

S. 198. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 199. A bill to authorize the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to award grants to eligible State, Tribal, and territorial public health agencies to develop and administer a program for digital contact tracing for COVID-19, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. KAINE, Ms. SMITH, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. REED, Mr. COONS, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 200. A bill to provide State and local workforce and career and technical education systems the support to respond to the COVID-19 national emergency; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 201. A bill to establish a program ensuring access to accredited continuing medical education for primary care physicians and other health care providers at Federally-qualified health centers and rural health clinics, to provide training and clinical support for primary care providers to practice at their full scope and improve access to care for patients in underserved areas; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 202. A bill to ensure that veterans receive timely and effective emergency treatment during the COVID-19 emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 203. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a new tax credit and grant program to stimulate investment and healthy nutrition options in food deserts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 204. A bill to establish the Office of Press Freedom, to create press freedom curriculum at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LUJAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 205. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 206. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to require hospitals and certain other participating providers under Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program to disclose the provider's policy on parental consent for the provision, withdrawal, or denial of life-sustaining treatment for minors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 207. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to require hospitals and certain other participating providers under Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program to disclose the provider's policy on parental access to the medical records of minors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 208. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to individuals associated with the Government of the Russian Federation who are complicit in the poisoning and repression of citizens of the Russian Federation for political motives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 209. A bill to provide for assistance to rural water, wastewater, and waste disposal systems affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 210. A bill to prohibit States from suspending, revoking, or denying State-issued professional licenses or issuing penalties due to student default; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Ms. ERNST, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HAGERTY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 211. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Education from providing Federal elementary and secondary education funds for fiscal year 2021 or COVID-19 relief funds to an elementary school or secondary school that does not offer in-person instruction; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BURR, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 212. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable tax credit against income tax for the purchase of qualified access technology for the blind; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 213. A bill to provide for a Federal partnership to ensure educational equity and quality; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 214. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to institute a 1-year waiting period before medical debt will be reported on a consumer's credit report and to remove paid-off and settled medical debts from credit reports that have been fully paid or settled, to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to provide a timetable for verification of medical debt and to increase the efficiency of credit markets with more perfect information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs.

MURRAY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CASEY, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 215. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require certain tax-exempt organizations to include on annual returns the names and addresses of substantial contributors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 216. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a grant program to award grants to eligible entities to purchase and install, as applicable, zero emissions port equipment and technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 217. A bill to permit the use of certain United States Postal Service formatting tools by health care organizations to improve the provision of patient matching services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. ERNST, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. HAGERTY):

S.J. Res. 6. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to balancing the budget; 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. COONS (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 26. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the activities of Russian national Yevgeniy Prigozhin and his affiliated entities pose a threat to the national interests and national security of the United States and allies and partners of the United States around the world; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 27. A resolution relative to Senate procedure in the 117th Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 28. A resolution to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 29. A resolution electing Sonceria Ann Berry as Secretary of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 30. A resolution to amend S. Res. 458 of the Ninety-eighth Congress, as amended; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, and Ms. ERNST):

S. Res. 31. A resolution expressing the Senate's opposition to the current, ineffective JCPOA; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. McCONNELL:

S. Res. 32. A resolution to constitute the minority party's membership on certain

committees for the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 35

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) were added as cosponsors of S. 35, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Officer Eugene Goodman.

S. 42

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 42, a bill to ensure that State and local law enforcement may cooperate with Federal officials to protect our communities from violent criminals and suspected terrorists who are illegally present in the United States.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor 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. 68

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) 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. 106

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 106, a bill to allow a State to submit a declaration of intent to the Secretary of Education to combine certain funds to improve the academic achievement of students.

S. 121

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) were added as cosponsors of S. 121, a bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to establish demonstration and pilot projects to facilitate education and training programs in the field of advanced manufacturing.

S. 125

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S.

125, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit treatment of certain distributions and reimbursements for certain abortions as qualified medical expenses.

S. 137

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 137, a bill to restrict the availability of Federal funds to organizations associated with the abortion industry.

S. RES. 17

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 17, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that clean water is a national priority and that the April 21, 2020, Navigable Waters Protection Rule should not be withdrawn or vacated.

S. RES. 19

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 19, a resolution recognizing January 2021 as "National Mentoring Month".

S. RES. 21

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 21, a resolution raising awareness and encouraging the prevention of stalking by designating January 2021 as "National Stalking Awareness Month".

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION

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

S. 189. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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. 189

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 "Veterans' Disability Compensation Automatic COLA Act of 2021".

SEC. 2. AUTOMATIC ANNUAL INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION.

(a) INDEXING TO SOCIAL SECURITY INCREASES.—Section 5312 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (d);

(2) by inserting after subsection (b) the following new subsection:

"(c)(1) Whenever there is an increase in benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) as a result of a determination made under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)), the Secretary shall, effective on the date of such increase in benefit amounts, increase the dollar amounts in effect for the payment of disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation by the Secretary, as specified in paragraph (2), as such amounts were in effect immediately before the date of such increase in benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act, by the same percentage as the percentage by which such benefit amounts are increased.

"(2) The dollar amounts to be increased pursuant to paragraph (1) are the following:

"(A) DISABILITY COMPENSATION.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under section 1114 of this title.

"(B) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDENTS.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under section 1115(1) of this title.

"(C) CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.—The dollar amount in effect under section 1162 of this title.

"(D) NEW DIC RATES.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 1311(a) of this title.

"(E) OLD DIC RATES.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under section 1311(a)(3) of this title.

"(F) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES WITH MINOR CHILDREN.—The dollar amount in effect under section 1311(b) of this title.

"(G) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR DISABILITY.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under subsections (c) and (d) of section 1311 of this title.

"(H) DIC FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under sections 1313(a) and 1314 of this title."; and

(3) by adding at the end of subsection (d), as redesignated by paragraph (1), the following new paragraph:

"(3) Whenever there is an increase under subsection (c)(1) in amounts in effect for the payment of disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation, the Secretary shall publish such amounts, as increased pursuant to such subsection, in the Federal Register at the same time as the material required by section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) is published by reason of a determination under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i))."

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (c) of section 5312 of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a) of this section, shall take effect on the first day of the first calendar year that begins after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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

S. 192. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain river segments in the State of Oregon as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today I am introducing the River Democracy Act of 2021, to add 4,702 miles of rivers and streams in Oregon to the national Wild and Scenic Rivers system to protect the recreational opportunities, clean drinking water, fish, and wildlife