

legal representative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 3851. A bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to ensure adequate staffing and resources for the Institute of Tropical Forestry and the Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HAWLEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 3852. A bill to impose certain requirements on data centers to ensure the prioritization of residential ratepayers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 3853. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to end the liability shield for vaccine manufacturers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. WELCH):

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; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. SCHIFF):

S. Res. 605. A resolution denouncing statements by President Donald J. Trump that he may "nationalize," commandeer, or otherwise assume direct control over elections; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BUDD, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. RICKETTS, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. COTTON, Mr. KIM, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 606. A resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its suppression of the right of Iranians to peacefully assemble; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 119

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 119, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to discontinue the collection by the Federal Government of firearm transaction records of discontinued firearms businesses, to require the destruction of such already collected records, and for other purposes.

S. 345

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina

(Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 345, a bill to provide that silencers be treated the same as firearms accessories.

S. 405

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 405, a bill to modify eligibility requirements for amateur sports governing organizations.

S. 645

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 645, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the individuals and communities who volunteered or donated items to the North Platte Canteen in North Platte, Nebraska, during World War II from December 25, 1941, to April 1, 1946.

S. 761

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGRO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 761, a bill to establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 766

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 766, a bill to require an annual report of taxpayer-funded projects that are over budget and behind schedule.

S. 921

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 921, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue guidance on whether hospital emergency departments should implement fentanyl testing as a routine procedure for patients experiencing an overdose, and for other purposes.

S. 1847

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1847, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify the treatment of certain association health plans as employers, and for other purposes.

S. 2376

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) 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. 2667

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2667, a bill to prevent violence in the West Bank and authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to any foreign person endangering United States national security and undermining prospects for a two-state solu-

tion by committing illegal violent acts.

S. 2761

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. CURTIS) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2761, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide long-term stability for Medicare beneficiary access to clinical diagnostic laboratory tests by improving the accuracy of, and feasibility of data collection for, the private payor-based fee schedule payment rates applied under the Medicare program for such tests, and for other purposes.

S. 3085

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor 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. 3267

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) were added as cosponsors of S. 3267, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of blood-based dementia screening tests.

S. 3346

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3346, a bill to establish a special registration under the Controlled Substances Act for schedule I eligible investigational drugs under the Federal Right to Try law.

S. 3394

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3394, a bill to direct the United States Sentencing Commission to amend the sentencing guideline relating to child sexual abuse material.

S. 3397

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3397, a bill to make coercion of children to commit harm a criminal offense, and for other purposes.

S. 3626

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) were added as cosponsors of S. 3626, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve recruitment and retention of Federal correctional officers, and for other purposes.

S. 3663

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Vermont

(Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3663, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to modify delayed notice requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 3752

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Utah (Mr. CURTIS) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) 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. 3805

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3805, a bill to amend chapter 93 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit obstruction of immigration laws by official interference.

S. 3817

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3817, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a tax on damages received by certain officers of the United States on account of any civil action filed against the United States, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 547

At the request of Mr. RICKETTS, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 547, a resolution expressing unwavering support for the United States-Japan alliance in response to political, economic and military pressure by the People's Republic of China.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF):

S. 3838. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an audit of a United States and Venezuela energy deal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

S. 3838

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 "Venezuela Oil Proceeds Transparency Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) on January 6, 2026, President Trump announced a United States-Venezuela energy deal under which the United States will market and sell Venezuelan oil and deposit proceeds into "U.S.-controlled" accounts;

(2) according to the fact sheet of the Department of Energy issued on January 7, 2026, on the United States-Venezuela energy deal—

(A) the Federal Government has engaged commodity marketers and banks to execute and provide financial support for the crude oil and crude products sales;

(B) all proceeds from the sale of Venezuelan crude oil and oil products will first settle in United States controlled accounts at foreign banks "to guarantee the legitimacy and integrity of the ultimate distribution of proceeds"; and

(C) the funds will be disbursed "for the benefit of the American people and the Venezuelan people at the discretion of the U.S. government" and will continue indefinitely;

(3) under the United States-Venezuela energy deal, the United States is selectively rolling back sanctions to enable the transport and sale of Venezuelan crude and oil products to global markets, and the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury is also issuing new licenses for certain companies to import and export Venezuelan oil; and

(4) during testimony to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate on January 28, 2026, Secretary of State Marco Rubio said there were plans for an "audit process" to review expenditures from an account in Qatar set up under the United States-Venezuela energy deal, but Secretary Rubio added that "We haven't finalized what that audit process would be."

SEC. 3. GAO AUDIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States (referred to in this section as the "Comptroller General") shall initiate an audit of the United States-Venezuela energy deal announced on January 6, 2026, including the activities of the Department of State, the Department of Energy, the Department of the Treasury, and any other Federal Government agencies, employees, or contractors or entities funded by the United States involved in implementing the deal.

(b) INTERIM BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the audit required under subsection (a) is completed, the Comptroller General shall provide to the chair and ranking member of each committee and subcommittee of jurisdiction in the House of Representatives and the Senate a briefing on preliminary findings, scope, and any identified risks of fraud, abuse, or conflicts of interest identified while conducting the audit.

(c) NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANCE.—In carrying out this section, the Comptroller General shall notify the chair and ranking member of each committee and subcommittee of jurisdiction in the House of Representatives and the Senate as soon as practicable if the Comptroller General determines that access to information has been unreasonably delayed or denied by any Federal department, agency, employee, or contractor or entity funded by the United States involved in implementing the United States-Venezuela energy deal described in subsection (a).

(d) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date on which the audit required under subsection (a) is completed, the Comptroller General shall—

(A) submit to Congress a report on that audit, which shall include—

(i) a detailed description of the findings and conclusions of the Comptroller General with respect to the audit that is the subject of the report; and

(ii) recommendations for legislative or administrative action, as the Comptroller General determines to be appropriate; and

(B) make the report available to—

(i) the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(ii) the majority and minority leaders of the House of Representatives;

(iii) the majority and minority leaders of the Senate;

(iv) the chair and ranking member of each committee and subcommittee of jurisdiction in the House of Representatives and the Senate; and

(v) any Member of Congress who requests the report.

(2) FORM.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

By Mr. PADILLA:

S. 3840. A bill to provide for the designation of areas as Health Investment Zones to reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes in such areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise to introduce the Health Investment Zones Act of 2026. This legislation would designate health investment zones for 10 years in areas with large health disparities based on income, life expectancy, provider shortages, and align tax, grant, loan-repayment, and Medicare incentives to expand services where they are needed most.

This bill would establish health investment zones, HIZs, in areas with significant health disparities, offering incentives like expanded tax credits for employers and workers, grants for health projects, and loan repayment for healthcare professionals serving in these zones. It supports initiatives such as mobile clinics and wellness programs and provides Medicare bonuses for services delivered in HIZs. The bill focuses on improving outcomes for conditions like diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and maternal health, with a 10-year report to measure progress in health, access, and cost reductions.

Many communities face preventable gaps in health care access that lead to higher emergency room use, more hospital admissions, and rising costs. Establishing 10-year health investment zones will help close these gaps and ensure that underserved areas receive the consistent, affordable, and high-quality care they need.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 3847. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to inverted corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 3847

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 "Stop Corporate Inversions Act of 2026".

SEC. 2. MODIFICATIONS TO RULES RELATING TO INVERTED CORPORATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 7874 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows: