

S. 1271

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1271, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to trafficking of illicit fentanyl and its precursors by transnational criminal organizations, including cartels, and for other purposes.

S. 1273

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1273, a bill to require a study on Holocaust education efforts of States, local educational agencies, and public elementary and secondary schools, and for other purposes.

S. 1298

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1298, a bill to award grants for the creation, recruitment, training and education, retention, and advancement of the direct care workforce and to award grants to support family caregivers.

S. 1334

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1334, a bill to require the Secretary of Defense to develop, in cooperation with allies and partners in the Middle East, an integrated maritime domain awareness and interdiction capability, and for other purposes.

S. 1375

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1375, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to apply additional payments, discounts, and other financial assistance towards the cost-sharing requirements of health insurance plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1398

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) and the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1398, a bill to prohibit agencies of the government from soliciting or entering into agreements with nongovernmental organizations to conduct voter registration or voter mobilization activities on the property or website of the agency or from using Federal funds to carry out activities directed under Executive Order 14019, and for other purposes.

S. 1449

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1449, a bill to improve the environmental review process, and for other purposes.

S. 1460

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1460, a bill to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to remove the exclusion of pistols, revolvers, and other firearms from the definition of consumer product in order to permit the issuance of safety standards for such articles by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

S. 1509

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1509, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to extend and reform the conservation reserve program, and for other purposes.

S. 1525

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1525, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to address governmental interference in content moderation decisions by providers of interactive computer services, and for other purposes.

S. 1530

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1530, a bill to permit COPS grants to be used for the purpose of increasing the compensation and hiring of law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 1532

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1532, a bill to suspend the entry of covered aliens in response to the fentanyl public health crisis.

S. 1560

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1560, a bill to require the development of a comprehensive rural hospital cybersecurity workforce development strategy, and for other purposes.

S. 1600

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1600, a bill making further supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, for border management activities, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 27

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr.

SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 27, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs of the Department of Labor relating to "Rescission of Implementing Legal Requirements Regarding the Equal Opportunity Clause's Religious Exemption Rule".

S. CON. RES. 2

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 2, a concurrent resolution commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran demonstrating in more than 133 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the Iranian regime's human rights abuses.

S. RES. 138

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 138, a resolution highlighting the risks that environmental defenders face around the world and commending their role in defending human rights, combating climate chaos, and supporting a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment.

S. RES. 188

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 188, a resolution celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 203

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 203, a resolution recognizing the significance of Jewish American Heritage Month as a time to celebrate the contributions of Jewish Americans to the society and culture of the United States.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 1625. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an election to expense certain qualified sound recording costs otherwise chargeable to capital account; to the Committee on Finance.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Madam President, I rise to speak in support of the Help Independent Tracks Succeed (HITS)

Act, which Senator BLACKBURN and I introduced today. Representatives LINDA SÁNCHEZ and RON ESTES have introduced companion legislation in the House of Representatives.

The U.S. Tax Code allows film, television, and theater productions to fully deduct production expenses in the year they are incurred.

However, recording artists are not given the same treatment and instead must amortize their production expenses over a number of years.

Moreover, many live performance stages and venues across the country closed for months as a result of the pandemic. Independent musicians and music makers, including both technicians and creators, suffered more than most other professions during this period, and many continue to recover.

Our bill would provide a measure of relief to music creators by allowing independent musicians, technicians, and music producers to deduct the costs of producing new musical and other sound recordings in the year they are incurred, thereby putting them on a level playing field with film, television, and theater productions.

Specifically, the bill would allow qualified sound recording producers to deduct 100% of recording production expenses—up to \$150,000—in the year they are incurred, rather than in later years.

Because this change would simply accelerate a tax deduction that already exists, the bill's cost would be modest.

In addition, because the deduction would be capped at \$150,000 per production, our legislation would benefit smaller, independent musicians and music producers rather than large companies.

Music has inspired, comforted, and entertained each of us. Our bill would help create parity between musical creators and other creative producers and stimulate a sector of the economy that is a fundamental part of each of our lives.

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

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

S. 1628. A bill to prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in agriculture research; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam 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. 1628

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 “America Grows Act of 2023”.

SEC. 2. FUNDING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not other-

wise appropriated, to each funding recipient described in subsection (b) for the programs, projects, and activities of such funding recipient, the following amounts:

(1) For fiscal year 2024, the amount equal to 105 percent of the amount of new budget authority made available in appropriation Acts for that funding recipient for fiscal year 2023, increased by the percentage increase (if any), during fiscal year 2023, in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(2) For each of fiscal years 2025 through 2033, the amount equal to 105 percent of the amount appropriated to that funding recipient under this subsection for the previous fiscal year, increased by the percentage increase (if any), during such previous fiscal year, in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(3) For fiscal year 2034, and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount appropriated under this paragraph for the previous fiscal year, increased by the percentage increase (if any), during such previous fiscal year, in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(b) FUNDING RECIPIENTS DESCRIBED.—The funding recipients described in this subsection are—

- (1) the Agricultural Research Service;
- (2) the Economic Research Service;
- (3) the National Agricultural Statistics Service; and
- (4) the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

(c) AVAILABILITY.—Each amount appropriated under subsection (a) shall remain available for obligation through the last day of the fiscal year for which such amount is appropriated.

SEC. 3. EXEMPTION FROM SEQUESTRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 255(g)(1)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 905(g)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting after “Advances to the Unemployment Trust Fund and Other Funds (16–0327–0–1–600).” the following:

“Appropriations made available under section 2(a) of the America Grows Act of 2023.”.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to any sequestration order issued under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.) on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 4. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

(a) STATUTORY PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary effects of this Act shall not be entered on either PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of the Statutory Pay As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933(d)).

(b) SENATE PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary effects of this Act shall not be entered on any PAYGO scorecard maintained for purposes of section 4106 of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress).

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 214—TO AUTHORIZE TESTIMONY AND REPRESENTATION IN UNITED STATES V. NEELY

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. McCONNELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 214

Whereas, in the case of *United States v. Neely*, Cr. No. 21-642, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Co-

lumbia, both the prosecution and defense are seeking the production of testimony from Michael J. Mastrian, Director of the Senate Radio and Television Gallery, a department of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§ 288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent current and former officers and employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for evidence relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate; and

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Michael J. Mastrian, Director of the Senate Radio and Television Gallery, is authorized to provide relevant testimony in the case of *United States v. Neely*, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Mr. Mastrian, and any current or former officer or employee of his office, in connection with the production of evidence authorized in section one of this resolution.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. MERKLEY. Madam President, I have 11 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing.