

Whereas, in comparison, when in 1978 two-thirds of both houses of Congress passed the District of Columbia Voting Rights Amendment, a timeline was included within the text of the amendment offered to states for ratification; and

Whereas, the time limit for the District of Columbia Voting Rights Amendment ended before completion of the second and final step of ratification of the amendment by three-fourths of the states; and

Whereas, because the time limit was within the text of the District of Columbia Voting Rights Amendment, that time limit had full force and effect and the amendment expired in 1985; and

Whereas, in comparison, the text of the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Amendments both include a timeline within the text of each amendment, and such timelines were ratified by three-fourths of the states within the agreed timeline; and

Whereas, in 1789, by two-thirds vote of each house of the first United States Congress, the so-called Madison Amendment relating to compensation of members of Congress completed the proposal step of Article V; and

Whereas, approximately two hundred three years later the Madison Amendment completed the ratification step of Article V through ratification by three-fourths of the states; and

Whereas, in 1992, having met the strict two-step requirements of Article V, the Madison Amendment was published by the Archivist of the United States during President George H.W. Bush's administration as the Twenty-seventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, following publication of the Madison Amendment, Congress affirmed the Madison Amendment as the Twenty-seventh Amendment of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, as of January 27, 2020, three-fourths of the states have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment; and

Whereas, unlike the District of Columbia Voting Rights Amendment, the Equal Rights Amendment does not have a time limit in its text where it would be of full force and effect; and

Whereas, in contrast to the Madison Amendment, which took two hundred three years to ratify, the Equal Rights Amendment took a mere forty-eight years to ratify; and

Whereas, the text of Article V of the Constitution of the United States gives the states the power of ratification, not rescission; and

Whereas, Samuel Johnson's dictionary of 1755 defines "ratify" as "to confirm; to settle"; and

Whereas, Bouvier's Law Dictionary of 1856, considered to be the first American legal dictionary, states that a ratification once done "cannot be revoked or recalled"; and

Whereas, James Madison wrote in a July 20, 1788, letter to Alexander Hamilton that ratification is "in toto and for ever"; and

Whereas, the various attempts throughout history to rescind the ratifications of the Constitution of the United States or its amendments, including the Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and Nineteenth Amendments, have never been honored; and

Whereas, the Equal Rights Amendment now meets the strict requirements of Article V of the Constitution of the United States and should be added as the Twenty-eighth Amendment; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that this body urges the administration of President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., to publish without delay the Equal Rights

Amendment as the Twenty-eighth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That this body urges the Congress of the United States to pass a joint resolution affirming the Equal Rights Amendment as the Twenty-eighth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That this body calls on other states to join this action by passing the same or similar resolutions; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, Vice President of the United States, each member of Hawaii's congressional delegation, and Archivist of the United States.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Report to accompany S. 2103, An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-59).

By Mr. REED, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2302. An original bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-60).

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2309. An original bill making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-61).

By Mrs. SHAHEEN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2321. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-62).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mark W. Libby, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Nominee: Mark William Libby.

Post: U.S. Ambassador to Azerbaijan.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.

Dorothy Camille Shea, of North Carolina, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraor-

dinary and Plenipotentiary and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Dorothy Camille Shea, of North Carolina, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Nominee: Dorothy Shea.

Post: U.S. Mission to the United States.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: N/A, None, N/S.

Richard Mills, Jr., of Georgia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Nominee: Richard M. Mills, Jr.

Post: Ambassador to Nigeria.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Self: \$400.00, 03/18, David Bequette for U.S. Congress Committee; \$500.00, 05/20, Danielle Garbe for State Senate Committee (Washington State); \$400.00, 07/20, Danielle Garbe for State Senate Committee (Washington State).

Spouse: Leigh Carter: \$1,000.00, 12/17, David Bequette for U.S. Congress Committee; \$400.00, 03/18, David Bequette for U.S. Congress Committee.

Cynthia Kierscht, of Minnesota, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Djibouti.

Nominee: Cynthia Kierscht.

Post: Djibouti.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.

Vernelle Trim FitzPatrick, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Gabonese Republic.

Nominee: Vernelle Trim FitzPatrick.

Post: Gabonese Republic.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Nominee—None.

Nominee's Spouse—None.

Joel Ehrendreich, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Palau.

