

the laws of the United States; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. KIM, and Ms. SLOTKIN):

S. Res. 598. A resolution condemning and calling for the reversal of President Trump's decision to allow the export of advanced artificial intelligence chips to the United Arab Emirates, despite significant risks to national security and just months after the United Arab Emirates signed a secret \$500,000,000 deal to buy close to a majority stake in the Trump family crypto company World Liberty Financial; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. Res. 599. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that protecting and advancing the rights of women and girls in the Republic of Haiti is critical to the success of Haiti's transition from crisis and its future stability, condemning the failure to center women's leadership and distinct needs to date, and calling for urgent measures to secure all human rights of women and girls in Haiti; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. COONS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KELLY, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. LANKFORD, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. MARKEY, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. Res. 600. A resolution recognizing January 2026 as "National Mentoring Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GALLEGRO, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. KELLY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LUJÁN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PETERS, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SHEEHY, Ms. SMITH, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. Res. 601. A resolution designating the week beginning February 2, 2026, as "National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. LEE, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. KING, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. KIM, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. REED, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. JUSTICE, and Mr. COONS):

S. Res. 602. A resolution supporting the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams in the 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 83

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 83, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide enhanced penalties for convicted murderers who kill or target America's public safety officers.

S. 167

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 167, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish criminal offenses targeting law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 332

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 332, a bill to require a study on Holocaust education efforts of States, local educational agencies, and public elementary and secondary schools, and for other purposes.

S. 455

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 455, a bill to amend section 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to limit immigration enforcement actions at sensitive locations, to clarify the powers of immigration officers at sensitive locations, and for other purposes.

S. 494

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) 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. 726

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 726, a bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to require the safe storage of firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 788

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 788, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on the failure of certain hedge funds owning excess single-family residences to dispose of such residences, and for other purposes.

S. 1970

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) 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. 1973

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1973, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to

provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes.

S. 2376

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2376, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to include rioting in the definition of racketeering activity.

S. 2544

At the request of Mrs. BRITT, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 2544, a bill to permit State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies and grantees that receive eligible Federal grant funds to use such funds for investigating elder financial fraud, pig butchering, and general financial fraud, and to clarify that Federal law enforcement agencies may assist State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies in the use of tracing tools for blockchain and related technology, and for other purposes.

S. 3023

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) 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. 3285

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3285, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to criminalize unlawful adoption practices.

S. 3327

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3327, a bill to repeal the Human Rights Sanctuary Amendment Act of 2022.

S. 3400

At the request of Mr. CURTIS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) 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. 3745

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3745, a bill to provide a civil remedy for any individual whose rights have been violated by an officer or agent of U.S. Customs and Border Protection or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

S. 3752

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Oklahoma

(Mr. MULLIN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) were added as cosponsors of S. 3752, a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require proof of United States citizenship to register an individual to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 3769

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3769, a bill to amend the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Settlement Act of 1989 to clarify that amounts in the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Settlement Trust Fund may be withdrawn by the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 103

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 103, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to "Reproductive Health Services".

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself,
Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOKER, and
Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 3783. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, to establish a Mental and Behavioral Health Career Promotion Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise to introduce the Mental Health Career Promotion Act. This legislation would expand opportunities for students to learn about and pursue careers in mental health.

The Mental Health Career Promotion Act would bolster the behavioral and mental health workforce pipeline by providing students with educational opportunities in the mental health field. Specifically, this bill would establish the Behavioral and Mental Health Career Promotion Grant Program, administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, SAMHSA, which would provide funding to schools to create opportunities for students to interact with and shadow mental health care professionals, coordinate internship and externship opportunities for students who are interested in mental health, and provide educational presentations to students that increase exposure to and knowledge of the mental health field.

Poor mental health impacts millions of students, with two in five reporting persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness in the last 30 days and one in five reporting that they have seriously considered attempting suicide in 2023. Unfortunately, most students go untreated because they do not know where to turn for help.

According to the most recent data from SAMHSA, more than half of all Americans live in a mental health professional shortage area. Unfortunately, between 2021 and 2026, the total number of mental health professionals in the United States is projected to decline by 13 percent while demand for these professionals is expected to increase by over 50 percent.

One of the most important steps that Congress can take to address this shortage is to expand opportunities for students to learn about and pursue careers in mental health. As our Nation continues to confront an unfolding mental health crisis, this critical legislation works to support the next generation of mental health professionals and reinforces the timeless message that there is zero shame in asking for help and that seeking support is a sign of strength.

I would like to thank Representative BALINT for leading this legislation in the House, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to enact the Mental Health Career Promotion Act as soon as possible.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and
Ms. ROSEN):

S. 3784. A bill to amend the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant program to promote career awareness in accounting as part of a well-rounded STEM educational experience; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the *Accounting STEM Pursuit Act*, which would help address workforce shortages in the accounting profession by recognizing accounting as a STEM education subject and adding accounting education programs as an allowable use of K through 12 Federal grant funding. I want to thank Senator Rosen for coleading this bill with me.

Accountants play a key role in today's economy. They serve as trusted advisers for companies large and small, assist in measuring business performance, help individuals and businesses file their taxes in an accurate and timely manner, assist government entities with their finances, and even investigate instances of financial fraud. Yet the United States is facing a shortage of accountants willing and able to fill these important economic roles. In Maine, for example, municipalities have struggled to find accountants to conduct their annual audits.

Recent trends suggest this shortage will continue. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, about 124,000 job openings for accountants and auditors

are projected each year, on average, over the next decade. At the same time, fewer students are pursuing accounting degrees than in prior years.

The *Accounting STEM Pursuit Act* seeks to improve the accounting pipeline by expanding K through 12 students' exposure to accounting programs. As with other areas of STEM education, this bill would qualify accounting instruction for Federal funds. This recognition aligns with the increasing need for accounting professionals to have high-level math and technology skills, including the ability to analyze big data, ensure data security, and manage cyber security risk.

In particular, this bill would allow States and school districts to use a portion of their Federal student support and academic enrichment grant funding to support accounting education, including accounting career awareness. The Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant Program was created as part of the *Every Student Succeeds Act* and aims to help States and school districts offer a well-rounded educational experience to all students. The *Accounting STEM Pursuit Act* would also allow school districts to use this flexible grant to strengthen their accounting curricula.

Businesses and individuals rely on accountants to help them develop and reach their financial goals. The *Accounting STEM Pursuit Act* would help address the shortage of accountants by promoting accounting education and improving the pipeline of future accountants. I encourage my colleagues to support this bipartisan bill.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 3793. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to extend the consumer credit protections provided to members of the Armed Forces and their dependents under title 10, United States Code, to all consumers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, today I am reintroducing the Predatory Lending Elimination Act along with many of my colleagues. This important legislation would extend the bipartisan Military Lending Act, MLA, protections for Active-Duty servicemembers and their families to all Americans by imposing a nationwide 36 percent cap on the annual percentage rate, APR, for most extensions of consumer credit.

The MLA was enacted on a bipartisan basis in 2006 to rein in payday and other unscrupulous lenders that targeted American troops with abusive and predatory loans. Unfortunately, the MLA does not protect veterans or Gold Star families from these exploitative practices. Servicemembers and