

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. HICKENLOOPER):

S. 2651. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to establish a procedure for the siting of certain interstate electric transmission facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 2652. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify congressional intent and preserve patient access to home infusion therapy under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 2653. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2654. A bill to require a declassification review of certain investigation documents concerning foreign support for the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER):

S. 2655. A bill to provide funding for demonstration grants to support clinical training of health care providers to administer medical forensic examinations and treatments to survivors of interpersonal violence of all ages; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HAWLEY:

S. 2656. A bill to require annual reports and briefings on the Global Force Management Allocation Plan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 2657. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to define the term "State" for the purposes of the microloan program carried out under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2658. A bill to ensure that older adults and individuals with disabilities are prepared for disasters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 2659. A bill to require the establishment of an advanced energy technology research initiative and an advanced energy technology and modeling grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2660. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to authorize grants for toxic substances remediation in schools, to reauthorize healthy high-performance schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. PADILLA, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2661. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a grant program for supporting local communities in detecting, preparing for, communicating about, or mitigating the environmental and public health impacts of

wildfire smoke, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2662. A bill to establish the Industrial Finance Corporation of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 2663. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve direct certification, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 2664. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve program requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2665. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a grant program to incentivize small business participation in demand side management programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2666. A bill to address threats relating to ransomware, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. SMITH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 2667. A bill to amend the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to repeal a certain disqualification to receive benefits under title IV of the Social Security Act and benefits under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008; and to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to provide that incarcerated individuals who are scheduled to be released from an institution within 30 days shall be considered to be a household for purposes of such Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for Ms. ROSEN):

S. 2668. A bill to require the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to provide assistance relating to broadband access, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2669. A bill to ban the use of orthophthalate chemicals as food contact substances; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2670. A bill to provide for redistricting reform, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2671. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities, and for other purposes; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 338. A resolution designating September 2021 as National Democracy Month as a time to reflect on the contributions of the system of government of the United States to a more free and stable world; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. Res. 339. A resolution expressing support for the designation of September 25, 2021, as "National Ataxia Awareness Day", and raising awareness of ataxia, ataxia research, and the search for a cure; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 340. A resolution opposing legislation mandating the registration of women for the Selective Service System; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. Con. Res. 13. A concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2022 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for the fiscal years 2023 through 2031; placed on the calendar.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 350

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 350, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs under part A of title XI of such Act relating to genetic diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 401

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 401, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit governmental discrimination against health care providers that do not participate in abortion.

S. 485

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 485, a bill to establish a grant program for family community organizations that provide support for individuals struggling with substance use disorder and their families.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to prohibit the imposition of the death penalty for any violation of Federal law, and for other purposes.

S. 692

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 692, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the female telephone operators of the Army Signal Corps, known as the "Hello Girls".

S. 697

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 697, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the Bicentennial of Harriet Tubman's birth.

S. 866

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 866, a bill to amend the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 to promote reforestation following unplanned events on Federal land, and for other purposes.

S. 968

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 968, a bill to prohibit the United States Armed Forces from promoting anti-American and racist theories.

S. 989

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 989, a bill to establish a Native American language resource center in furtherance of the policy set forth in the Native American Languages Act.

S. 1125

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1125, a bill to recommend that the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation test the effect of a dementia care management model, and for other purposes.

S. 1312

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 1312, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the waiting periods for disability insurance benefits and Medicare coverage for individuals with metastatic breast cancer and for other purposes.

S. 1404

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1404, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 23d Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133d Signal Service Company in recognition of their unique and distinguished service as a "Ghost Army" that conducted deception operations in Europe during World War II.

S. 1574

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1574, a bill to codify a statutory definition for long-term care pharmacies.

S. 1613

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1613, a bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a

grant program for certain fitness facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1752

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1752, a bill to establish the National Center for Advancement of Aviation.

S. 1872

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1872, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II in recognition of their extraordinary service during World War II.

S. 1873

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1873, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of multicancer early detection screening tests.

S. 1962

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1962, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grant funding to States for mental health and substance use disorder parity implementation.

S. 2069

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2069, a bill to expand the Medicaid certified community behavioral health clinic demonstration program and to authorize funding for additional grants to certified community behavioral health clinics.

S. 2155

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2155, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to provide increased protections for election workers and voters in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 2305

At the request of Mr. OSSOFF, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2305, a bill to enhance cybersecurity education.

S. 2458

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2458, a bill to clarify that individuals engaged in aircraft flight instruction or testing, including phased testing of experimental aircraft, are not operating an aircraft carrying persons or property for compensation or hire.

S. 2532

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cospon-

sor of S. 2532, a bill to provide protections for employees of, former employees of, and applicants for employment with Federal agencies, contractors, and grantees whose right to petition or furnish information to Congress is interfered with or denied.

S. 2578

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) were added as cosponsors of S. 2578, a bill to extend the moratorium on residential evictions, and for other purposes.

S. 2587

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2587, a bill to oppose the provision of assistance to the People's Republic of China by the multilateral development banks.

S. 2590

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2590, a bill to designate an Anomalous Health Incidents Interagency Coordinator to coordinate the interagency investigation of, and response to, anomalous health incidents, and for other purposes.

S. 2615

At the request of Mr. OSSOFF, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2615, a bill protecting the right to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 10

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 10, a joint resolution to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2168

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2168 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2190

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2190 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2230

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi

(Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2230 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2231

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2231 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2239

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2239 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2299

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2299 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2319

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2319 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2369

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2369 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2375

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2375 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2388

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2388 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2404

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsyl-

vania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2404 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2428

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2428 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2432

At the request of Mr. OSSOFF, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2432 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2438

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2438 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2444

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2444 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2479

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2479 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2482

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2482 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2517

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2517 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2535

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2535 intended to be proposed to H. R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2544

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2544 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2556

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2556 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2569

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2569 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2571

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2571 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2573

At the request of Mr. OSSOFF, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2573 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3684, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED
BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2654. A bill to require a declassification review of certain investigation documents concerning foreign support for the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, today, I was very proud to introduce with my colleague Senator MENENDEZ, who is leading this effort, and Senator CORNYN, Senator GRASSLEY the September 11 Transparency Act.

Members of this body have heard me talk about this issue before. It has been a repeated issue for me but for this body as well.

We passed JASTA because we wanted the 9/11 families to have access to the courts and have their fair day in court. We passed the resolution in 2018 to require that the government declassify, to the maximum extent possible, all of the information surrounding 9/11. JASTA was passed over President Obama's veto. His veto was overridden on a bipartisan basis. The resolution demanding more declassification was passed with overwhelming bipartisan support and signed by the President.

The letters that we have written, the questions that I posed in hearings, the press conferences held, the constant effort to provide documents and information to those families so they can have their fair day in court has been a continuing and constant one and, so far, completely unavailable.

Administration after administration—Obama, Trump, and hopefully not but apparently Biden—have resisted these calls for declassifying and disclosure.

That information is evidence that those families need to seek justice in their effort to hold accountable the Government of Saudi Arabia for its alleged complicity, its aiding and abetting, its support for the 9/11 attack. They want to hold them liable in an American court, which JASTA enables them to do. They want to pinpoint responsibility and liability so that we will know, as Americans, whether the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was, in fact, complicit and supportive of those attackers.

The truth they seek is not just for themselves; it is for the American people, and the concealment by successive administrations denies the American people the truth they deserve and need.

Today, I was proud to stand with Senator MENENDEZ and some of those families led by Terry Strada and Brett Eagleson in front of this Capitol as we announced our introduction of the act, the September 11 Transparency Act, that would very simply require the Director of National Intelligence, the At-

torney General, and the Director of the CIA to conduct declassification reviews of certain investigative documents in their 9/11 file. It is a baby step toward full disclosure and truth-telling.

But I was so proud to stand with these families, represented by Terry Strada, among others, when she said:

Yes, we know the Kingdom played a major role in supporting, and financing al Qaeda and evidence demonstrates that Saudi agents who the Kingdom sent here aided and abetted some if not all the 19 hijackers leading into the attack.

It is an indisputable fact the hijackers were living in our country 12-18 months prior to 9/11 planning and plotting the murder of thousands and that the FBI and the CIA knew of at least two of them, Nawaf Al-Hamzi and Khalid Al-Midhar.

She further said:

By keeping evidence hidden that will shed light on the brutal murder of our loved ones, our own government is not only perpetuating our continued pain and suffering, but it is also leaving the facilitators of the attacks unaccountable and our nation vulnerable to terrorist attacks.

Her remarks were so powerful, I hope that every one of my colleagues will read them.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the remarks from Terry Strada be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

September 11th will mark the 20th anniversary of the murder of my husband Tom and nearly 3,000 people; all brutally slain on orders given by the known Saudi terrorist, Usama bin Laden and his 19 mostly Saudi Islamist al Qaeda terrorists when they infiltrated our country and carried out the deadliest terrorist attack in our nation's history.

For reasons I do not know and cannot fathom, a select group of FBI and CIA operatives knew some of the 19 hijackers were known terrorists traveling freely on American soil using their real names. How much of their planning and plotting were they privy to—I do not know, but clearly, the agencies did absolutely nothing to stop them and failed at the most important job they had; they failed to protect America and her populace.

Along with the entire world, I watched in horror our country under a violent attack. I witnessed on live television the toxic black smoke billowing from the north tower. I spoke with my husband and heard first-hand the fear and panic he and my dear friends were experiencing in the hell-fire they were engulfed in. I watched the North Tower collapse, knowing the father of my three children and my husband's life was being extinguished right before my eyes.

Now, 20 years later, the DOJ and FBI continue to protect the very country who produced 15 of the 19 hijackers, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Yes, we know the Kingdom played a major role in supporting, and financing al Qaeda and evidence demonstrates that Saudi agents who the Kingdom sent here aided and abetted some if not all the 19 hijackers leading into the attack.

It is an indisputable fact the hijackers were living in our country 12-18 months prior to 9/11 planning and plotting the murder of thousands and that the FBI and CIA knew of at least two of them, Nawaf Al-Hamzi and Khalid Al-Midhar.

Rather than hold the Kingdom accountable, the State Department, FBI, and the

CIA continue to betray the 9/11 community and cover to the Kingdom's desperate pleas of keeping Saudi Arabia's involvement in murdering our loved ones a secret, while the Department of Justice ignores our pleas for the truth; instead, choosing to help keep the Kingdom's dirty little secret—that they support radical Islamist terrorism and the hateful ideology that spawned the largest mass murder in our country's history and death of my husband and our children's father . . . for what and why I ask?

Every Administration since 9/11 continues to turn their backs on us, the victims' family members and survivors. Why are we standing here today adversaries to the FBI and Department of Justice instead of allies?—And perversely, why do they stand as allies to the Kingdom against us?

Critical documents are being held from public view because the DOJ refuses to release them in any format. In fact, in many cases they have refused to even look at documents responsive to the subpoena served on them in April 2018. Instead, our government argues it would just be too much of a burden for the most advanced country of the free world to review documents it is supposed to be vigilant about retaining from one of the most important investigations the Country has ever performed. Let me underscore that—we, the 9/11 Community—we the American public—are too burdensome in the eyes of the bureaucracy. We are asking too much for them to tell us what they uncovered in looking into the attacks on all of us.

By keeping evidence hidden that will shed light on the brutal murder of our loved ones, our own government is not only perpetuating our continued pain and suffering, but it is also leaving the facilitators of the attacks unaccountable and our nation vulnerable to future terrorist attacks.

This travesty of justice must come to an end in order for this chapter of our lives to close and keep Americans safe from the endless grief and gruesome carnage terrorist attacks leave behind.

For two decades, Congress has shown a united front and been a staunch supporter for transparency regarding 9/11 and our quest for the truth. Many here today have walked beside us on our path of grief. They have worked hard for us and the American people by passing a resolution to release the "28 pages" excised from the Joint Inquiry. Those pages offered us clear facts about the Saudis involvement in 9/11. Congress also worked for seven years on the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act—JASTA; ultimately voting unanimously for its passage with unfettered enthusiasm and then overriding a Presidential veto to enact JASTA, cementing our right to our day in court and we believed—ensuring all evidence would see the light of day.

No one standing here today anticipated the level of pushback, lack of respect, or the extent to which our State Department, the Department of Justice, and the FBI would go to withhold vital investigative reports from the 9/11 community and the nation at large—all in an effort to protect the Kingdom from embarrassment and accountability.

Attorney General Garland, Director of National Intelligence Haines, FBI Director Wray and the State Department—by ignoring our direct pleas to them—are showing us where their loyalty lies time and time again—with a foreign nation capable of murdering their own.

Aside from the occasional disingenuous words to recognize our loss—by protecting the Saudis they have not shown their allegiance to us the American public and the victims' family members and survivors. They have ignored numerous letters, not only from us, but from several members of