

Whereas, While we are in an unprecedented pandemic, and there is great need for expediency when processing unemployment claims, there must be some form of security check to prevent claims from being made in our constituents' names without their knowledge or consent; and

Whereas, The federal attitude of "pay and chase," meaning the overemphasis on expediting benefit payments without traditional safeguards, must be re-evaluated and changed; and

Whereas, Across the country, regardless of whether these fraudulent claims are through states' traditional unemployment systems or the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program, taxpayer dollars are being siphoned off by domestic criminals and international thieves; and

Whereas, This fraud deprives our state and federal governments of necessary resources during a pandemic and costs our constituents money; and

Whereas, This fraud slows down the process by which unemployment benefits are distributed to those who are truly in need within our communities; and

Whereas, Instituting a system that stamps out fraud and theft will clear the way for resources to flow where they are needed more quickly and efficiently; and

Whereas, Ohioans who receive 1099-G tax forms for unemployment benefits that they did not receive must navigate a cumbersome, frustrating, and unresponsive system to clear the fraud status from their account; now therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the 134th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the federal government to reinstitute the traditional safeguards as well as new identification verification to ensure that the individuals requesting and receiving benefits under the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program are those who truly need it, and not fraudulent actors; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, the U.S. Secretary of Labor, and the news media of Ohio.

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. DAINES (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1221. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to create a classification that more accurately reflects the vital role of wildland firefighters; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1222. A bill to designate and adjust certain lands in the State of Utah as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1223. A bill to revise the treatment of urbanized areas experiencing population changes following a major disaster; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1224. A bill to reauthorize, and increase the total funding cap for, the America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership, to redesignate the America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership as the "Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MURPHY:

S. 1225. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to report revenue generated by each sports team, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1226. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 1501 North 6th Street in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the "Sylvia H. Rambo United States Courthouse", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 1227. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to set the rate of pay for employees of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection in accordance with the General Schedule; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1228. A bill to provide for equitable treatment for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. RISCH, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KING, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. BENNET, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. BURR):

S. 1229. A bill to modify the procedures for issuing special recreation permits for certain public land units, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRAMER (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Ms. LUMMIS, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 1230. A bill to amend the Bank Service Company Act to provide improvements with respect to State banking agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1231. A bill to amend the Construction Consensus Procurement Improvement Act of 2020 to correct a provision on the prohibition on the use of a reverse auction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. BALDWIN:

S. 1232. A bill to modify the maximum paycheck protection program loan amount for farmers and ranchers, sole proprietors, independent contractors, and self-employed individuals; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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

S. 1233. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify reporting requirements, promote tax compliance, and reduce tip reporting compliance burdens in the beauty service industry; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1234. A bill to support States in their work to end preventable morbidity and mortality in maternity care by using evidence-

based quality improvement to protect the health of mothers during pregnancy, childbirth, and in the postpartum period and to reduce neonatal and infant mortality, to eliminate racial disparities in maternal health outcomes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1235. A bill to establish a United States Commission on Hate Crimes to study and make recommendations on the prevention of the commission of hate crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 1236. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to develop best practices for incorporating resilience into emergency relief projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1237. A bill to prevent the purchase of ammunition by prohibited purchasers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. SMITH, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARPER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 1238. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that members of the Armed Forces and their families have access to the contraception they need in order to promote the health and readiness of all members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1239. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exclusion from gross income for certain waste water management subsidies; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1240. A bill to expand and enhance the Manufacturing USA Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. COONS, Mr. BRAUN, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 1241. A bill to provide for the discharge of parent borrower liability if a student on whose behalf a parent has received certain student loans becomes disabled; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself and Ms. ERNST):

S. 1242. A bill to establish the Office of Intelligence in the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 1243. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the equal employment opportunity functions of Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1244. A bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a Civilian Climate Corps to help communities respond to climate change and transition to a clean economy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 1245. A bill to combat the theft of trade secrets by China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1246. A bill to amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to authorize pumped storage hydropower development utilizing multiple Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HAWLEY, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 1247. A bill to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BENNETT (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1248. A bill to establish an Outdoor Restoration Fund for restoration and resilience projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 1249. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to modify the maximum paycheck protection program loan amount for farmers and ranchers, sole proprietors, independent contractors, and self-employed individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. SULLIVAN:

S. 1250. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to postpone the effective date of high-impact rules pending judicial review; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. SMITH, Ms. ERNST, Mr. COONS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. KING, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. CASIDY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CARPER, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. LUJÁN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 1251. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a program to reduce barriers to entry for farmers, ranchers, and private forest landowners in certain voluntary markets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SULLIVAN:

S. 1252. A bill to require each agency to repeal or amend 2 or more rules before issuing or amending a rule; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BRAUN:

S. 1253. A bill to cap noninterest Federal spending as a percentage of potential GDP to right-size the Government, grow the economy, and balance the budget; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. SULLIVAN:

S. 1254. A bill to improve the processes by which environmental documents are pre-

pared and permits and applications are processed and regulated by Federal departments and agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNOCK, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 1255. A bill to require the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce to promote and administer programs in the public and private sectors to assist the development of minority business enterprises, to ensure that such Agency has the necessary supporting resources, particularly during economic downturns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 1256. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for investors in start-up businesses, to provide a credit for wages paid by start-up businesses to their first employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1257. A bill to establish a Federal artificial intelligence scholarship-for-service program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1258. A bill to extend the authorization of each of the National Coal Heritage Area and the Wheeling National Heritage Area in the State of West Virginia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1259. A bill to provide that crib bumpers shall be considered banned hazardous products under section 8 of the Consumer Product Safety Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. DAINES, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. ROMNEY, and Mr. KELLY):

S. 1260. A bill to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 165. A resolution calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to provide evidence or to release United States citizen Paul Whelan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS,

Mr. PADILLA, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 166. A resolution recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 40

At the request of Ms. SMITH, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 40, a bill to address the fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality, and inhumanity of slavery in the United States and the 13 American colonies between 1619 and 1865 and to establish a commission to study and consider a national apology and proposal for reparations for the institution of slavery, its subsequent de jure and de facto racial and economic discrimination against African Americans, and the impact of these forces on living African Americans, to make recommendations to the Congress on appropriate remedies, and for other purposes.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) were added as cosponsors of S. 65, a bill to ensure that goods made with forced labor in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China do not enter the United States market, and for other purposes.

S. 99

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 99, a bill to implement equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

S. 101

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 101, a bill to establish the Environmental Justice Mapping Committee, and for other purposes.

S. 127

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 127, a bill to support library infrastructure.

S. 134

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 134, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a retraining assistance program for unemployed veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 152

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 152, a bill to allow States to approve the use of diagnostic tests during a public health emergency.