

EC-1912. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 15.255 of the Commission's Rules" ((ET Docket No. 21-264) (FCC 23-35)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1913. A communication from the Program Analyst, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Access to Video Conferencing; Implementing of Sections 716 and 717 of the Communications Act, as enacted by the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010; Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; et. al, Report and Order and Order" ((FCC 23-50) (CG Docket No. 23-161) (CG Docket No. 10-213) (CG Docket No. 03-123)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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. BARRASSO (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BUDD, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. THUNE, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2736. A bill to clarify that section 8526(7) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 does not apply with respect to the use of funds for sports clubs, teams, training, or related activities provided for students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 2737. A bill to require the Food and Drug Administration to determine whether to permit the use of enriched enrollment randomized withdrawal methodology with respect to clinical trials; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VANCE (for himself, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. MARSHALL, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. BUDD, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. BRITT, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 2738. A bill to prohibit through December 31, 2024, the imposition of a mask mandate on passengers of air carriers or public transit and in educational settings within the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 2739. A bill to coordinate Federal research and development efforts focused on modernizing mathematics in STEM education through mathematical and statistical modeling, including data-driven and computational thinking, problem, project, and performance-based learning and assessment, interdisciplinary exploration, and career

connections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CRAPO, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 2740. A bill to help small businesses prepare for and combat cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2741. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to increase survivors benefits for disabled widows, widowers, and surviving divorced spouses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2742. A bill to establish the Fort Ontario National Monument in the State of New York as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2743. A bill to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to designate as a component of the National Heritage Area System the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2744. A bill to provide grants to transit operators and airports for human trafficking awareness, education, and prevention efforts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2745. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate conflicts of interest in conduct of quality management and administrative investigations by the Veterans Health Administration and to limit the detail of directors of medical centers of Department of Veterans Affairs to different positions, and for other positions; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2746. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue rules requiring the inclusion of new safety equipment in school buses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 2747. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to extend the Administrative Fine Program for certain reporting violations; considered and passed.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 2748. A bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. PADILLA, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2749. A bill to provide mandatory funding for hazardous fuels reduction projects on certain Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HAWLEY:

S. 2750. A bill to impose restrictions on the investment in Chinese companies by tax-exempt entities; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. PAUL:

S. Res. 332. A resolution prohibiting the imposition of vaccination, testing, and masking requirements relating to COVID-19 for Senate Pages; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. Res. 333. A resolution designating 2024 as the Year of Democracy as a time to reflect on the contributions of the system of Government of the United States to a more free and stable world; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 260

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 260, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit nurse practitioners and physician assistants to satisfy the documentation requirement under the Medicare program for coverage of certain shoes for individuals with diabetes.

S. 265

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 265, a bill to reauthorize the rural emergency medical service training and equipment assistance program, and for other purposes.

S. 547

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 547, 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. 570

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 570, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve coverage of dental and oral health services for adults under Medicaid, and for other purposes.

S. 747

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 747, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide grants to States, territories, and Indian Tribes to address contamination by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances on farms, and for other purposes.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 789, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the United States Foreign

Service and its contribution to United States diplomacy.

S. 881

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for the purchase of certain new electric bicycles.

S. 913

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 913, a bill to make Ecuador eligible for designation as a beneficiary country under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act.

S. 993

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 993, a bill to prohibit certain uses of xylazine, and for other purposes.

S. 1016

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1016, a bill to address the impact of climate change on agriculture, and for other purposes.

S. 1064

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1064, 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. 1212

At the request of Mr. CRAMER, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to authorize notaries public to perform, and to establish minimum standards for, electronic notarizations and remote notarizations that occur in or affect interstate commerce, to require any Federal court to recognize notarizations performed by a notarial officer of any State, to require any State to recognize notarizations performed by a notarial officer of any other State when the notarization was performed under or relates to a public Act, record, or judicial proceeding of notarial officer's State or when the notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce, and for other purposes.

S. 1250

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1250, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to require that direct-to-consumer advertisements for drugs and biologicals include an appropriate disclosure of pricing information.

S. 1253

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

OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1253, a bill to increase the number of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Customs and Border Protection officers and support staff and to require reports that identify staffing, infrastructure, and equipment needed to enhance security at ports of entry.

S. 1409

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

S. 1558

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1558, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the brave women who served in World War II as members of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps and U.S. Navy Nurse Corps.

S. 1573

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1573, a bill to reauthorize the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act.

S. 1834

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1834, a bill to prohibit the President from negotiating or concluding any withdrawal, suspension, waiver, or modification to the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights without explicit authorization from Congress.

S. 1908

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1908, a bill to establish judicial ethics.

S. 2012

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2012, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of dental services under the Medicare program.

S. 2014

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) 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 name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2085, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of multi-cancer early detection screening tests.

