

and bio-preparedness workforce loan repayment program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 4284. A bill to encourage the development and deployment of nuclear energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 4285. A bill to ensure National Guard members performing full-time National Guard duty in support of Federal law enforcement operations receive benefits equivalent to those provided for service during a national emergency; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WELCH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, and Mr. KIM):

S. 4286. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to streamline nutrition access for older adults and adults with disabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. KING):

S. 4287. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify rules for grantor trusts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 4288. A bill to establish an Educational Equity Challenge Grant program administered by the Department of Education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHIFF:

S. 4289. A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to provide for the consideration of climate change, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 4290. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that a court decree, court order, or other similar process expressly provides for an annuity supplement payment; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 4291. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow additional catch-up contributions for certain family caregivers; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 4292. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain family caregivers to contribute to a Roth IRA; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 4293. A bill to close and dispose of Federal ownership of the Cesar E. Chavez National Monument in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 4294. A bill to require the Secretary of War to submit an annual report to Congress that assesses the capacity of the United States to fully implement the Taiwan Relations Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. Res. 667. A resolution honoring the 2026 Olympians and Paralympians from Oregon; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. PADILLA, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. Res. 668. A resolution designating April 2026 as "Second Chance Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. LUJÁN):

S. Res. 669. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "Deep Vein Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 124

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 124, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for disciplinary procedures for supervisors and managers at the Department of Veterans Affairs and to modify the procedures of personnel actions against employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 219

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 219, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to improve the ability of veterans to access medical care in medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs and in the community by providing veterans the ability to choose health care providers.

S. 275

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to improve the provision of care and services under the Veterans Community Care Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 775

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 775, a bill to amend the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 to prohibit the slaughter of equines for human consumption.

S. 952

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) 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 whiskies.

S. 1367

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) and the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1367, a bill to protect intellectual property rights in the voice and visual likeness of individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1454

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT), the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) and the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1454, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide for greater protection of roosters, and for other purposes.

S. 2061

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) 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. 2265

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) 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. 3159

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3159, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to temporarily provide for long-term care pharmacy supply fees in connection with the dispensing of certain drugs.

S. 3400

At the request of Mr. CURTIS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3400, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require coverage of hearing devices and systems in certain private health insurance plans, and for other purposes.

S. 3739

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3739, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a demonstration project on coverage by the Department of Veterans Affairs of over-the-counter hearing aids, and for other purposes.

S. 3857

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Utah

(Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3857, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from admitting to the United States any national of the People’s Republic of China without a valid visa, and for other purposes.

S. 3869

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3869, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 3894

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3894, a bill to prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from constructing, acquiring, renovating, or operating any new processing site or detention center without providing a mechanism for public comments regarding such activity, entering into a signed, written agreement with appropriate State and local officials, and providing Congress with advance notice of such activity.

S. 3949

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) were added as cosponsors 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. 4095

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4095, a bill to call for accountability for the killing of innocent civilians, including 5-year-old Hind Rajab and two paramedics, in an attack in Gaza City on January 29, 2024, by Israel Defense Forces, to require the Secretary of State to report to Congress on the attack, and for other purposes.

S. 4097

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4097, a bill to establish that a State-based education loan program is excluded from certain requirements relating to a preferred lender arrangement.

S. 4140

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4140, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs schedule for rating disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 4167

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from

North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 4167, a bill to establish the Federal Clearinghouse on Grant Opportunities for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 16

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 16, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require that the Supreme Court of the United States be composed of nine justices.

S.J. RES. 32

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 32, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of Israel of certain defense articles and services.

S.J. RES. 112

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 112, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Industry and Security of the Department of Commerce relating to “One Year Suspension of Expansion of End-User Controls for Affiliates of Certain Listed Entities”.

S. RES. 604

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 604, a resolution recognizing that it is the duty of the Federal Government to develop and implement a Transgender Bill of Rights to protect and codify the rights of transgender and nonbinary people under the law and ensure their access to medical care, shelter, safety, and economic security.

S. RES. 627

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 627, a resolution designating March 5, 2026, as “National Slam the Scam Day” to raise awareness about pervasive scams and to prevent government imposter scams and other types of scams by promoting education about such scams.

S. RES. 657

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 657, a resolution commending Taiwan on the 30th anniversary of its first direct presidential election in 1996, and expressing support for Taiwan in the preservation of its democratic institutions.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 4291. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow additional catch-up contributions for certain family caregivers; to the Committee on Finance.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce two bills: the Improving Retirement Security for Family Caregiver Act and the Catching Up Family Caregivers Act. These bills, which I am introducing today with my colleague from Virginia Senator WARNER, would enable family caregivers to better save for retirement.

Family caregivers play an important role in American society, providing uncompensated care for millions who often need assistance 7 days a week. While they devote themselves to providing care for our Nation’s children, seniors, and other loved ones, they often suffer economically. According to a study by the Edward Jones Grassroots Taskforce, 64 percent of American women say their caregiving duties have had a negative impact on their ability to save towards their long-term financial goals, and more than half have had to take on fewer professional responsibilities due to caregiving. While it is difficult to put a dollar amount to the value of the devotion, time, and services that these caregivers provide, the Alzheimer’s Association has estimated that in 2023 family caregivers provided \$350 billion in uncompensated dementia care.

Our retirement system needs to accommodate this enormous commitment by helping ensure that family caregivers do not fall short of what they need for their own retirement. That is exactly what the two bills Senator WARNER and I are introducing today would do.

Our legislation would enable family caregivers to contribute to their retirement funds even if they are not making significant income. Under current law, contributions to Roth IRAs are capped at \$7,000 or yearly income, whichever is less. This severely limits the amount a family caregiver earning less than \$7,000 can contribute to a retirement account. The Improving Retirement Security for Family Caregivers Act would eliminate the yearly income cap for family caregivers, enabling them to contribute up to \$7,000 annually to a Roth IRA.

Our current retirement system allows those over the age of 50 to make “catch-up” contributions above the statutory limit, the idea being that those in their fifties have more discretionary income to put toward retirement than they did when they were younger. In the same way, the Catching Up Family Caregivers Act would allow family caregivers to take advantage of “catch-up” contributions for every year they were sidelined from the workforce as a family caregiver.

These complimentary bills would allow family caregivers to invest more in their retirement funds now and later. The bills have earned the support of important stakeholder organizations