

“qualified catastrophe expenses”; if funds are withdrawn from these accounts for purposes other than paying qualified catastrophe expenses, then the amounts withdrawn are taxed as income; and

Whereas, the function of catastrophe savings accounts with respect to disaster-related expenses is similar to that of health savings accounts, long established in the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 223), for health-related expenses; and

Whereas, with the frequency and destructive force of weather-related disasters increasing nationwide, the need for some form of catastrophe or emergency savings account program for all Americans has become more pronounced; and

Whereas, legislation providing exclusively for the type of savings account discussed in this Resolution was introduced in the One Hundred Fifteenth United States Congress (H.R. 2818) and legislation including a catastrophe savings account component has been introduced in the current congress (One Hundred Eighteenth United States Congress, H.R. 312); Therefore, be it,

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass legislation allowing taxpayers to establish tax-advantaged catastrophe savings accounts for disaster-related expenses; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-53. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to ban the import of shrimp and crawfish from outside the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 113

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to ban the import of shrimp and crawfish from outside the United States.

Whereas, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in 2019 the United States imported six billion pounds of edible seafood products, including one and one half billion pounds of shrimp, an increase of nearly six and one half million pounds more than the shrimp imported in 2018; and

Whereas, the 2019 shrimp imports alone, valued at six billion dollars, accounted for twenty-seven percent of the total value of imported seafood that year, which reached twenty-two billion dollars; and

Whereas, it is estimated that over half of the imported seafood consumed in the United States is from aquaculture, or seafood farming, rather than wild-caught; and

Whereas, the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is responsible for the safety of all fish and fishery products entering the United States and sold in Louisiana; and

Whereas, in 2011 the FDA was only inspecting two percent of the seafood imported into the United States, the last year for which data regarding the percentage of imports inspected is available; and

Whereas, because imported seafood is not held to the same standards as domestic seafood, domestic fishing industries are put at a distinct and significant disadvantage commercially; and

Whereas, because labor costs are much lower overseas, peeled crawfish meat is much cheaper when imported, resulting in many entities purchasing from other countries instead of supporting the local market; and

Whereas, seafood imported from overseas is not always safe to consume; and

Whereas, according to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the average value of Louisiana shrimp fell from three dollars and eighty cents per pound in 1980 to one dollar fifty cents per pound in 2017; and

Whereas, unfair competition allows foreign competitors to flood the United States market with seafood harvested under intensive farming practices, while devastating local industries and coastal communities built around them; and

Whereas, domestically produced shrimp and crawfish offer the best option for the health and safety of United States consumers. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to ban the import of shrimp and crawfish from outside the United States. Be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-54. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to impose a quota or tariff on imported shrimp, crab meat, and crawfish and enact a buy plan for domestic shrimp, crab meat, and crawfish directly from domestic commercial fishermen; to the Committee on Finance.

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 109

Whereas, the domestic fishing industry has faced severe hardships such as Hurricane Ida and other natural disasters, repeated openings of the Bonnet Carre Spillway, unfair trade practices, illegal chemicals, rising inflation, gas prices, and supply chain issues; and

Whereas, in October of 2022, United States Congressman Garret Graves announced that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) purchased up to twenty five million dollars of Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic wild caught shrimp; and

Whereas, Section 32 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act authorizes USDA to purchase domestic shrimp; and

Whereas, purchases such as this will help provide relief to Louisiana's shrimp industry; and

Whereas, Louisiana's seafood industry is the largest supplier in the country and the main economic driver in coastal areas; and

Whereas, more relief is necessary for the Louisiana seafood industry to compete with foreign importers; and

Whereas, strategies to ensure that domestic commercial fishermen are able to sell their products are necessary for the continued success of the Louisiana seafood industry; and

Whereas, plans to buy shrimp directly from domestic commercial shrimp fishermen are of vital importance to ensure the success of coastal communities that rely heavily on this industry; Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to impose a quota or tariff on imported shrimp, crab meat, and crawfish and enact a buy plan for domestic shrimp, crab meat, and crawfish directly from domestic commercial fishermen; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America

and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1648. A bill to facilitate access to the electromagnetic spectrum for commercial space launches and commercial space reentries, and for other purposes.

## 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. HICKENLOOPER:

S. 2827. A bill to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to establish minimum interregional transfer capabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms.

SINEMA, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 2828. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to clarify that the prohibition on the use of Federal education funds for certain weapons does not apply to the use of such weapons in certain programs for activities such as archery, hunting, other shooting sports, or culinary arts; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr.

CRAPO, Mr. KING, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH,

Ms. SMITH, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs.

GILLIBRAND, Mr. MORAN, Ms. KLO-

BUCHAR, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. FEIN-

STEIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. MURRAY,

and Mr. RISCH):

S. 2829. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr.

BROWN):

S. 2830. A bill to update and improve vocational data and eligibility criteria for the Social Security Disability Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself,

Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 2831. A bill to prohibit the non-consensual release of claims by States, municipalities, federally recognized Tribes, or the United States against non-debtors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNOCK (for himself and Mr.

BRAUN):

S. 2832. A bill to amend the Head Start Act to permit some teachers in Early Head Start programs to teach while earning a child development associate credential; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr.

BOOKER):

S. 2833. A bill to prohibit targeted advertising by advertisers and advertising facilitators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 2834. A bill to combat toxic indoor mold, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SULLIVAN:

S. 2835. A bill making continuing appropriations for military pay in the event of a Government shutdown; to the Committee on Appropriations.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. PADILLA, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 346. A resolution honoring the Thai-American garment workers who opened the country's eyes to sweatshop conditions in the United States and, against all odds, expanded rights for immigrant workers and survivors of human trafficking while holding corporations responsible for the conditions in which their clothes are made; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CASEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KELLY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. Res. 347. A resolution designating the week beginning on September 11, 2023, as "National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week."; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. Res. 348. A resolution designating the week of September 24 through September 30, 2023, as "Gold Star Families Remembrance Week"; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 135

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 135, a bill to provide for a period of continuing appropriations in the event of a lapse in appropriations under the normal appropriations process, and establish procedures and consequences in the event of a failure to enact appropriations.

S. 514

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 514, a bill to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to Constance Baker Motley, in recognition of her enduring contributions and service to the United States.

S. 596

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors 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. 762

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 762, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require coverage of, and expand access to, home and community-based services under the Medicaid program, 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, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 928, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prepare an annual report on suicide prevention, and for other purposes.

S. 1219

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1219, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide health equity for people with disabilities.

S. 1631

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1631, a bill to enhance the authority granted to the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice with respect to unmanned aircraft systems and unmanned aircraft, and for other purposes.

S. 2085

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) were added as cosponsors 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. 2224

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2224, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny interest and depreciation deductions for taxpayers owning 50 or more single family properties.

S. 2231

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 2231, a bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to

support stillbirth prevention and research, and for other purposes.

S. 2242

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2242, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make available for sale renewable fuel credits, and for other purposes.

S. 2336

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2336, a bill to address the threat from the development of Iran's ballistic missile program and the transfer or deployment of Iranian missiles and related goods and technology, including materials and equipment, and for other purposes.

S. 2365

At the request of Mr. RICKETTS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2365, a bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to authorize funds for certain employment and training activities, and for other purposes.

S. 2407

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2407, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes.

S. 2496

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2496, a bill to amend the National Housing Act to include information regarding VA home loans in the Informed Consumer Choice Disclosure required to be provided to prospective FHA borrowers.

S. 2581

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN), and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2581, a bill to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

S. 2713

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) 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. 2757

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms.