

ROSEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 181. A bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Fred Korematsu, in recognition of his dedication to justice and equality; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. LUJÁN):

S. 182. A bill to withdraw certain Federal land in the Pecos Watershed area of the State of New Mexico from mineral entry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 183. A bill to provide appropriate information to Federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies, pursuant to investigating terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 184. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an emergency temporary standard that requires operators to develop and implement a comprehensive infectious disease exposure control plan to protect miners from exposure to SARS-CoV-2, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 185. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to limit the face value of coins; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. CASEY, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 186. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to award grants to develop, administer, and evaluate early childhood education apprenticeships, 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. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. Res. 24. A resolution supporting efforts by the Government and people of Colombia to pursue peace and regional stability; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BURR, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. WICKER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. Res. 25. A resolution designating the week of January 24 through January 30, 2021, as "National School Choice Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. Con. Res. 5. A concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2021 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2022 through 2030; placed on the calendar.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 14

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr.

MERKLEY), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 14, a bill to identify and combat corruption in countries, to establish a tiered system of countries with respect to levels of corruption by their governments and their efforts to combat such corruption, and to evaluate foreign persons engaged in grand corruption for inclusion as specially designated nationals under the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act.

S. 35

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. SASSE), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 35, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Officer Eugene Goodman.

S. 40

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) 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. 43

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 43, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish tax credits to encourage individual and corporate taxpayers to contribute to scholarships for students through eligible scholarship-granting organizations and eligible workforce training organizations, and for other purposes.

S. 44

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 44, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit kindergarten through grade 12 educational expenses to be paid from a 529 account.

S. 51

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 51, a bill to provide for the admission of the State of Washington, D.C. into the Union.

S. 59

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma

(Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 59, a bill to provide a civil remedy for individuals harmed by sanctuary jurisdiction policies, and for other purposes.

S. 67

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 67, a bill to support efforts by international financial institutions to provide a robust global response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

S. 68

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 68, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

S. 71

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 71, a bill to expand the use of E-Verify to hold employers accountable, and for other purposes.

S. 80

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) were added as cosponsors of S. 80, 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.

S. 88

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 88, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 92

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 92, a bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions.

S. 96

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 96, a bill to provide for the long-term improvement of public school facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 99

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) 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. 139

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 139, a bill to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

S. 145

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 145, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to repeal the requirement that the United States Postal Service prepay future retirement benefits, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 3

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. SASSE), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 3, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve.

S. RES. 18

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 18, a resolution in support of an international investigation into the handling by the Government of the People's Republic of China of COVID-19 and the impact thereof on the people of the United States and other nations.

S. RES. 23

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 23, a resolution honoring the life and legacy of Henry Louis Aaron.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. PETERS, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 163. A bill to address the workforce needs of the telecommunications industry; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. THUNE. 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. 163

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 "Telecommunications Skilled Workforce Act".

SEC. 2. TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Part I of title III of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 344. TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.

"(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

"(1) 5G.—The term '5G', with respect to wireless infrastructure and wireless technology, means fifth-generation wireless infrastructure and wireless technology.

"(2) RURAL AREA.—The term 'rural area' means any area other than—

"(A) a city, town, or incorporated area that has a population of more than 20,000 inhabitants; or

"(B) an urbanized area adjacent to a city or town that has a population of more than 50,000 inhabitants.

"(3) TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.—The term 'telecommunications interagency working group' means the interagency working group established under subsection (b).

"(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Chairman of the Commission, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, shall establish within the Commission an interagency working group to develop recommendations to address the workforce needs of the telecommunications industry.

"(c) DUTIES.—In developing recommendations under subsection (b), the telecommunications interagency working group shall—

"(1) determine whether, and if so how, any Federal laws (including regulations), guidance, policies, or practices, or any budgetary constraints, inhibit institutions of higher education (as defined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) or for-profit businesses from establishing, adopting, or expanding programs intended to address the workforce needs of the telecommunications industry, including the workforce needed to build and maintain the 5G wireless infrastructure necessary to support 5G wireless technology;

"(2) identify potential policies and programs that could encourage and improve coordination among Federal agencies, between Federal agencies and States, and among States, on telecommunications workforce needs;

"(3) identify ways in which existing Federal programs, including programs that help facilitate the employment of veterans and military personnel transitioning into civilian life, could be leveraged to help address the workforce needs of the telecommunications industry;

"(4) identify ways to encourage individuals and for-profit businesses to participate in qualified industry-led workforce development programs, including the Telecommunications Industry Registered Apprenticeship Program;

"(5) identify ways to improve recruitment in qualified industry-led workforce development programs, including the Telecommunications Industry Registered Apprenticeship Program and other industry-recognized apprenticeship programs; and

"(6) identify Federal incentives that could be provided to institutions of higher education, for-profit businesses, State workforce development boards established under section 101 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3111), or other relevant stakeholders to establish or adopt programs, or expand current programs, to address the workforce needs of the telecommunications industry, including such needs in rural areas.

"(d) MEMBERS.—The telecommunications interagency working group shall be composed of representatives of such Federal agencies and relevant non-Federal industry stakeholder organizations as the Chairman of the Commission, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, considers appropriate, including—

"(1) a representative of the Department of Education, appointed by the Secretary of Education;

"(2) a representative of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, appointed by the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information;

"(3) a representative of the Department of Commerce, appointed by the Secretary of Commerce;

"(4) a representative of the Commission, appointed by the Chairman of the Commission;

"(5) a representative of the Telecommunications Industry Registered Apprenticeship Program, appointed by the Secretary of Labor;

"(6) a representative of a telecommunications industry association, appointed by the Chairman of the Commission;

"(7) a representative of an Indian Tribe or Tribal organization, appointed by the Secretary of Labor;

"(8) a representative of a rural telecommunications carrier, appointed by the Chairman of the Commission;

"(9) a representative of a telecommunications contractor firm, appointed by the Chairman of the Commission;

"(10) a representative of a minority institution (as defined in section 365 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067k)), appointed by the Secretary of Education; and

"(11) a representative of a labor organization, appointed by the Secretary of Labor.

"(e) NO COMPENSATION.—A member of the telecommunications interagency working group shall serve without compensation.

"(f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days after the date on which the telecommunications interagency working group is established, the working group shall submit a report containing recommendations to address the workforce needs of the telecommunications industry to—

"(1) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate;

"(2) the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate;

"(3) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives; and

"(4) the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives.

"(g) NONAPPLICABILITY OF FACA.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C.