

S. Res. 854. A resolution designating September 2026 as "National Voting Rights Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 137

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) and the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) were added as cosponsors of S. 137, a bill to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit the Federal Government from entering into contracts with an entity that discriminates against firearm or ammunition industries, and for other purposes.

S. 227

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 227, a bill to prohibit the use of certain American History and Civics Education program funds for curriculum, or teaching or counseling, that promotes or compels a divisive concept under the priorities noticed in the proposed rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to Proposed Priorities-American History and Civics Education.

S. 364

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 364, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove silencers from the definition of firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 465

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 465, a bill to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to reform the interconnection queue process for the prioritization and approval of certain projects, and for other purposes.

S. 1169

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) were added as cosponsors of S. 1169, a bill to prohibit State excise taxes on firearms and ammunition manufacturers and dealers.

S. 1245

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1245, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand health care and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 1370

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1370, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to restrict the possession of certain firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 1829

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1829, a bill to combat the sexual exploitation of children by supporting victims and promoting accountability and transparency by the tech industry.

S. 1874

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1874, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain nursing workforce development programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1879

At the request of Mr. OSSOFF, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1879, a bill to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, to require Members of Congress and their spouses and dependent children to place certain assets into blind trusts, and for other purposes.

S. 1918

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) 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. 1929

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1929, a bill to establish programs to reduce rates of sepsis.

S. 2042

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to provide lasting protection for inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System.

S. 2229

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2229, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in recognition of the Foreign Service of the United States and its contribution to United States diplomacy.

S. 2251

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2251, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to prevent the use of funds under such Act to teach or advance concepts related to gender ideology, and for other purposes.

S. 3076

At the request of Mr. MCCORMICK, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3076, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to permanently schedule the class of 2-benzylbenzimidazole-opioids known as nitazenes, and for other purposes.

S. 3085

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) were added as cosponsors of S. 3085, a bill to ensure that certain operations, functions, and services of the Federal Government relating to enforcement of firearms laws and firearm export licensing continue during a lapse in appropriations.

S. 3524

At the request of Mr. MCCORMICK, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3524, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to modify certain cost-sharing requirements for grant programs under the American Battlefield Protection Program, and for other purposes.

S. 4143

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4143, a bill to require coverage of incarcerated workers under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, and for other purposes.

S. 4395

At the request of Mr. MCCORMICK, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) 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 name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4411, a bill to clarify eligibility for small business loans, and for other purposes.

S. 4427

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4427, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Labor from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing a proposed standard with respect to heat injury and illness prevention, and for other purposes.

S. 4576

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4576, a bill to strengthen Federal efforts to counter antisemitism in the United States and protect the Jewish community.

S. 4775

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4775, a bill to amend the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act to clarify liability protections for firearms and associated manufacturers and retailers, and for other purposes.

S. 4814

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut

(Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4814, a bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate Haiti for temporary protected status.

S. 4941

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4941, a bill to expand access to methadone through alternative care models using pharmacies.

S. 5022

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5022, a bill to decriminalize and deschedule cannabis, to provide for reinvestment in certain persons adversely impacted by the War on Drugs, to provide for expungement of certain cannabis offenses, and for other purposes.

S. 5045

At the request of Mr. CURTIS, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGOS) were added as cosponsors of S. 5045, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to modify the handling of air quality monitoring with respect to prescribed fires, and for other purposes.

S. 5066

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5066, a bill to improve the health of minority individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 5180

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) and the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) were added as cosponsors of S. 5180, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure stability for provider payments under the Medicare program.

S. 5201

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) and the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) were added as cosponsors of S. 5201, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 5234

At the request of Mr. SCHIFF, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5234, a bill to amend the Act of March 2, 1931, to establish a Human-Wildlife Conflict Reduction Program, and for other purposes.

