

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 4682. A bill to provide for disapproval by Congress of the invocation of authorities under the Defense Production Act of 1950; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 4683. A bill to amend the River and Harbor Act of 1958 to improve provisions relating to invasive species management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 4684. A bill to provide for the implementation of dredged material management plans at certain federally authorized harbors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN:

S. 4685. A bill making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 4686. A bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. SINEMA, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 4687. A bill to enhance the authority granted to the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice with respect to unmanned aircraft systems and unmanned aircraft, 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. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 727. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should negotiate strong, inclusive, and forward-looking rules on digital trade and the digital economy with like-minded countries as part of its broader trade and economic strategy in order to ensure that the United States values of democracy, rule of law, freedom of speech, human and worker rights, privacy, and a free and open internet are at the very core of digital governance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. BRAUN):

S. Res. 728. A resolution commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the human rights and pro-democracy activists in Cuba one year after the historic march led by such activists through the streets of Cuba to exercise the fundamental right to peacefully assemble and speak out against the human rights atrocities committed by the brutal, totalitarian, and illegitimate Communist regime in Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HAWLEY, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SASSE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. THUNE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 729. A resolution designating the week beginning November 7, 2022, as "National Pregnancy Center Week" to recognize the vital role that community-supported pregnancy centers play in saving lives and serving women and men faced with difficult pregnancy decisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. COONS):

S. Res. 730. A resolution remembering the 30th anniversary of the bombing of the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires on March 17, 1992, the 28th anniversary of the bombing of the Argentine-Israeli Mutual Association building in Buenos Aires on July 18, 1994, and recommitting to efforts to uphold justice for the victims of the attacks; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 731. A resolution expressing support for the recognition of July 2022 as "Muslim-American Heritage Month" and celebrating the heritage and culture of Muslim Americans in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 766

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 766, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an above-the-line deduction for attorney fees and costs in connection with consumer claim awards.

S. 1157

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1157, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow workers an above-the-line deduction for union dues and expenses and to allow a miscellaneous itemized deduction for workers for all unreimbursed expenses incurred in the trade or business of being an employee.

S. 1429

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1429, a bill to provide compensation for United States victims of Libyan state-sponsored terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 1578

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1578, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a loan repayment program for mental health professionals to relieve workforce shortages, and for other purposes.

S. 1981

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1981, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify rules relating to donor advised funds, and for other purposes.

S. 2130

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Cali-

fornia (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2130, a bill to modify the disposition of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues and to open Federal financial sharing to heighten opportunities for renewable energy, and for other purposes.

S. 2273

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) were added as cosponsors of S. 2273, a bill to authorize Inspectors General to continue operations during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

S. 2677

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2677, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to limit overdraft fees and establish fair and transparent practices related to the marketing and provision of overdraft coverage programs at depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2710

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 2710, a bill to promote competition and reduce gatekeeper power in the app economy, increase choice, improve quality, and reduce costs for consumers.

S. 2931

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2931, a bill to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to prevent harm and disruption to the United States agriculture industry by protecting against foreign influence over agriculture production and supply chains, and for other purposes.

S. 3018

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) were added as cosponsors of S. 3018, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish requirements with respect to the use of prior authorization under Medicare Advantage plans, and for other purposes.

S. 3518

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3518, a bill to increase the rates of pay under the statutory pay systems and for prevailing rate employees by 5.1 percent, and for other purposes.

S. 3742

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 3742, a bill to establish a pilot grant program to improve

recycling accessibility, and for other purposes.

S. 4003

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4003, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide for training on alternatives to use of force, de-escalation, and mental and behavioral health and suicidal crises.

S. 4009

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 4009, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to rebase the calculation of payments for sole community hospitals and Medicare-dependent hospitals, and for other purposes.

S. 4069

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4069, a bill to amend the National Firearms Act to provide an exception for stabilizing braces, and for other purposes.

S. 4105

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4105, a bill to treat certain liquidations of new motor vehicle inventory as qualified liquidations of LIFO inventory for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

S. 4168

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4168, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to reauthorize the National Park Foundation.

S. 4192

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4192, a bill amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to end the tax subsidy for employer efforts to influence their workers' exercise of their rights around labor organizations and engaging in collective action.

S. 4203

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4203, a bill to extend the National Alzheimer's Project.

S. 4279

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4279, a bill to increase efficiency and conservation in public water systems, and for other purposes.

S. 4325

At the request of Ms. SINEMA, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4325, a bill to amend

the Federal Credit Union Act to modify the frequency of board of directors meetings, and for other purposes.

S. 4416

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4416, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for charitable donations to nonprofit organizations providing education scholarships to qualified elementary and secondary students.

S. 4460

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4460, a bill to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to regularly review and update policies and manuals related to inspections at ports of entry.

S. 4612

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4612, a bill to protect a person's ability to access contraceptives and to engage in contraception, and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide contraceptives, contraception, and information related to contraception.

S. 4634

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4634, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to administer polygraph examinations to certain foreign nationals with access to nonpublic areas or information of the National Laboratories.

S. RES. 713

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 713, a resolution recognizing Russian actions in Ukraine as a genocide.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. HICKENLOOPER):

S. 4666. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a deduction for attorney fees awarded with respect to certain wildfire damages and to exclude from gross income settlement funds received with respect to such damages; to the Committee on Finance.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise to speak in support of legislation that I introduced today along with Senators ALEX PADILLA and JOHN HICKENLOOPER. This is a companion to the bipartisan bill that Representative MIKE THOMPSON has introduced in the House of Representatives.

In 2020, the Fire Victim Trust was established after Pacific Gas & Electric, PG&E, was found legally responsible for major California wildfires in 2015, 2017, and 2018. PG&E contributed about \$13 billion to this fund to pay victims

of these wildfires to cover losses they suffered.

Unfortunately, the specific situations of each of these victims is different, and it is unclear to many whether they will need to pay Federal income tax on the amounts they receive. Moreover, it is unfair that these victims should have to worry about paying taxes on amounts that are simply intended to make them whole.

In addition, about 30 percent of settlement payouts are devoted to attorney fees, for attorneys whom the victims did not hire. It appears that victims will even owe taxes on the full amount of the settlement, including these attorney fees.

This is a problem now for wildfire victims in California. However, as the frequency and severity of wildfires grows across the Western United States due to climate change, it is more likely that this is a problem that California and other States will face again.

Our legislation would do two things. First, it would clarify that such wildfire settlement fees are not taxable. Second, it would create an above-the-line tax deduction for relevant attorney fees. This would provide tax certainty and fairness to wildfire settlement victims now and into the future.

With the incidence of wildfires rising, this is an important issue for Congress to address now to avoid victims having to worry about paying taxes on settlement payments that are meant to make them whole from devastating losses that many of them have suffered.

I hope my colleagues will join me in support of this bill.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 4669. A bill to establish the Western Riverside National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce the Western Riverside County National Wildlife Refuge Act, along with my California colleague, Senator ALEX PADILLA.

As our country's population grows, so does the need for infrastructure like housing and highways. However, we must find a way to balance the needs of growth with the preservation of our natural resources, including endangered species habitat and green space for the health and safety of our communities.

Senator PADILLA and I are proud this legislation would accomplish those goals by creating a Federal wildlife refuge in western Riverside County as part of a collaborative land management plan created by Riverside County.

The newly created wildlife refuge would provide expanded recreation, conservation, and educational opportunities for the local community—one of the fastest growing in the Nation.