

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 3107. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a temporary exception to the application of the Medicare long-term care hospital site neutral provisions for certain spinal cord specialty hospitals; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 3108. A bill to decrease the incidence of food waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 3109. A bill to require Inspectors General to make open recommendations publicly available; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. VITTER, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 3110. A bill to provide for reforms of the administration of the outer Continental Shelf of the United States, to provide for the development of geothermal, solar, and wind energy on public land, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 3111. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the 7.5 percent threshold for the medical expense deduction for individuals age 65 or older; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 3112. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report regarding performance awards and bonuses awarded to certain high-level employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. COLLINS):

S. 3113. A bill to amend Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for training and support services for families and caregivers of people living with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 3114. A bill to express the sense of the Senate regarding the safe and expeditious resettlement to Albania of all residents of Camp Liberty; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 3115. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to a national pediatric research network; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 3116. A bill to amend the loan counseling requirements under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 3117. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 3118. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to clarify which fees the Commodity Futures Trading Commission may assess and collect, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 3119. A bill to require reductions in the direct cost of Federal regulation that are proportional to the amount of increases in the debt ceiling; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 3120. A bill to apply the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to Congressional members and members of the executive branch; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 3121. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to carry out a comprehensive assessment and management plan to restore aquatic ecosystems in the North Atlantic coast region; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 3122. A bill to reinstate Federal Pell Grant eligibility for individuals incarcerated in Federal and State penal institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3123. A bill to provide for the continuation with respect to the United Kingdom of existing commercial agreements between the United States and the European Union, to encourage the President to expeditiously negotiate a new comprehensive bilateral trade agreement with the United Kingdom, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SASSE, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 3124. A bill to require U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to take into custody certain aliens who have been charged in the United States with a crime that resulted in the death or serious bodily injury of another person, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 3125. A bill to establish a designation for jurisdictions permissive to terrorism financing, to build the capacity of partner nations to investigate, prosecute, and hold accountable terrorist financiers, to impose restrictions on foreign financial institutions that provide financial services for terrorist organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. RISCH):

S.J. Res. 36. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to parental rights; 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. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. GARDNER):

S. Res. 515. A resolution welcoming Prime Minister Lee Hsien-Loong to the United States and reaffirming Singapore's strategic partnership with the United States, encompassing broad and robust economic, military-to-military, law enforcement, and counterterrorism cooperation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. CORKER, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 516. A resolution relative to the death of Pat Summitt, head coach emeritus of the University of Tennessee women's basketball team; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DAINES, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. Res. 517. A resolution designating September 2016 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. REID, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. TESTER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. UDALL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. Res. 518. A resolution designating July 23, 2016, as "National Day of the American Cowboy"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. Res. 519. A resolution recognizing the 300th anniversary and historical significance of the city of Natchez, Mississippi; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 6

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 6, a bill to reform our government, reduce the grip of special interest, and return our democracy to the American people through increased transparency and oversight of our elections and government.

S. 386

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 386, a bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States.

S. 578

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 689, a bill to provide protections for certain sports medicine

professionals who provide certain medical services in a secondary State.

S. 785

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 785, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to repeal a certain exemption for hydraulic fracturing, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 1013

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 1013, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1089

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1089, a bill to encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our Nation's social programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1500

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes.

S. 1555

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1555, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II.

S. 1663

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1663, a bill to better protect, serve, and advance the rights of victims of elder abuse and financial exploitation by encouraging States and other qualified entities to hold offenders accountable, enhance the capacity of the justice system to investigate, pursue, and prosecute elder abuse

cases, identify existing resources to leverage to the extent possible, and assure data collection, research, and evaluation to promote the efficacy and efficiency of the activities described in this Act.

S. 1714

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1714, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to transfer certain funds to the Multiemployer Health Benefit Plan and the 1974 United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1831

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1831, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to establish EUREKA Prize Competitions to accelerate discovery and development of disease-modifying, preventive, or curative treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, to encourage efforts to enhance detection and diagnosis of such diseases, or to enhance the quality and efficiency of care of individuals with such diseases.

