

Army nomination of Jillian R. Guy, to be Major.

Army nomination of Ayodele O. Lawson, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Michael E. Bahm and ending with D016157, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2022.

Army nomination of Daniel P. Morgan, to be Major.

Army nomination of Thomas J. Souza, to be Major.

Army nomination of Jose A. Quintero, to be Major.

Army nomination of Javier J. Hernandez, to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of Jennifer M. Farina, to be Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Thomas J. Watts II, to be Major.

Navy nomination of Luke J. Patterson, to be Captain.

Navy nominations beginning with William J. Uffmann III and ending with Geoffrey S. Raynor, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 29, 2022.

Navy nomination of Rama K. Mutyala, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Lashaundra S. Collins, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Andrew P. Gorie, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Daniel W. Rhodeback, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Michael J. Arnold, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Paul T. Hill, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Taibatu E. Obasi, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Jenniffer M. Rajner, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Jose A. Aranda and ending with Daniel J. Wilkinson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2022.

Navy nomination of Patric C. Jang, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Charles J. Osier, Jr., to be Captain.

Navy nomination of James C. Hanlon, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Jarrett C. Walke, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Amy M. Respondek, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Andrew S. Gibbons, to be Captain.

Space Force nomination of Kirsten N. Pecua, to be Major.

By Mr. CARPER for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

*Beth Pritchard Geer, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2026.

*Shailen P. Bhatt, of Michigan, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.

*Juan Eduardo Sanchez, of Texas, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Southwest Border Regional Commission.

By Mrs. MURRAY for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Karla Ann Gilbride, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term of four years.

*Jessica Looman, of Minnesota, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to

respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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 Mr. BOOKER:

S. 5136. A bill to protect employees from discrimination based on family caregiver responsibilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 5137. A bill to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to reauthorize and improve the ReConnect loan and grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 5138. A bill to establish the Office of High-Risk AFO Disaster Mitigation and Enforcement in the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 5139. A bill to establish criminal penalties for failing to inform and warn of serious dangers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. LUJÁN, and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 5140. A bill to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 5141. A bill to direct the Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics to establish a database with respect to corporate offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 5142. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to eliminate certain health care charges for members of the Selected Reserve eligible for TRICARE Reserve Select, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 5143. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the assignment of patient advocates at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 5144. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the mileage rate offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs through their Beneficiary Travel program for health related travel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. THUNE, Ms. SMITH, Ms. ERNST, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SASSE, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 5145. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to the ethanol waiver for Reid

Vapor Pressure under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MANCHIN:

S. 5146. A bill to provide for the sealing of records relating to Federal nonviolent criminal offenses related to substance use disorders, and for other purposes; 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. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. Res. 851. A resolution celebrating the 45th anniversary of the Senate Black Legislative Staff Caucus and its achievements in the Senate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 190

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 190, a bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to require the safe storage of firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 634

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to support and expand civic engagement and political leadership of adolescent girls around the world, and other purposes.

S. 736

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 736, a bill to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes.

S. 828

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 828, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care from the Department of Veterans Affairs to include veterans of World War II.

S. 1079

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1079, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the troops from

the United States and the Philippines who defended Bataan and Corregidor, in recognition of their personal sacrifice and service during World War II.

S. 1408

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1408, a bill to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher Stevens, and Sean Smith, in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.

S. 1521

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1521, a bill to require certain civil penalties to be transferred to a fund through which amounts are made available for the Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Research Program at the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

S. 1942

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1942, a bill to standardize the designation of National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes.

S. 2202

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2202, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income interest received on certain loans secured by agricultural real property.

S. 2256

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2256, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to limit the charitable deduction for certain qualified conservation contributions.

S. 2306

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2306, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to support upgrades at existing hydroelectric dams and the removal of obsolete river obstructions to improve the health of the Nation's rivers and associated wildlife habitat and increase clean energy production, public safety, and for other purposes.

S. 2422

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2422, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program supporting trauma center violence intervention and violence prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 3199

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3199, a bill to promote peace and democracy in Ethiopia, and for other purposes.

S. 3386

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) were added as cosponsors of S. 3386, a bill to prevent, treat, and cure tuberculosis globally.

S. 3451

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3451, a bill to include certain computer-related projects in the Federal permitting program under title XLI of the FAST Act, and for other purposes.

S. 3472

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3472, a bill to conserve global bear populations by prohibiting the importation, exportation, and interstate trade of bear viscera and items, products, or substances containing, or labeled or advertised as containing, bear viscera, and for other purposes.

S. 3508

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3508, a bill to posthumously award a congressional gold medal to Constance Baker Motley.

S. 3607

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3607, a bill to award a Congressional gold medal, collectively, to the First Rhode Island Regiment, in recognition of their dedicated service during the Revolutionary War.

S. 3667

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3667, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the United States African-American Burial Grounds Preservation Program, and for other purposes.

S. 3957

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3957, a bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to make certain activities eligible for grants from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 4009

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) 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. 4168

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

S. 4188

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4188, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for a code of conduct for justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 4416

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) 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. 4473

At the request of Mr. OSSOFF, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4473, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend the authorization of use of depot working capital funds for unspecified minor military construction projects for the revitalization and recapitalization of defense industrial base facilities.

S. 4587

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) were added as cosponsors of S. 4587, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Benjamin Berell Ferencz, in recognition of his service to the United States and international community during the post-World War II Nuremberg trials and lifelong advocacy for international criminal justice and rule of law.

S. 4592

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4592, a bill to encourage the migration of Federal Government information technology systems to quantum-resistant cryptography, and for other purposes.

S. 4649

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from California

(Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 4649, a bill to amend the Global Food Security Act of 2016 to improve the comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, and for other purposes.

S. 4756

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4756, a bill to amend the disclosures of foreign gifts under the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide special rules relating to China-affiliated organizations.

S. 4851

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. 4851, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a national project to prevent and cure Parkinson's, to be known as the National Parkinson's Project, and for other purposes.

S. 4859

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4859, a bill to reauthorize the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act of 2018, and for other purposes.

S. 4877

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4877, a bill to amend Public Law 91-378 to authorize activities relating to Civilian Conservation Centers, and for other purposes.

S. 4974

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4974, a bill to amend section 249 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to render available to certain long-term residents of the United States the benefit under that section.

S. 5037

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5037, a bill to prohibit funding for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer until China is no longer defined a developing country.

S. 5070

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5070, a bill to authorize the

Secretary of Agriculture to provide grants to States to address contamination by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances on farms, and for other purposes.

S. 5089

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5089, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reinstate criminal penalties for persons charging veterans unauthorized fees relating to claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 5098

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5098, a bill to ensure that significantly more students graduate college with the international knowledge and experience essential for success in today's global economy through the establishment of the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Program in the Department of State.

S. 5130

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) and the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 5130, a bill to amend the Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022 to appropriately limit attorney's fees.

S. RES. 579

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 579, a resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of Big Bertha, one of the largest bass drums in use by a university in the United States and located at The University of Texas at Austin.

S. RES. 838

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 838, a resolution expressing concern about the spreading problem of book banning and the proliferation of threats to freedom of expression in the United States.

AMENDMENT NO. 6254

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 6254 intended to be proposed to H.R. 7900, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2023 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 5137. A bill to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to reauthorize and improve the ReConnect loan and grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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. 5137

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 "Rural Internet Improvement Act of 2022".

SEC. 2. STREAMLINING BROADBAND AUTHORITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 601 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 950bb) is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and inserting "RECONNECT PROGRAM";

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4); and

(B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

"(3) RECONNECT PROGRAM.—The term 'ReConnect Program' means the program established under this section.;"

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (2)(A)—

(i) in clause (i)—

(I) in subclause (I), by striking "10-Mbps" and inserting "25-Mbps"; and

(II) in subclause (II), by striking "1-Mbps" and inserting "3-Mbps"; and

(ii) by striking clause (iv) and inserting the following:

"(iv) give priority to applications from applicants that have demonstrated the technical and financial experience required to construct and operate broadband networks.;"

(B) by adding at the end the following:

"(5) APPLICATIONS.—The Secretary shall establish an application process for grants, loans, and loan guarantees under this section that—

"(A) reduces the amount of data required to apply by limiting the required data to only—

"(i) the entity applying, excluding any parent or affiliate entity that is not a party to the application, to the greatest extent practicable; and

"(ii) the geographic area affected by the application, if a parent or affiliate is not a party to the application;

"(B) simplifies the data interfaces for submission to the greatest extent practicable; and

"(C) allows all applicants, regardless of whether an applicant is publicly traded, to rely on a bond rating of at least investment grade (when bond ratings are available) in place of financial documentation.;"

(4) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking "subsection (j)" and inserting "subsection (1)"; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following:

"(C) GRANT REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary—

"(i) shall not restrict the eligibility of an entity for a grant under this section based on the legal structure of the entity;

"(ii) shall allow entities to apply for a grant under this section without regard to, or preference for, the legal structure of an entity;