Nominee: Joel Ehrendreich.
Post: Republic of Palau.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:
Joel Ehrendreich: none.
Rachel Ehrendreich: none.

Kara C. McDonald, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Lithuania.

Nominee: Kara Cherise McDonald.

Post: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Lithuania.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:
Kara C. McDonald: None.

Geneve Mantri (Spouse): \$25.00, 2019, Evelyn Farkas for NY 17th Congressional District Primary.

Lisa Peterson, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Burundi.

Nominee: Lisa J. Peterson.

Post: Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:
1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: Siza C. Ntshakala: None.

Edgard D. Kagan, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Malaysia.

Nominee: Edgard D. Kagan.

POST: Malaysia.

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Contributions, amount, date, donee:
None in Calendar Years 2019–2023.

Jack A. Markell, of Delaware, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of San Marino.

Nominee: Jack Markell.

Post: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Italian Republic and the Republic of San Marino.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:
Self: \$1000, 2/19/21, Maggie for NH; \$250, 10/28/

20, Hickenlooper for Colorado; \$250, 10/28/20, Hickenlooper Victory Fund; \$500, 9/29/20, Chrissy Houlahan for Congress; \$1000, 9/14/20, Lisa Blunt Rochester for Congress; \$2000, 8/21/20, DNC Services Corp.; \$2000, 8/21/20, Biden Victory Fund; \$500, 7/27/20, Chris Coons for Delaware; \$500, 7/24/20, Chris Coons for Delaware; \$200, 7/7/20, Chris Coons for Delaware; \$300, 7/7/20, Chris Coons for Delaware; \$1500, 5/20/20, Montanans for Bullock; \$1800, 5/14/20, Biden for President; \$1000, 4/8/20, Biden for President; \$1000, 12/31/19, Finkenauer for Congress; \$1000, 11/12/19, Mary R. Cummings for Congress; \$1000, 10/28/19, DSCC; \$500, 9/5/19, Chris Coons for Delaware; \$1000, 8/22/19, Hickenlooper for Colorado; \$500, 6/21/19, Lisa Blunt Rochester for Congress; \$2800, 4/26/19, Biden for President; \$500, 2/11/19, Chrissy Houlahan for Congress; \$2000, 1/1/19, Chris Coons for Delaware.

Spouse: Carla Markell: \$500, 7/14/20, Biden for President; \$500, 7/13/20, Amy McGrath for Senate, Inc.; \$500, 7/7/20, Biden for President; \$1000, 6/11/20, Biden for President; \$750, 6/2/20, Biden for President; \$2800, 5/31/19, Biden for President.

Gerald H. Acker, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

Nisha Desai Biswal, of Virginia, to be Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation.

Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Michael J. Fitzpatrick and ending with Thomas Laszlo Vajda, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 26, 2023. (minus 1 nominee: Joan Polaschik)

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Christopher M. Cushing and ending with Ryan G. Washburn, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 13, 2023.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Maura E. Barry Boyle and ending with Jaidev Singh, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 13, 2023.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Ihuoma A. Akamiro and ending with Jeffrey Paul Lodinsky, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 30, 2023.

By Mr. DURBIN for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Loren L. AliKhan, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Susan Kim DeClercq, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Vernon D. Oliver, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

Tara K. McGrath, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of California for the term of four years.

By Mr. TESTER for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

*Tanya J. Bradsher, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER for the Select Committee on Intelligence.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Timothy D. Haugh, to be General.

*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 Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 2287. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to expand the operation of State employment and training programs under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 2288. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of medically necessary home resiliency services under Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2289. A bill to direct the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office to assess foreign influence in the National Industrial Security Program and to develop a single, integrated strategy to better identify and mitigate such foreign influence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. Kaine):

S. 2290. A bill to amend the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 and the Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002 regarding career and technical education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2291. A bill to establish the Northern Border Coordination Center, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PETERS:

S. 2292. A bill to improve the transparency of purchases by the Federal Government of data or information that can be used to identify an individual, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PETERS:

S. 2293. A bill to establish the Chief Artificial Intelligence Officers Council, Chief Artificial Intelligence Officers, and Artificial Intelligence Governance Boards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. FETTERMAN):

S. 2294. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care and medical services to veterans and dependents who were stationed at military installations at which those veterans and dependents were exposed to perfluorooctanoic acid or other perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, to provide for a presumption of service connection for certain veterans who were