

New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1021, a bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to establish a dairy nutrition incentive program, and for other purposes.

S. 1124

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1124, a bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to prohibit the Federal reserve banks from offering certain products or services directly to an individual, to prohibit the use of central bank currency for monetary policy, and for other purposes.

S. 1157

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1157, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a review to evaluate the status of research on lung cancer in women and underserved populations, and for other purposes.

S. 1748

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

S. 1763

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1763, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the 7-year recovery period for motorsports entertainment complexes.

S. 2061

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2061, a bill to require the Interagency Working Group on Toxic Exposure to conduct research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of descendants of individuals exposed to toxic substances while serving as members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2378

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2378, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish funds for investments in aviation security checkpoint technology, and for other purposes.

S. 2827

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2827, a bill to amend the Fair Housing Act to prohibit discrimination based on source of income, veteran status, or military status.

S. 2949

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a co-

sponsor of S. 2949, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the coinsurance requirement for certain colorectal cancer screening tests furnished under the Medicare program.

S. 2994

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2994, a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to clarify that a State may not use an individual's failure to vote as the basis for initiating the procedures provided under such Act for the removal of the individual from the official list of registered voters in the State on the grounds that the individual has changed residence, and for other purposes.

S. 3023

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor 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. 3292

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3292, a bill to support research about the impact of digital communication platforms on society by providing privacy-protected, secure pathways for independent research on data held by large internet companies.

S. 3410

At the request of Mr. KIM, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3410, a bill to establish Federal agency technology and artificial intelligence talent teams to improve competitive service hiring practices, and for other purposes.

S. 3492

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 3492, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for the intellectually disabled, and inpatient rehabilitation facilities to permit essential caregivers access during any period in which regular visitation is restricted.

S. 3583

At the request of Mr. HUSTED, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3583, a bill to establish a pilot program in which States may use consolidated funds, through Upward Mobility Grants, for antipoverty programs, and for other purposes.

S. 3589

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3589, a bill to amend the Higher Edu-

cation Act of 1965 to provide students with disabilities and their families with access to critical information needed to select the right college and succeed once enrolled.

S.J. RES. 98

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS), the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 98, 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.

S. RES. 61

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 4056

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4056 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4016, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. CAPITO, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 3607. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for expanded coverage of services furnished by genetic counselors under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 3607

*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 "Access to Genetic Counselor Services Act of 2026".

##### SEC. 2. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF GENETIC COUNSELING SERVICES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended—

(1) in subsection (s)(2)—

(A) by striking "and" at the end of subparagraph (II);

(B) by adding "and" at the end of subparagraph (JJ); and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(KK) covered genetic counseling services (as defined in subsection (nnn)(1));"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"Covered Genetic Counseling Services

"(nnn)(1) The term 'covered genetic counseling services' means genetic counseling services furnished on or after January 1, 2027,

by a genetic counselor (as defined in paragraph (2)) and such services and supplies furnished as an incident to the provision of such services which the genetic counselor is legally authorized to perform under State law (or the State regulatory mechanism provided by State law) as would otherwise be covered if furnished by a physician (or as incident to a physician's service).

“(2) The term ‘genetic counselor’ means an individual who—

“(A) is licensed as a genetic counselor by the State in which the individual furnishes genetic counseling services; or

“(B) in the case of an individual practicing in a State that does not license genetic counselors, is certified by the American Board of Genetic Counseling and meets such other criteria as the Secretary establishes.”.

(b) **BALANCE BILLING.**—Section 1842(b)(18)(C) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395u(b)(18)(C)) is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(ix) A genetic counselor (as defined in section 1861(nnn)(2)).”.

(c) **PAYMENT.**—Section 1833(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)) is amended—

(1) by striking “and (HH)” and inserting “(HH)”; and

(2) by inserting before the semicolon at the end the following: “, and (II) with respect to covered genetic counseling services (as defined in section 1861(nnn)(1)), the amount paid shall be equal to 80 percent of the lesser of (i) the actual charge for the services or (ii) 85 percent of the fee schedule amount provided under section 1848 that would have applied had the genetic counseling services been furnished by a physician”.

(d) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 1862(a)(14) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395(y)(a)(14)) is amended by inserting “covered genetic counseling services,” after “qualified psychologist services.”.

(e) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—The amendments made by this section shall not be construed as preventing physicians and health care providers other than genetic counselors from billing for genetic counseling services under the Medicare program which are otherwise covered under such program.

(f) **IMPLEMENTATION.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Health and Human Services may implement the amendments made by this section by interim final rule with comment period.

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

S. 3609. A bill to establish a community protection and wildfire resilience grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the bipartisan Community Protection and Wildfire Resilience Act. This crucial piece of legislation would help local communities defend themselves from the growing and pressing danger of wildfires.

This bill would empower communities to implement science-based methods for mitigating wildfire damage and provide funding to design and implement new Community Protection and Wildfire Resilience Plans with community members, first responders, and relevant State agencies.

Today, is the 1-year anniversary of the devastating Eaton and Palisades fires in Los Angeles that taught us all that not all wildfires are forest fires and as such Federal preparedness ef-

forts need to be improved and streamlined to ensure that we better prepared when the next natural disaster strikes. We increasingly see wildfires in the wildland urban interface, and we must do more to prepare and harden our communities. As the countless fires in my State and across the West have shown us, we need to increase Federal support for communities to mitigate the risk of catastrophic wildfires.

The Community Protection and Wildfire Resilience Act would work towards this goal by establishing guidelines for communities to conceptualize new Community Protection and Wildfire Resilience Plans, CPWRP, that are developed in coordination with community members, first responders, and relevant State agencies.

This bill will achieve this through improving early detection technology, public outreach and education, alerts and warnings, evacuation planning, evacuation execution, and access for first responders; addressing vulnerable populations, including the elderly and those with disabilities; hardening critical infrastructure and homes; applying community-scale defensible space across contiguous areas; building local capacity to implement and oversee the plan; deploying distributed energy resources; implementing strategic land use planning; educating community members; and coordinating with existing wildfire plans like a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Aside from this, the bill will provide grants for at-risk communities, complete a report on existing programs to protect communities from wildfires, and it will allow for structure hardening that will help build more fire resilient communities.

I would like to thank my colleague Senator SHEEHY for being a great partner here in the Senate to advance and put forth commonsense wildfire legislation that will help Western States and the country become better equipped to respond to increasing wildfires. I also want to express my appreciation to Representatives HUFFMAN and OBERNOLTE for leading this effort on the House side.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance this bill this Congress to ensure that communities are better equipped to meet the growing threat of fires.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 576—COM- MENDING THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACTION IN VEN- EZUELA

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BUDD, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. SCHMITT, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. CRUZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 576

Whereas, on January 3, 2026, the United States military executed a flawless, large-scale operation across Caracas, Venezuela, resulting in the successful capture of narco-terrorist Nicolás Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores;

Whereas that operation, codenamed Operation Absolute Resolve, was the culmination of months of planning, intelligence gathering, and joint military cooperation, demonstrating exceptional strategic execution and timing;

Whereas the raid effectively removed indicted cartel leader Nicolás Maduro from power without prolonged occupation, allowing United States forces to withdraw after achieving the objective with no American lives lost;

Whereas Maduro and Flores were transported to the United States to face longstanding Federal charges, including narco-terrorism conspiracy, cocaine importation conspiracy, and possession of machine guns and destructive devices;

Whereas the people of Venezuela, because of the bold and strong action of the United States administration, now have a path to liberty and prosperity first laid out by the brave Venezuelan opposition led by Edmundo Gonzalez, the duly elected President of Venezuela, and Maria Corina Machado; and

Whereas President Trump, his administration, and the United States military are to be commended for their bold leadership, strategic vision, and unwavering commitment to justice and protecting the American people by executing the operation: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commends Operation Absolute Resolve for its precision, efficiency, and role in addressing longstanding regional instability in Latin America; and

(2) emphasizes that this bold action will pave the way for democratic transitions in Venezuela and promote regional stability in the Western Hemisphere.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 577—OBSERV- ING THE 1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE 2025 SOUTHERN CALI- FORNIA WILDFIRES

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself and Mr. PADILLA) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 577

Whereas a series of wildfires, exacerbated by extreme Santa Ana winds and dry conditions, broke out in Los Angeles County and its adjacent counties on January 7, 2025;

Whereas the wildfires burned nearly 60,000 acres across the region, killed 31 people, destroyed over 16,000 structures, and displaced over 200,000 Southern Californians;

Whereas the 2 largest fires, the Palisades Fire in the Pacific Palisades and the Eaton Fire in Altadena, burned a combined 37,000 acres and destroyed over 16,000 structures;

Whereas the wildfires devastated homes, schools, businesses, places of worship, and entire neighborhoods;

Whereas the wildfires caused losses that make it one of the costliest natural disasters in the history of the United States;

Whereas more than 7,500 firefighting emergency personnel were deployed to fight the unprecedented fires;

Whereas firefighters and first responders from across California, from the United States Navy and the United States Forest Service, from departments in Oregon, Washington, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Montana, Texas, Canada, Mexico, and from 12