(Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5321, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require coverage of, and expand access to, home and community-based services under the Medicaid program, to award grants for the creation, recruitment, training and education, retention, and advancement of the direct care workforce and to award grants to support family caregivers, and for other purposes.

S. 5354

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5354, a bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996.

S. 5362

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) 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. 5431

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5431, a bill to remove college cost as a barrier to every student having access to a well-prepared and diverse educator workforce, and for other purposes.

S. 5464

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5464, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the report on the health of women veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 5476

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5476, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons that have facilitated Israeli settlement construction in the E1 area of the West Bank.

S. 5549

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5549, a bill to support educators.

S. 5559

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5559, a bill to provide for the basic needs of students at institutions of higher education.

S. 5577

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5577, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide grants to upgrade or convert small-capacity cesspools for households in the State of Hawaii.

S. 5578

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5578, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish the Hawaiian Islands Program, and for other purposes.

S. 5593

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5593, a bill to prevent the removal of children for sex-rejecting interventions.

S.J. RES. 212

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 212, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to ensure that only citizens are eligible to vote in Federal elections.

S. RES. 790

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 790, a resolution recognizing and honoring the 27th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in Olmstead v L.C.

S. RES. 912

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) and the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 912, a resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Hyde Amendment and its enduring legacy of saving the lives of more than 2,600,000 unborn children and respecting the conscience rights of the American people.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 5619. A bill to restore the allowance of the premium tax credit for lawfully present individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. SCHUMER. 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. 5619

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 ''Restoring Essential Plan Coverage Act''.

SEC. 2. RESTORATION OF ALLOWANCE OF PREMIUM TAX CREDIT FOR LAWFULLY PRESENT INDIVIDUALS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 71301 of Public Law 119–21 is repealed, and each provision of law amended by such section is amended to read as such provision would read if such section had never been enacted.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Each amendment made by this section shall take effect as if included in the provision of Public Law 119–21 to which such amendment relates.

SEC. 3. RESTORATION OF ALLOWANCE OF PREMIUM TAX CREDIT DURING PERIODS OF MEDICAID INELIGIBILITY DUE TO ALIEN STATUS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 36B(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by section 71302 of Public Law 119–21, is amended by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following new subparagraph:

''(B) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES.—If—

''(i) a taxpayer has a household income which is not greater than 100 percent of an amount equal to the poverty line for a family of the size involved, and

''(ii) the taxpayer is an alien lawfully present in the United States, but is not eligible for the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act by reason of such alien status,

the taxpayer shall, for purposes of the credit under this section, be treated as an applicable taxpayer with a household income which is equal to 100 percent of the poverty line for a family of the size involved.''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

SEC. 4. STATE OPTION TO INCREASE MAXIMUM HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR BASIC HEALTH PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1331(e)(1)(B) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18051(e)(1)(B)) is amended by striking ''200 percent'' and inserting ''a percentage to be determined by the State that is not less than 200 percent and not more than 250 percent''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply with respect to plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. SCHIFF):

S. 5632. A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to prohibit the closure of Federal records centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. DURBIN. 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. 5632

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 ''National Archives Protection Act''.

SEC. 2. PROHIBITING THE CLOSURE OF FEDERAL RECORDS CENTERS.

Section 2907 of title 44, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking ''The'' and inserting the following:

''(a) IN GENERAL.—The''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(b) PROHIBITION.—The Archivist may not—

''(1) close or impose unreasonable restrictions on public access to any record center or archive facility established before the date of enactment of this subsection; or

''(2) reconstruct, convert, or rehabilitate any such center or facility if doing so would require the relocation of records for more than 180 days.''.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. KIM):

S. 5634. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide additional amounts of loan forgiveness to teachers of English learners and teachers of bilingual and dual language immersion students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise to speak in support of the Supporting Providers of English Language Learning, SPELL, Act, which I introduced today.

English learners are one of the fastest growing student populations in the country. Across the United States, about 10 percent of all public school students are English learners. In California alone, nearly 19 percent of all public school students identify as English learners. Yet we are facing a devastating shortage of teachers with the skills needed to support these students. If we do not address this shortage, the achievement gap for this vulnerable group of students will continue to grow.

Educating students learning English requires specialized instruction and unique teacher strategies. If we are going to meet the needs of these students, we need to facilitate the training and retention of high-quality teachers for our English learners.

The SPELL Act, would amend the Higher Education Act to provide up to $17,500 in Federal student loan forgiveness for teachers of English learners, bilingual students, or dual immersion students in high-need schools. This would match the level of loan forgiveness offered to teachers of other in-demand subjects such as math, science, and special education.

By lessening the financial burden on prospective English learner teachers, we can help incentivize a greater number of passionate and highly qualified teachers to enter and stay in the classroom.

