

Mr. WYDEN, Mr. REED, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 4567. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide enhanced student loan relief to educators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Ms. LUMMIS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 4568. A bill to amend the definition of professional student in the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GALLEGGO (for himself and Mr. JUSTICE):

S. 4569. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for the domestic production of printed circuit boards; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 4570. A bill to incentivize, streamline, and sustain United States foreign government partner procurement of United States-origin cyber and digital technologies; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 4571. A bill to require the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a tropospheric ozone research program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. FETTERMAN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 4572. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit Amtrak from including mandatory arbitration clauses in contracts of carriage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 4573. A bill to designate the Great Lakes Commission as a Regional Great Lakes Partnership, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BOOKER, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 4574. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, regarding restrictions on the use of funds and facilities of the Department of Defense for abortion care; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 4575. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide funding for innovations in community policing, mental health care, and community safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. SLOTKIN, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 4576. A bill to strengthen Federal efforts to counter antisemitism in the United States and protect the Jewish community; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 4577. A bill to reassess the United States-Tanzania bilateral relationship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GALLEGGO, Mr. KELLY, Mr. BOOKER,

Mr. MARKEY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KIM, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. SMITH, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S.J. Res. 192. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to "Medicare Program; Implementation of Prior Authorization for Select Services for the Wasteful and Inappropriate Services Reduction (WiSeR) Model"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. MOODY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WARNOCK, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KELLY, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. KAINE):

S. Res. 738. A resolution recognizing the significance of Jewish American Heritage Month and calling on elected officials and civil society leaders to counter antisemitism; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BANKS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BUDD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GALLEGGO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. HUSTED, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KIM, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MOODY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MORENO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHEEHY, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. Res. 739. A resolution honoring the life and legacy of John Seymour, the late Senator for the State of California; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Ms. ERNST, Mr. KING, and Mr. CURTIS):

S. Res. 740. A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 2026 as "Motor-

cycle Safety Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 470

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 470, a bill to amend the CARES Act to remove a requirement on lessors to provide notice to vacate, and for other purposes.

S. 630

At the request of Mr. ARMSTRONG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 630, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to make payments to the Quapaw Nation and certain members of the Quapaw Nation in accordance with the recommendation of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and for other purposes.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Edward J. Dwight, Jr., the first African American astronaut candidate in the United States.

S. 823

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 823, a bill to create intergovernmental coordination between State, local, Tribal, and territorial jurisdictions, and the Federal Government to combat United States reliance on the People's Republic of China and other covered countries for critical minerals and rare earth metals, and for other purposes.

S. 902

At the request of Mr. SHEEHY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 902, a bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to establish a standard for the response time to wildfire incidents, and for other purposes.

S. 912

At the request of Mr. RICKETTS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish, on an annual basis, an assessment of United States dependency on critical agricultural products or inputs from the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

S. 1130

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1130, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to provide technology grants to strengthen domestic mining education, and for other purposes.

S. 1164

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr.

KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1164, a bill to allow additional individuals to enroll in standalone dental plans offered through Federal Exchanges.

S. 1500

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage from imposing cost-sharing requirements with respect to diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations.

S. 1547

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. ARMSTRONG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1547, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to reauthorize the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 1677

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) 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. 1918

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) 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. 2096

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2096, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the Transition Assistance Program and Solid Start Program to address mental health issues, and for other purposes.

S. 2265

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) were added as cosponsors 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. 2309

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2309, a bill to direct a physician or nurse practitioner employed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to certify the death of a veteran not later than 48 hours after such physician or nurse practitioner learns of such death, and for other purposes.

S. 2398

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

S. 3188

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3188, a bill to establish a Biopharmaceutical Center of Excellence, and for other purposes.

S. 3427

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3427, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish the Domestic Organic Investment Program, and for other purposes.

S. 3456

At the request of Mr. SHEEHY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) were added as cosponsors 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. 3581

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3581, a bill to prohibit the payment of certain legal settlements to any individual convicted of assaulting a law enforcement officer in connection with breaching the Capitol on January 6, 2021.

S. 3582

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3582, a bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to compensate individuals who were prosecuted for their involvement in the attack on the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021, and for other purposes.

S. 3810

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3810, a bill to amend the Plant Protection Act to establish a fund for spotted wing drosophila research and mitigation.

S. 3892

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) 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. 3934

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3934, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the availability of medical nutrition ther-

apy services under the Medicare program.

S. 3941

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3941, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore treatment of State and local bonds which are guaranteed by a Federal home loan bank as not federally guaranteed for purposes of determining their tax-exempt status.

S. 4038

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4038, a bill to exempt small business concerns from duties imposed by the President under section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974 and to prevent price gouging with respect to goods subject to such duties.

S. 4189

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) were added as cosponsors of S. 4189, a bill to reduce the price of insulin and provide for patient protections with respect to the cost of insulin.

S. 4251

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4251, a bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a voluntary Mined in America Certification Program, to use Federal programs and authorities to promote the replacement of mining hardware related to foreign adversaries with compute infrastructure manufactured in the United States or friendly nations, and for other purposes.

S. 4379

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4379, a bill to require the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense to jointly submit a report on efforts by the Government of the Russian Federation to violate the religious freedoms of the people of Ukraine, to require the President to impose all applicable sanctions with respect to foreign persons determined to have engaged in such efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 4395

At the request of Mr. MCCORMICK, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY) and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) were added as cosponsors of S. 4395, a bill to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 4411

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) and the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) were added as cosponsors of S. 4411, a bill to clarify eligibility for small business loans, and for other purposes.