S. 2193

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2193, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed and for other purposes.

S. 2196

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2196, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories.

S. 2386

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2386, a bill to authorize the establishment of the Stonewall National Historic Site in the State of New York as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

S. 2531

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2531, a bill to authorize State and local governments to divest from entities that engage in commerce-related or investment-related boycott, divestment,

or sanctions activities targeting Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 2590

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2590, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to improve access to, and the delivery of, children's health services through school-based health centers, and for other purposes.

S. 2659

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2659, a bill to reaffirm that the Environmental Protection Agency cannot regulate vehicles used solely for competition, and for other purposes.

S. 2712

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2712, a bill to restore amounts improperly withheld for tax purposes from severance payments to individuals who retired or separated from service in the Armed Forces for combat-related injuries, and for other purposes.

S. 2795

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2795, a bill to modernize the regulation of nuclear energy.

S. 2822

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2822, a bill to continue the use of a 3-month quarter EHR reporting period for health care providers to demonstrate meaningful use for 2016 under the Medicare and Medicaid EHR incentive payment programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2904

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors of S. 2904, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five month waiting period for disability insurance benefits under such title for individuals with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

S. 2960

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2960, a bill to establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of Food and Drug Administration-approved contraception, and for other purposes.

S. 2962

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 2962, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes.

S. 2989

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2989, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States merchant mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II.

S. 3026

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3026, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to expand and clarify the prohibition on inaccurate caller identification information and to require providers of telephone service to offer technology to subscribers to reduce the incidence of unwanted telephone calls, and for other purposes.

S. 3031

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3031, a bill to require certain standards and enforcement provisions to prevent child abuse and neglect in residential programs, and for other purposes.

S. 3060

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3060, a bill to provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements for qualified small employer health reimbursement arrangements.

S. 3083

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 3083, a bill to provide housing opportunities in the United States through modernization of various housing programs, and for other purposes.

S. 3095

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 3095, a bill to prohibit sale of shark fins and for other purposes.

S. 3106

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) and the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. HEITKAMP) were added as cosponsors of S. 3106, a bill to provide a coordinated regional response to effectively manage the endemic violence and humanitarian crisis in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

S.J. RES. 35

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) were

added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 35, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of Labor relating to "Interpretation of the 'Advice' Exemption in Section 203(c) of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act".

S. RES. 432

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 432, a resolution supporting respect for human rights and encouraging inclusive governance in Ethiopia.

S. RES. 504

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 504, a resolution recognizing the 70th anniversary of the Fulbright Program.

AMENDMENT NO. 4875

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4875 intended to be proposed to S. 2328, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4900

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4900 intended to be proposed to S. 2328, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4904

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4904 intended to be proposed to S. 2328, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4909

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4909 intended to be proposed to S. 2328, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4911

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4911 intended to be proposed to S. 2328, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4918

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4918 intended to be proposed to S. 2328, a bill to reauthorize

and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4919

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4919 intended to be proposed to S. 2328, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4920

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4920 intended to be proposed to S. 2328, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4921

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4921 intended to be proposed to S. 2328, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4923

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4923 intended to be proposed to S. 2328, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 3120. A bill to apply the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to Congressional members and members of the executive branch; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I rise today to discuss a really outrageous abuse of power on the part of Members of this body, Members of the House, Washington officials in general. While imposing ObamaCare on everyone else, officials in Washington have largely exempted themselves from ObamaCare's most inconvenient aspects through yet another illegal Obama Executive action that created the Washington exemption from ObamaCare.

Unfortunately, this is not a new practice on the part of the Washington elite. Washington lawmakers often create or support exemptions for themselves from the laws they pass on everyone else. This undemocratic practice dates back to the 19th century at least—the Civil Service Act of 1883; the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, coming into the 20th century; the Freedom of Information Act of 1966. The list goes on and on.

As the late Representative Henry Hyde is famously quoted as saying