As a Senator representing one of the most diverse States in the country with the most English learners and as an English learner myself, I am proud to work with my colleagues to push forward legislation to support our teachers. I want to thank Representative ESPAILLAT for introducing this bill in the House, and I hope our colleagues will join us in supporting our English learner teachers and students.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 929—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING EQUITY STAKES HELD BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN PRIVATE COMPANIES

Ms. ROSEN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

S. RES. 929

Whereas, since January 2025, Federal agencies have announced the acquisition of equity or equity-like interests in private companies through more than 35 transactions, representing more than $27,000,000,000 in taxpayer funds;

Whereas, in August 2025, 1789 Capital, a venture capital firm in which the son of President Trump is a partner, invested in Vulcan Elements, a rare earth magnet manufacturer, and, months later, the Department of Defense announced a conditional commitment to lend $620,000,000 to the company and the Federal Government agreed to take a $50,000,000 equity stake in the company;

Whereas, in January 2026, the Department of Commerce announced a tentative agreement to provide up to $1,600,000,000 in funding and loans to USA Rare Earth and to acquire approximately a 10 percent stake in the company, and, on the same day, USA Rare Earth announced a $1,500,000,000 private offering of the stock of the company, for which the lead placement agent was Cantor Fitzgerald, a firm formerly led by the Secretary of Commerce and now led by the sons of the Secretary of Commerce; and

Whereas equity interests acquired with taxpayer funds belong to the people of the United States and must never be used to enrich Federal officials, Members of Congress, or the families of Federal officials or Members of Congress: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that the President, the Vice President, members of the Cabinet, Members of Congress, officials who participate in Federal equity transactions, and the spouses, children, sons-in-law, and daughters-in-law of any such individuals should be prohibited from—

(1) profiting from any Federal acquisition of an equity interest in a private company, including through ownership of the company or through any fee, commission, or other compensation connected to any such transaction; and

(2) purchasing or receiving any equity interest the Federal Government sells or transfers, or receiving compensation connected to any such sale or transfer.

SENATE RESOLUTION 930—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER 2026, AS ''WORLD MENOPAUSE AWARENESS MONTH'' AND FOR GLOBAL AWARENESS AND ACCESS TO CARE DURING MENOPAUSAL TRANSITION AND POST-MENOPAUSE

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself and Mr. BOOKER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 930

Whereas, each year, October 18 marks World Menopause Day, a day when organizations and individuals around the world advocate to improve awareness of menopause and support options available for improving health and well-being;

Whereas, by 2030, the world population of menopausal and postmenopausal women is projected to increase to 1,200,000,000, with 27,000,000 new entrants each year;

Whereas, each year, women in the United States enter the menopausal transition with little guidance on what to expect before, during, and after their reproductive years;

Whereas, according to the Department of Health and Human Services, as many as 3 out of 4 women experience hot flashes, the most common menopause symptom, and other symptoms include memory loss, urinary problems, depression, and anxiety;

Whereas menopausal symptoms can be severe and affect daily activities and quality of life with hot flashes lasting an average of 7 to 9 years, with a third of women experiencing vasomotor symptoms for a decade or longer;

Whereas studies show that Black and Hispanic women may experience menopause earlier, more intense menopausal symptoms, and for a longer period of time;

Whereas as many as 40 percent of menopausal women say their symptoms interfered with their work performance or productivity weekly, and nearly 1 in 5 have left or considered leaving the workforce because of their symptoms;

Whereas menopause costs women in the United States an estimated $1,800,000,000 in lost working time per year;

Whereas, due to medical innovation, a variety of effective treatments for symptoms are available, including non-hormonal medication, hormone therapy, and low-dose antidepressants, that can help improve quality of life during perimenopause and menopause;

Whereas, according to the Department of Health and Human Services, menopause may increase the risk of osteoporosis, heart disease, and stroke; and

Whereas there is an ongoing need for additional clinical research and treatment options to manage menopause symptoms: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses support for the designation of ''World Menopause Awareness Month'';

(2) recognizes the impact of menopause on women at individual and societal levels, as well as on the health and economic development of the United States;

(3) promotes including training on menopause and treatment options in pre-service curricula for health workers;

(4) supports women having access to appropriate health information and services to promote healthy aging and a high quality of life before, during, and after menopause;

(5) encourages the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to—

(A) provide information to women, patients, and health care providers with respect to menopause, including available screening tools and treatment options, with a goal of improving quality of life and health outcomes of women affected by menopause;

(B) conduct additional research on menopause and possible clinical options; and

(C) update information, tools, and studies currently available with respect to helping women live with menopause; and

(6) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

SENATE RESOLUTION 931—RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2026 AS FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH AND CELEBRATING THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF FILIPINO AMERICANS AND THEIR IMMENSE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES

Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. WARREN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary: