

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 Ms. WARREN:

S. 2882. A bill to amend certain banking laws to establish requirements for bank mergers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 2883. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow rehabilitation expenditures for public school buildings to qualify for rehabilitation credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2884. A bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to provide research and extension grants to combat plant pests and noxious weeds that impact coffee plants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 2885. A bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to modify the macadamia tree health initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 2886. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to authorize the donation and distribution of capes, horns, and antlers from wildlife management activities carried out on National Park System land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. KING, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. OSSOFF, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PETERS, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 2887. A bill to codify the existing Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program of the National Park Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2888. A bill to reduce passenger, crewmember, and airport personnel risk of exposure to COVID-19, decrease the risk of transmission of COVID-19 on board aircraft and to United States destination communities through air travel, and protect children and other vulnerable individuals by preventing further spread of COVID-19 in the United States; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2889. A bill to amend the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 to address the timing for the use of funds with respect to grants made to shuttered venue operators; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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

S. 2890. A bill to allow the participants in the National Health Service Corps to defer their obligated service in order to receive training in palliative care services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2891. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to address matters relating to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 2892. A bill to provide for continuing appropriations in the event of a lapse in appropriations under the normal appropriations process, other than for the legislative branch and the Executive Office of the President; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. KELLY (for himself and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 2893. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2894. A bill to require the imposition of sanctions with respect to Nord Stream 2 AG pursuant to the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LEE, and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 2895. A bill to prohibit the Department of Transportation and other agencies from promulgating rules requiring a person to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination in order to engage in interstate commerce or travel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 2896. A bill to amend the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 to clarify whistleblower rights and protections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 2897. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the exclusion from gross income for qualified scholarships does not apply to athletic scholarships if the recipient receives certain income derived from the recipient's name, image, or likeness; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. YOUNG:

S. 2898. A bill to amend title III of the Social Security Act to provide for improvements to State unemployment systems and to strengthen program integrity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2899. A bill to require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to address deficiencies and make necessary upgrades to the security camera and radio systems of the Bureau of Prisons to ensure the health and safety of employees and inmates; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2900. A bill to suspend the enforcement of certain civil liabilities of Federal employees and contractors during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2901. A bill to amend title V of the Public Health Service Act to provide for increased oversight of recovery housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2902. A bill to modernize Federal information security management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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 and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. Res. 394. A resolution recognizing the 25th anniversary of Radio Free Asia and its mission to provide an independent source of news to closed societies in Asia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. SMITH, Mr. REED, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KELLY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. KING, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WARNER, Ms. ROSEN, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. Res. 395. A resolution recognizing September 28, 2021, as "National Voter Registration Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. REED, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. Res. 396. A resolution commemorating the centennial of the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. BLUNT):

S. Res. 397. A resolution recognizing the 25th Anniversary of the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 337

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) were added as cosponsors of S. 337, a bill to establish a Senior Scams Prevention Advisory Council.

S. 535

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to authorize the location of a memorial on the National Mall to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces that served on active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 561

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 561, a bill to increase the rates of pay under the statutory pay systems and for prevailing rate employees by 3.2 percent, and for other purposes.

S. 564

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from New York

(Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 564, a bill to prohibit Members of Congress from purchasing or selling certain investments, and for other purposes.

S. 749

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the names of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) were added as cosponsors of S. 749, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance tax benefits for research activities.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to amend section 5542 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that any hours worked by Federal firefighters under a qualified trade-of-time arrangement shall be excluded for purposes of determinations relating to overtime pay.

S. 1271

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1271, a bill to reauthorize the Clean School Bus Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1315

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1315, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items under the Medicare program.

S. 1593

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1593, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the designation of general surgery shortage areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1596

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1596, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC, and for other purposes.

S. 1725

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1725, a bill to grant a Federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated.

S. 1735

At the request of Mr. HICKENLOOPER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1735, a bill to establish an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1759

At the request of Mr. HICKENLOOPER, the names of the Senator from South

Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) were added as cosponsors of S. 1759, a bill to establish a MicroCap small business investment company designation, and for other purposes.

S. 1785

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1785, a bill to repeal the debt ceiling, and for other purposes.

S. 1856

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1856, a bill to enhance the security operations of the Transportation Security Administration and stability of the transportation security workforce by applying the personnel system under title 5, United States Code, to employees of the Transportation Security Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1996

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1996, a bill to protect human rights and enhance opportunities for LGBTQI people around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 2011

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2011, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to honor the contributions of all those whose efforts led to the successful development of life saving vaccines to combat the novel coronavirus.

S. 2040

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2040, a bill to prohibit consumer reporting agencies from furnishing a consumer report containing any adverse item of information about a consumer if the consumer is a victim of trafficking, and for other purposes.

S. 2178

At the request of Mr. HICKENLOOPER, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 2178, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for firefighters and emergency medical services personnel employed by States or their political subdivisions, and for other purposes.

S. 2305

At the request of Mr. OSSOFF, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2305, a bill to enhance cybersecurity education.

S. 2346

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

(Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2346, a bill to codify Executive Order 13950 (relating to combating race and sex stereotyping), and for other purposes.

S. 2372

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2372, a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 2493

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2493, a bill to extend the deadline for eligible health care providers to use certain funds received from the COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 2736

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) were added as cosponsors of S. 2736, a bill to exclude vehicles to be used solely for competition from certain provisions of the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2794

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2794, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase automatic maximum coverage under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program and the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program, and for other purposes.

S. 2863

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2863, a bill to require the imposition of sanctions with respect to the Taliban and persons assisting the Taliban in Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 321

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 321, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate to reduce traffic fatalities to zero by 2050.

S. RES. 360

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 360, a resolution celebrating the 30th anniversary of the independence of Ukraine from the former Soviet Union.

S. RES. 391

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr.

CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 391, a resolution expressing concern about the rise in illicit mining and trafficking of gold in Latin America and the pervasive problem that such mining poses for the security, stability, and environment of the region.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 2883. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow rehabilitation expenditures for public school buildings to qualify for rehabilitation credit; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, today, I want to discuss legislation I am introducing, the School Infrastructure Modernization Act.

To claim the Federal tax credit for historic preservation, a building renovation must be for a different purpose than that for which the building was previously used, a requirement known as the "prior use" rule. This bill waives that requirement for renovations of K-12 public school buildings. This will make it easier to restore historic-but-dilapidated school buildings across the country so our children have safe, modern spaces in which to learn.

As a Richmond City Council member and later mayor, I faced challenges familiar to many municipalities: overcrowded schools, aging buildings, and limited dollars in the budget. But in one particular case, I and a group of local stakeholders identified a creative solution. On one hand, we had an overcrowded Thomas Jefferson High School with in-zone and magnet students. On the other hand, we had a closed Maggie Walker High School that needed renovations. We put together a financing package that made use of Federal and State historic tax credits to renovate Maggie Walker High School and satisfied the prior use rule by consolidating the magnet program from Thomas Jefferson into a new Maggie Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies. Today, some 20 years later, this is one of America's highest performing public high schools. Without the Federal historic tax credit, this would have been too expensive to make happen.

This bill will make it easier to do similar projects around the country. More modern school buildings will bolster the quality of public education, and carrying out these projects will generate private sector infrastructure investment and jobs. In Virginia alone, according to a 2013 study, more than 800 K-12 schools are at least 50 years old, representing some 40 percent of all the K-12 schools in the Commonwealth.

As the Senate considers tax reform and a comprehensive infrastructure package, I encourage my colleagues to support this common-sense incentive that is good for education, good for infrastructure, and good for jobs.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2884. A bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to provide research and extension grants to combat plant pests and noxious weeds that impact coffee plants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Coffee Plant Health Initiative Amendments Act, a bill that allows the Secretary of Agriculture to provide research and extension grants for the purposes of protecting coffee plants from outside threats such as invasive pests and weeds.

Coffee serves as a cornerstone of Hawaii's agricultural industry, both in terms of culture and economics. Coffee has been grown in Hawaii for almost 200 years and is revered all over the world for exceptional quality and taste. Coffee is grown on every main island in Hawaii, with half of the acreage on Hawaii Island and the other half spread across Kauai, Oahu, Maui, Molokai, and Lanai. Hawaii remains the largest grower of coffee in the United States, with over 27 million pounds produced and yielding just over \$54 million during the 2019-2020 season.

Like all natural ecosystems in Hawaii, coffee production has experienced numerous threats from pests and weeds. These include the black twig borer, root-knot nematode, green scale, crab spider, coffee berry borer, and coffee leaf rust, to name a few. In response to the 2010 arrival of the coffee berry borer in Hawaii, I successfully included the coffee plant health initiative provision in the 2014 farm bill. This provision allowed the Secretary of Agriculture to provide research and extension grants to help the coffee community combat the coffee berry borer. The resulting Federal assistance provided has been instrumental in providing coffee producers the tools they need to protect their coffee crops from the coffee berry borer.

Within the past year another coffee pest has emerged in Hawaii, a fungus known as Coffee Leaf Rust. Like the coffee berry borer, Federal funds are needed to research and develop pest management strategies to equip coffee producers with the knowledge and tools necessary to safeguard their coffee yields.

This bill builds upon the 2014 farm bill coffee plant health initiative provision by expanding the scope of research and extension grants to all invasive pests and noxious weeds threatening the coffee industry, not just the coffee berry borer. While our researchers and coffee growers are currently battling coffee leaf rust, future pest and weeds not currently in Hawaii, like the Coffee Leaf Miner and Coffee Wilt Disease, are likely to emerge. This expansion of the coffee plant health initiative will provide much needed Federal resources to help our coffee community quickly respond to the myriad pests waiting in the wings.

This bill is supported by the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of

Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, the Hawaii Coffee Association, the Kau Coffee Growers Cooperative, Kauai Coffee Company, LLC, Puerto Rico Coffee Roasters, LLC, and the Puerto Rico Farm Bureau.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. KING, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. OSSOFF, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PETERS, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 2887. A bill to codify the existing Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program of the National Park Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise to introduce the bipartisan Outdoors for All Act.

This legislation would ensure that access to local parks and outdoor recreation is equitable and available to all.

The Outdoors for All Act would codify and guarantee annual funding for the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership program, which provides grants to build new outdoor recreation spaces, improve existing parks, and form connections between underserved, urban communities and the outdoors.

It specifically invests in parks and open spaces in areas where 80 percent of Americans live. Any urban area with a population of at least 30,000 can qualify for grants, which can benefit residents in all 50 States.

These grants would fund projects in park-poor, urban communities, and the bill would require the National Park Service to prioritize projects that support underserved communities, provide job-training to youth, and leverage resources through public-private partnerships.

As our cities grow and the effects of climate change intensify, this bill will increase equitable access to the many benefits of local parks, from job creation, to shade and tree cover, to clean air.

Nationwide, 100 million people, including 28 million children, do not have a park within a half-mile of home. That is almost one third of America.

Additionally, in the 100 most populated cities, neighborhoods where most residents identify as Black, Latino, American Indian/Alaska Native, or Asian American and Pacific Islander have access to an average of 44 percent less park acreage than predominantly White neighborhoods.

For example, in Los Angeles, low-income communities and communities of color lack equal access to parks; a Los Angeles County survey found that Compton reported only 0.6 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents, in contrast to Malibu, which has 55.5 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents.