the rangelands across the country, with millions of acres managed as private land on agricultural operations;

Whereas rangelands and the pastoralists who manage them play a key role in domestic food security, rural community viability, and ecosystem health in the United States and worldwide;