S. 5249

At the request of Mr. KELLY, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) were added as cosponsors of S. 5249, a bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to align the licensing of uranium enrichment

facilities with other fuel cycle facilities under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 5273

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5273, a bill to improve fisheries stock assessments by incorporating eDNA, and for other purposes.

S. 5336

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5336, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit liability at common law for failure to manufacture or equip a motor vehicle to an extent that exceeds applicable motor vehicle safety standards, and for other purposes.

S. 5337

At the request of Mrs. BRITT, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5337, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for extensions of detention of certain aliens ordered removed, and for other purposes.

S. 5360

At the request of Mr. MCCORMICK, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5360, a bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to reauthorize the Rural and Municipal Utility Advanced Cybersecurity Grant and Technical Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 5362

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5362, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to advocate for the inclusion and recognition of the Central Tibetan Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 5370

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) were added as cosponsors of S. 5370, a bill to state the policy of the United States with respect to international religious freedom in the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

S. 5389

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5389, a bill to prevent corruption in banking applications, to prohibit Presidents from owning or controlling banks, and for other purposes.

S. 5390

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5390, a bill to terminate and refund certain duties imposed by the President, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 204

At the request of Mr. SCHIFF, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr.

WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 204, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration relating to "Rescinding the Definition of 'Harm' Under the Endangered Species Act".

S.J. RES. 206

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 206, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Standards; Notice of Decision Granting a Waiver of Clean Air Act Preemption for California's 2009 and Subsequent Model Year Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards for New Motor Vehicles".

S.J. RES. 207

At the request of Mr. RICKETTS, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 207, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Standards; Notice of Decision Granting a Waiver of Clean Air Act Preemption for California's Advanced Clean Car Program and a Within the Scope Conformation for California's Zero Emission Vehicle Amendments for 2017 and Earlier Model Years".

S.J. RES. 208

At the request of Mr. HUSTED, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 208, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Car Program; Reconsideration of a Previous Withdrawal of a Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

S.J. RES. 209

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 209, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Nonroad Engine Pollution Control Standards; Ocean-Going Vessels At-Berth; Notice of Decision".

S.J. RES. 213

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 213, a joint resolution

providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security relating to “Establishing a Fixed Time Period of Admission and an Extension of Stay Procedure for Nonimmigrant Academic Students, Exchange Visitors, and Representatives of Foreign Information Media”.

S. RES. 236

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) 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. 662

At the request of Mr. KELLY, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 662, a resolution honoring the life and service of United States Marine Corps veteran Nicholas Douglas Quets, expressing condolences to his family, and condemning cartel violence.

S. RES. 826

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 826, a resolution honoring the contributions of small manufacturers of firearms to the economy, culture, and recreational heritage of the United States and recognizing the month of August 2026 as “National Shooting Sports Month”.

S. RES. 827

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 827, a resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers’ Institute, Inc. (SAAMI) and commending its work establishing industry standards that ensure the safe interoperability of firearms and ammunition.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 853—RECOGNIZING SUICIDE AS A SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2026, AS “988 DAY” AND THE ROLE OF 988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE

Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 853

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (referred to in this preamble as the “CDC”), in 2024—

- (1) suicide was the second-leading cause of death for people aged 10 to 34;
- (2) suicide was responsible for more than 48,800 deaths, or about 1 death every 11 minutes; and

(3) suicide was the tenth-leading cause of death in the United States overall;

Whereas, according to the CDC, from 1999 through 2018, the national suicide rate increased by 35 percent;

Whereas suicide and attempts have a devastating and long-lasting impact on individuals, families, and communities across the United States;

Whereas over 90 percent of individuals who die by suicide were living with a diagnosable mental health condition at the time of their death, conditions that are frequently undiagnosed or untreated;

Whereas untreated mental health conditions, such as depression, anxiety, and substance use disorders, significantly increase the risk of suicide;

Whereas access to timely and effective mental health services and crisis support is a vital component of suicide prevention;

Whereas, on July 16, 2022, 988 became the nationwide, three-digit dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, now known as the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline (referred to in this preamble as the “988 Lifeline”);

Whereas the 988 Lifeline is operated by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (referred to in this preamble as “SAMHSA”) and connects individuals in crisis to a national network of over 200 State and locally funded crisis centers that are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week;

Whereas the 988 Lifeline offers services in over 240 languages, and provides support through phone, chat, and TTY services for the deaf and hard of hearing, as well as specialized options, including a veterans crisis line and services for Spanish speakers;

Whereas, since the launch of the 988 Lifeline in July 2022, it has routed nearly 26,200,000 contacts, including calls, texts, and chats;

Whereas, according to SAMHSA, a recent study found that 98 percent of callers reported the 988 Lifeline was helpful and 88 percent of callers said the 988 Lifeline prevented them from harming themselves;

Whereas, since the original launch of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline in 2005, annual contact volume increased steadily by approximately 14 percent, with the number of interactions growing from 46,000 in 2005 to over 7,800,000 in 2025;

Whereas, from July 2022 to July 2026, the 988 Lifeline received 26,200,000 contacts, and in June 2026 alone, the 988 Lifeline received over 770,000 contacts, an increase of 92 percent over June 2023; and

Whereas SAMHSA annually recognizes September 8th as 988 Day, which is observed by organizations nationwide to raise awareness of the service and promote mental health support: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

- (1) supports the designation of September 8, 2026, as “988 Day”;
- (2) recognizes suicide as a serious and growing public health concern in the United States;
- (3) commends the development and implementation of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline as a critical component of the national mental health safety net;
- (4) encourages continued public education and outreach regarding the availability and importance of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, particularly for high-risk populations;
- (5) supports Federal, State, and local efforts to expand access to mental health services and crisis intervention programs; and
- (6) supports the goals and ideals of 988 Day as a way to recognize the essential role of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in saving lives and supporting mental health across all communities in the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 854—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2026 AS “NATIONAL VOTING RIGHTS MONTH”

Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHSTER, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COONS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 854

Whereas voting is 1 of the single most important rights that can be exercised in a democracy;

Whereas, over the course of history, various voter suppression laws in the United States have hindered, and even prohibited, certain individuals and groups from exercising the right to vote;

Whereas, during the 19th and early 20th centuries, Native Americans and people who were born to United States citizens abroad, people who spoke a language other than English, and people who were formerly subjected to slavery were denied full citizenship and prevented from voting by English literacy tests;

Whereas, since the 1870s, minority groups such as Black Americans in the South have suffered from the oppressive effects of Jim Crow laws that were designed to prevent political, economic, and social mobility;

Whereas Black Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, Native Americans, and other underrepresented voters were subject to violence, poll taxes, literacy tests, all-White primaries, property ownership tests, and grandfather clauses that were designed to suppress the right of those underrepresented individuals to vote;

Whereas, as of 2024, 4,000,000 people in the United States were disenfranchised from voting because of a felony conviction, including 1 in 16 Black adults, due to the shameful entanglement of racial injustice in the criminal legal system and voting access in the United States;

Whereas members of the aforementioned groups and others are currently, in some cases, subject to intimidation, voter roll purges, and financial barriers that act effectively as modern-day poll taxes;

Whereas, in 1965, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. 10301 et seq.) to protect the right of Black Americans and other traditionally disenfranchised groups to vote, among other reasons;

Whereas, in 2013, in the landmark case of *Shelby County v. Holder*, 570 U.S. 529 (2013), the Supreme Court of the United States invalidated section 4 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. 10303), dismantling the preclearance formula provision in that Act that protected voters in States and localities that historically have suppressed the right of minorities to vote;

Whereas, since the invalidation of the preclearance formula provision of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. 10301 et seq.), gerrymandered districts in many States have gone unchallenged and have become less likely to be invalidated by the courts;

Whereas gerrymandered districts in many States have been found to have a discriminatory impact on traditionally disenfranchised