

Whereas residents of the Fairbanks North Star Borough need adequate and affordable sources of heat in harsh subarctic winter conditions, and the state Department of Environmental Conservation has acknowledged that a pathway for the use of solid fuel burning appliances is essential to these Alaskans; and

Whereas the state Department of Environmental Conservation's state implementation plan was crafted in adherence to an enormous effort from the local stakeholders group; and

Whereas the United States Environmental Protection Agency has yet to provide a working model necessary to dismiss overly burdensome and expensive controls on local power plants that insignificantly contribute to air pollution during air alert days in the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

Whereas the United States Environmental Protection Agency proposes to mandate these more expensive controls, even though such an investment would be unlikely to reduce exposure to unhealthy air; and

Whereas the United States Environmental Protection Agency would further mandate ultra-low-sulfur diesel for home heating oil, driving up the cost of living for residents of the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

Whereas these actions will drive residents to solid fuel burning appliances as a source of heat; and

Whereas the United States Environmental Protection Agency has nevertheless reverted to a liability-averse course of disapproval for the state Department of Environmental Conservation's state implementation plan that would impose costly and burdensome regulations; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Environmental Protection Agency to develop a woodstove certification program that the state Department of Environmental Conservation and residents of the Fairbanks North Star Borough nonattainment area can rely on to address the core threat to clean and healthy winter air in Fairbanks; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the state Department of Environmental Conservation to continue efforts to develop and defend a state implementation plan for the Fairbanks North Star Borough serious nonattainment area that acknowledges the unique challenges Alaskans face, is economically and technically feasible, and is legally defensible, while avoiding costly and burdensome requirements that further such hardships; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the state Department of Environmental Conservation to investigate all options to defend its state implementation plan, which reflects the community's needs and engagement, from federal attack, in court if necessary.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States; the Honorable Kamala D. Harris, Vice President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Deb Haaland, United States Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Michael S. Regan, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Mary Peltola, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. REED for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Patricia L. Lee, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2027.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (1h) Jeffrey J. Czerewko, to be Rear Admiral.

Army nomination of Col. Paul T. Sellars, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Michael C. Henderson, to be Brigadier General.

Army nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Richard T. Appelhaus and ending with Brig. Gen. Richard L. Zellmann, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 21, 2023. (minus 2 nominees: Brig. Gen. Jason E. Kelly; Brig. Gen. Hope C. Rumpy)

Army nominations beginning with Col. Kristina J. Green and ending with Col. Colin J. Morrow, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 21, 2023.

Army nomination of Col. Anthony B. Poole, to be Brigadier General.

Army nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. James A. Benson and ending with Brig. Gen. Katherine E. White, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 21, 2023. (minus 1 nominee: Brig. Gen. Patrick C. Thibodeau)

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Michael J. Regan, Jr., to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Harold W. Linnean III, to be Brigadier General.

*Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Douglas A. Sims II, to be Lieutenant General.

*Army nomination of Maj. Gen. David T. Isaacson, to be Lieutenant General.

*Space Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Douglas A. Schiess, to be Lieutenant General.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services 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.

Air Force nomination of William D. Magee, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Reagan Howard Beaton and ending with Pilar G. Wennrich, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2023.

Air Force nominations beginning with Joseph Benjamin Ahlers and ending with Laura Ashley Wagner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2023.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jeremiah L. Blackburn and ending with Thomas A. Webb, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2023.

Army nomination of Zara M. Scribner, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Donald T. Criswell and ending with Peter A. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2023.

Army nominations beginning with Joseph M. Baumann and ending with Jacob H. Youmans, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2023.

Army nominations beginning with David A. Brunais and ending with Jeremiah J.

Oligario, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2023.

Army nomination of Erick Leon, to be Major.

Army nomination of Brian C. Satterlee II, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Michael D. Norton, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Michael A. Bryant and ending with Steven L. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2023.

Army nomination of Joshua W. Brown, to be Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Christopher F. Melling, to be Major.

Navy nomination of T. M. Alford, to be Captain.

Space Force nomination of Dustin L. White, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Space Force nominations beginning with John S. Donelson and ending with Ryan M. Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 27, 2023.

By Mr. DURBIN for the Committee on the Judiciary.

John A. Kazen, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Shanlyn A.S. Park, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii.

Jamel Semper, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Micah W.J. Smith, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii.

*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. HASSAN (for herself and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 3136. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the requirement for State Medicaid plans to provide coverage for medication-assisted treatment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CASEY, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. SMITH, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 3137. A bill to allow Americans to receive paid leave time to process and address their own health needs and the health needs of their partners during the period following a pregnancy loss, an unsuccessful round of intrauterine insemination or of an assisted reproductive technology procedure, a failed adoption arrangement, a failed surrogacy arrangement, or a diagnosis or event that impacts pregnancy or fertility, to support related research and education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 3138. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for 12-month continuous enrollment of individuals under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 3139. A bill to ensure that Federal contractors comply with child labor laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. REED, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 3140. A bill to modernize unemployment compensation benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BRITT (for Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. RICKETTS, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. BOOZMAN)):

S. 3141. A bill to provide for the consideration of a definition of antisemitism set forth by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance for the enforcement of Federal antidiscrimination laws concerning education programs or activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 3142. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to expand the prohibition related to child labor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 3143. A bill to establish postmarket reporting requirements for pharmaceuticals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Ms. ERNST):

S. 3144. A bill to protect survivors from brain injury by authorizing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to collect data on the prevalence of brain injuries resulting from domestic and sexual violence; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. LUJÁN):

S. 3145. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize fellowships under the Minority Fellowship Program to be awarded for training for professionals in the addiction medicine field; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3146. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish a voluntary program to reduce food loss and waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. RICKETTS (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 3147. A bill to modify Department of Agriculture programs to improve flood protection and infrastructure resiliency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 3148. A bill to prohibit the use of funds by the Secretary of the Interior to finalize and implement certain travel management plans in the State of Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 3149. A bill to encourage the growth of research partnerships between historically Black colleges and universities and Federal agencies to advance development in sub-Saharan Africa; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 3150. A bill to prohibit representatives of the United States from voting at the International Monetary Fund for any Special Drawing Rights allocations, quota increases, or policy modifications that would benefit certain countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 3151. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish the Emergency Micro-enterprise Recovery Grant Pilot Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 3152. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require that annual State report cards reflect the same race groups as the decennial census of population; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 3153. A bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to establish a pilot program to increase the allowable amounts of advance payments under the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3154. A bill to improve the effectiveness of tribal child support enforcement agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 3155. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 3156. A bill to establish the Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program at the Department of Energy to provide financial assistance to promote energy efficiency and onsite renewable technologies in manufacturing facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. DAINES):

S. 3157. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand eligibility for incentives under the Medicare health professional shortage area bonus program to practitioners furnishing mental health and substance use disorder services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. DAINES):

S. 3158. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue guidance to States on strategies under Medicaid and CHIP to increase mental health and substance use disorder care provider education, training, recruitment, and retention; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. RICKETTS, and Mr. HAGERTY):

S. 3159. A bill to establish a Venezuela Restoration Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 3160. A bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government initiative to build the capacity of young leaders and entrepreneurs in Africa, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WELCH (for himself and Mr. SANDERS):

S. Res. 433. A resolution commemorating the 80th anniversary of the establishment of the Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. VANCE, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. Res. 434. A resolution commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Monroe Doctrine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WICKER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CASEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BUDD, Mr. REED, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. KELLY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. KAINE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COONS, Mr. HAWLEY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. PETERS, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mr. SCHMITT):

S. Res. 435. A resolution recognizing the week of October 30 through November 4, 2023, as "National Veterans Small Business Week"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 436. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of October 24, 2023, to October 31, 2023, as "BatWeek"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. Res. 437. A resolution condemning antisemitism at institutions of higher education in the United States and encouraging college and university leaders, administrators, and faculty to speak out against antisemitism; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. OSSOFF (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. WARNOCK, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. Res. 438. A resolution congratulating Coco Gauff for her inspiring victory at this year's US Open Tennis Championships; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 439. A resolution supporting afterschool programs and Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 26, 2023; considered and agreed to.