

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. Res. 305. A resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of hip hop and designating August 11, 2023, as "Hip Hop Celebration Day", designating August 2023 as "Hip Hop Recognition Month", and designating November 2023 as "Hip Hop History Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. Res. 306. A resolution recognizing that the United States needs to support and empower mothers in the workforce by investing in the Mom Economy; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. Con. Res. 16. A concurrent resolution urging all countries to outlaw the dog and cat meat trade and to enforce existing laws against such trade; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 448

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 448, a bill to codify the existing Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 596

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 596, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make employers of spouses of military personnel eligible for the work opportunity credit.

S. 610

At the request of Ms. SINEMA, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 610, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to modify the frequency of board of directors meetings, and for other purposes.

S. 652

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 652, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require a group health plan or health insurance coverage offered in connection with such a plan to provide an exceptions process for any medication step therapy protocol, and for other purposes.

S. 704

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 704, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for interest-free deferment on student loans for borrowers serving in a medical or dental internship or residency program.

S. 711

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING)

was added as a cosponsor of S. 711, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the invaluable service that working dogs provide to society.

S. 793

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 793, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 993

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 993, a bill to prohibit certain uses of xylazine, and for other purposes.

S. 1001

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1001, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the exemption for telehealth services from certain high deductible health plan rules.

S. 1193

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1193, a bill to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 1409

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1409, a bill to protect the safety of children on the internet.

S. 1424

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1424, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to improve health care coverage under vision and dental plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1538

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the names of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1538, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants for outdoor learning spaces and to develop living schoolyards.

S. 1616

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1616, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow for 12 associate justices of the Supreme Court of the United States.

S. 1690

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota

(Ms. SMITH) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1690, a bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to establish a Good Steward Cover Crop program, and for other purposes.

S. 1780

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1780, a bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to allow the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into self-determination contracts with Tribal organizations to carry out the authority of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1802

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1802, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a fund for the conduct of collaborative defense projects between the United States and Israel in emerging technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 1837

At the request of Mr. FETTERMAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1837, a bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to include spotted lanternfly control research and development as a high-priority research and extension initiative, and for other purposes.

S. 1921

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1921, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit employment of children in tobacco-related agriculture by deeming such employment as oppressive child labor.

S. 1930

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1930, a bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to support the buildout of clean school bus charging infrastructure through community facilities direct loans and grants.

S. 2014

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2014, a bill to ensure that certain members of the Armed Forces who served in female cultural support teams receive proper credit for such service, and for other purposes.

S. 2085

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) were added as cosponsors of S. 2085, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of multicancer early detection screening tests.

S. 2177

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr.

MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2177, a bill to provide for parity among the vice chiefs, and for other purposes.

S. 2211

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2211, a bill to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to establish the Office of Aquaculture, and for other purposes.

S. 2243

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2243, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools and other programs, including social work, physician assistant, and chaplaincy education programs, to promote education and research in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative and hospice care.

S. CON. RES. 14

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 14, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress supporting the State of Israel.

S. RES. 296

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 296, a resolution designating July 2023 as “Plastic Pollution Action Month”.

AMENDMENT NO. 230

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 230 intended to be proposed to S. 2226, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 608

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 608 intended to be proposed to S. 2226, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 639

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 639 intended to be proposed to S. 2226, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year

2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 646

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 646 intended to be proposed to S. 2226, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 774

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 774 intended to be proposed to S. 2226, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 948

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 948 intended to be proposed to S. 2226, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 958

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 958 intended to be proposed to S. 2226, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 985

At the request of Mr. KELLY, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 985 intended to be proposed to S. 2226, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 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. BROWN, Mr. BARRASSO, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2405. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure pharmacy access and choice for Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. THUNE. 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.2405

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 “Strengthening Pharmacy Access for Seniors Act”.

SEC. 2. ASSURING PHARMACY ACCESS AND CHOICE FOR MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES.

Section 1860D–4(b)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–104(b)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(F) LIMITED ACCESS DRUGS.—

“(i) LIMITATION ON RESTRICTIONS OR LIMITS ON ACCESS.—For each plan year (beginning with plan year 2026), a PDP sponsor offering a prescription drug plan or pharmacy benefit manager—

“(I) may not restrict or limit access to any covered part D drug to a subset of their network pharmacies, other than with respect to a limited access drug, as defined in clause (v); and

“(II) shall record in writing the rationale for why a covered part D drug meets the definition of a limited access drug under clause (v) and maintain written records of any such rationales, if such plan restricts or limits access to a limited access drug to a subset of network pharmacies.

“(ii) ANNUAL SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION TO THE SECRETARY ON LIMITED ACCESS DRUGS.—For each plan year (beginning with plan year 2026), each PDP sponsor offering a prescription drug plan shall submit to the Secretary, at a time and in a manner specified by the Secretary, with respect to each prescription drug plan offered by the sponsor during such plan year—

“(I) a list of all covered part D drugs that the PDP sponsor designated as a limited access drug;

“(II) the written rationales for why any covered part D drugs listed under subclause (I) meet the definition of a limited access drug;

“(III) the requirements imposed on network pharmacies to ensure appropriate handling and dispensing of the covered part D drugs listed under subclause (I);

“(IV) the percentages of covered part D drugs listed under subclause (I) that are dispensed through retail pharmacies, specialty pharmacies, mail order pharmacies, or other dispensing channels as defined by the PDP sponsor, respectively, during the most recent plan year for which such data are available;

“(V) the annual percentage of covered part D drugs listed under subclause (I) that are dispensed through pharmacies wholly or partially owned by, or otherwise affiliated with (such as through common ownership), the plan or pharmacy benefit manager; and

“(VI) any other information determined appropriate by the Secretary.