S. 4429

At the request of Mr. MORENO, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4429, a bill to prohibit the importation, manufacture, sale, resale, or introduction into interstate commerce in the United States of connected vehicles and related software and hardware associated with foreign adversaries.

S. 4505

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors of S. 4505, a bill to require the United States Postal Service to designate ZIP Codes for certain communities.

S. 4551

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4551, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to establish a minimum salary threshold for bona fide executive, administrative, and professional employees exempt from Federal overtime compensation requirements, and automatically update such threshold each year, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 185

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 185, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. RICKETTS:

S. 4560. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to publish, on an annual basis, an assessment of United States dependency on the exportation of agricultural commodities to adversarial countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. RICKETTS. Mr. President, I am proud to represent the great State of Nebraska. Agriculture is our No. 1 industry in Nebraska. I am also proud to represent our farmers and ranchers, who are the best in the world. Agriculture is the heart and soul of what we do in the State of Nebraska. We produce the finest products and the safest food. We feed and fuel our great Nation.

Now, it is no secret that our farmers and ranchers have had some challenges. We have seen low commodity prices and high input costs. We have also seen a drought in my State as well as wildfires that are the worst in our State's history—burning over 1 million acres. But our farmers and ranchers, they are tough and resilient. They find ways to come together and get through

the tough times, and they contribute to their communities. Despite all of this, they continue to invest to make sure that we have a strong agricultural sector in Nebraska. This is also important for our country, as food security is national security.

Last week, the Senate passed my resolution to proclaim May as Beef Month throughout the entire country. Again, this is our leading industry in Nebraska: the beef industry. We are the leading State for exporting beef—\$1.7 billion worth. We are a leader in every category of beef production. In fact, we have over 6 million head of cattle, and the 3 highest beef-producing counties in the country are in Nebraska. We are very proud of our beef industry, and, of course, it is the best tasting beef in the entire world—even if the Presiding Officer doesn't agree with that right now, being from Montana. So we are very, very proud of that.

May is also Renewable Fuels Month. Again, Nebraska is a leader in renewable fuels with 2.2 billion gallons. Not only is this important for creating jobs in our small towns and rural communities, but this is one of the ways that consumers can save money at the pump. The last time I filled up on E10—a 10-percent blend of ethanol—I saved 55 cents a gallon at my local Hy-Vee. It is also a great way to be able to help clean up the environment.

Of course, it is great for our farmers and ranchers. It is also great for our country. There are estimates that our renewable fuels industry that is so great for our corn farmers and soybean farmers also displaces about 640 million barrels of foreign oil. That means we are less dependent on foreign sources of energy. This is, again, a great way for consumers to save money but also for us to strengthen our energy independence—“America First” energy independence. So our home-grown solution is biofuels.

At the summit last week, when President Trump was in Beijing, we heard good news with regard to potential initial purchases of American agricultural products. U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer said there will be “double-digit billions” of U.S. agricultural products in 2026, 2027, and 2028—maybe \$17 billion in each of those years. That is on top of the 25 million metric tons of soybeans that communist China had agreed to buy already, last year in October. That certainly is good news for our farmers.

What we need is to make sure that we hold communist China accountable for those purchases. We recall that in the first Trump administration, they signed the phase 1 trade deal with communist China, but as soon as President Trump was out of office, China reneged on that deal. We have seen them capriciously turn away the cargo ships of our corn. They have delisted our beef processors.

Communist China, at the end of the day, is a bad trading partner. We need to make sure we hold them account-

able for the commitments they make, and I expect this administration will do just that. They have a track record of doing it.

In addition, we need to look at diversifying our export markets. That is why I am introducing the MARKET Act. The MARKET Act would instruct the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Trade Representative to look at ways we can mitigate our dependence on communist China and to look for new markets. Last year, in the Working Families Tax Cut, we put in an additional \$285 million—doubling the amount of money for trade promotion—to be able to find new markets for our farmers and ranchers.

My MARKET Act would require the USDA and the USTR to work together to look for new markets and to come back with a report to Congress on how we can further expand those and mitigate the risks of being dependent upon our adversaries like communist China. Do we need to do something with regard to legislative action or regulatory action? This will help make sure that we continue to be able to expand the trade that is so important for our agricultural States, like Nebraska.

About a third of everything we grow in Nebraska gets exported overseas. We are the fifth largest ag exporter in the country. These markets overseas are important to our strong economy in Nebraska. My MARKET Act will help make sure we continue to look for opportunities to be able to grow that.

I am proud of our farmers and ranchers. They do a great job of feeding our great Nation. And I am proud to be able to continue to support them here in Washington, DC.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 4561. A bill to modernize and streamline the permitting process for broadband infrastructure on Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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. 4561

*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 “Closing Long Overdue Streamlining Encumbrances To Help Expediently Generate Approved Permits Act” or the “CLOSE THE GAP Act”.

#### SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY.—The term “communications facility” has the meaning given the term in section 8705(a) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (43 U.S.C. 1761a(a)).

(2) COMMUNICATIONS SITE.—The term “communications site” means an area of Federal land available for communications use.

(3) COMMUNICATIONS USE.—The term “communications use” has the meaning given the