S. 2181

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from North Da-

kota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2181, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the sunset on entitlement to memorial headstones and markers for commemoration of veterans and certain individuals and to repeal the sunset on authority to bury remains of certain spouses and children in national cemeteries, and for other purposes.

S. 2210

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2210, a bill to provide for congressional review of actions to terminate or waive sanctions imposed with respect to Iran.

S. 2235

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2235, a bill to amend the Animal Health Protection Act to provide compensation for poultry growers and layers in control areas, and for other purposes.

S. 2300

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2300, a bill to require that information on spending associated with national emergencies be subject to the same reporting requirements as other Federal funds under the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, and for other purposes.

S. 2311

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2311, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles, California.

S. 2315

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2315, a bill to provide for the creation of the missing Armed Forces and civilian personnel Records Collection at the National Archives, to require the expeditious public transmission to the Archivist and public disclosure of missing Armed Forces and civilian personnel records, and for other purposes.

S. 2340

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2340, a bill to establish the Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access Program within the Farm Service Agency Office of Outreach and Education.

S. 2374

At the request of Mr. VANCE, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2374, a bill to exclude certain individuals subject to certain deferred action from eligibility for health plans

offered on the Exchanges, advance payments of the premium tax credit, cost-sharing reductions, a Basic Health Program, and for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2391

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2391, a bill to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.

S. 2479

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2479, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish an alternative manure management program, and for other purposes.

S. 2581

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2581, a bill to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

S. 2687

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2687, a bill to provide additional requirements for the purchase and sale of conventional mortgages by the enterprises, and for other purposes.

S. 2713

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2713, a bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 and the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 to make commodities available for the Emergency Food Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2735

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2735, a bill to clarify that section 8526(7) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 does not apply with respect to the use of funds for activities carried out under programs authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 that are otherwise permissible under such programs and that provide students with educational enrichment activities and instruction, such as archery, hunter safety education, or culinary arts.

S.J. RES. 32

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 32, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)".

S.J. RES. 42

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 42, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Food and Nutrition Service relating to "Application of Bostock v. Clayton County to Program Discrimination Complaint Processing-Policy Update".

S.J. RES. 43

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 43, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program".

S. CON. RES. 8

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 8, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that tax-exempt fraternal benefit societies have historically provided and continue to provide critical benefits to the people and communities of the United States.

S. RES. 109

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 109, a resolution requesting information on Saudi Arabia's human rights practices pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. RES. 320

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 320, a resolution calling for the immediate release of Eyvin Hernandez, a United States citizen and Los Angeles County public defender, who was wrongfully detained by the Venezuelan regime in March 2022.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 332—PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF VACCINATION, TESTING, AND MASKING REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO COVID-19 FOR SENATE PAGES

Mr. PAUL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 332

Resolved,

SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON COVID-19 VACCINATION, TESTING, AND MASKING REQUIREMENTS FOR SENATE PAGES.

A Senate Page or applicant to be a Senate Page may not be required to—

- (1) show proof of COVID-19 vaccination status;
- (2) receive a vaccination for COVID-19;
- (3) undergo testing for COVID-19 without cause; or
- (4) wear a mask.

SENATE RESOLUTION 333—DESIGNATING 2024 AS THE YEAR OF DEMOCRACY AS A TIME TO REFLECT ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO A MORE FREE AND STABLE WORLD

Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 333

Whereas 2,000 years after the ancient Greeks laid the groundwork for democracy, the founders of the United States built an even greater system of government, a democratic republic, propelling the United States to become the most advanced nation in human history;

Whereas the model of government of the United States has been reproduced around the world;

Whereas Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln, respectively, described democracy as the "light that led us out of gothic darkness" and humankind's "last best hope";

Whereas recent life-threatening and life-altering attacks and threats against political figures and public servants speak loudly to the necessity of maintaining mutual respect and civility for the right of an opponent to advocate for or oppose policies;

Whereas the ardent pursuit of one's policies is not diminished whatsoever by the exercise of respect and civility that assures the maintenance of our democracy and freedoms;

Whereas President John F. Kennedy said, we "must remember on both sides that civility is not a sign of weakness";

Whereas, according to the 2022 Freedom House report, only about 20 percent of the global population now live in "free" countries;

Whereas the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights, including the addition of the Reconstruction Era amendments, enshrine the rights and civil liberties of the citizens of the United States, including the right to vote in free and fair elections;

Whereas the perpetuation of the ideals of democracy does not happen on its own and can be stalled or reversed;

Whereas surveys show citizens of the United States are losing faith in the democratic system;

Whereas former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said, "The practice of democracy is not passed down through the gene pool. It must be taught and learned anew by each generation of citizens.";

Whereas President Ronald Reagan said, "Democracy is worth dying for, because it's the most deeply honorable form of government ever devised by man.";

Whereas Congressman John R. Lewis said in his final words to the United States, "Democracy is not a state. It is an act, and each generation must do its part to help build what we called the Beloved Community, a nation and world society at peace with itself.";