

law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Wharton, Texas)" (MB Docket No. 22-430) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2689. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Video Description: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010" (FCC 23-82) (MB Docket No. 11-43)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-81. A resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Mahwah, New Jersey, recognizing June 2, 2023 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. PADILLA:

S. 3169. A bill to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to establish university centers to encourage certain economic development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. RISCH, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 3170. A bill to prescribe judicial review requirements for certain projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 3171. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote healthy eating and physical activity among children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAMER:

S. 3172. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include certain over-the-counter dietary supplement products and foods for special dietary uses as qualified medical expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HAWLEY:

S. 3173. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit contributions and donations by publicly traded corporations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. RICKETTS (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 3174. A bill to prohibit aid that will benefit Hamas, 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 Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. KAINE):

S. Res. 442. A resolution designating October 2023 as "National Country Music Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. KING, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. Res. 443. A resolution designating October 2023 as "National Farm to School Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REED:

S. Res. 444. A resolution providing for the en bloc consideration of military nominations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 597

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 597, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to increase civil penalties for, and improve enforcement with respect to, customs fraud, and for other purposes.

S. 981

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 981, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to define the term natural cheese.

S. 995

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 995, a bill to promote democracy in Venezuela, and for other purposes.

S. 1088

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1088, a bill to authorize the relinquishment and in lieu selection of land and minerals in the State of North Dakota, to restore land and minerals to Indian Tribes within the State of North Dakota, and for other purposes.

S. 1207

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1207, a bill to establish a National Commission on Online Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention, and for other purposes.

S. 1573

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) 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. 1637

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from West Vir-

ginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1637, a bill to provide for nonpreemption of measures by State and local governments to divest from entities that engage in certain boycott, divestment, or sanctions activities targeting Israel or persons doing business in Israel or Israeli-controlled territories, and for other purposes.

S. 1669

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1669, a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule requiring access to AM broadcast stations in motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 1706

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1706, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction for qualified business income.

S. 1829

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1829, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to persons engaged in the import of petroleum from the Islamic Republic of Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 1950

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1950, a bill to extend the temporary order for fentanyl-related substances.

S. 2160

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2160, a bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to authorize certain extraordinary operation and maintenance work for urban canals of concern.

S. 2323

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2323, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for expanded coverage of services furnished by genetic counselors under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2337

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2337, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to promulgate certain limitations with respect to preproduction plastic pellet pollution, and for other purposes.

S. 2365

At the request of Mr. RICKETTS, the name of the Senator from New York

(Mrs. GILLIBRAND) 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. 2372

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2372, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to streamline enrollment under the Medicaid program of certain providers across State lines, and for other purposes.

S. 2608

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2608, a bill to provide for the long-term improvement of public school facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 2636

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2636, a bill to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act to improve that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2701

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2701, a bill to address the homelessness and housing crises, to move toward the goal of providing for a home for all Americans, and for other purposes.

S. 2731

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2731, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deduction for certain expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers.

S. 2825

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2825, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the United States Army Dustoff crews of the Vietnam War, collectively, in recognition of their extraordinary heroism and life-saving actions in Vietnam.

S. 2829

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 2861

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2861, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Billie Jean King, an American icon, in recognition of a

remarkable life devoted to championing equal rights for all, in sports and in society.

S. 2884

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2884, a bill to delay the implementation of a rule relating to the importation of sheep and goats and products derived from sheep and goats, and for other purposes.

S. 2888

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2888, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize representatives of veterans service organizations to participate in presentations to promote certain benefits available to veterans during preseparation counseling under the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 2897

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2897, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to molecularly targeted pediatric cancer investigations, and for other purposes.

S. 3020

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3020, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the charitable mileage rate with the business travel rate.

S. 3048

At the request of Mr. VANCE, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3048, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to prohibit an employer from recovering any health care premium paid by the employer for an employee if the employee fails to return to work due to the birth of a child, and for other purposes.

S. 3064

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) were added as cosponsors of S. 3064, a bill to limit funding to the United Nations until the Islamic Republic of Iran has been expelled and investigated for violations of the Genocide Convention, and for other purposes.

S. 3168

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3168, a bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for assistance for the situation in Israel for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 47

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Alabama

(Mr. TUBERVILLE) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 47, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Justice relating to "Office of the Attorney General; Home Confinement Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act".

S. RES. 333

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. RES. 408

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 408, a resolution condemning Hamas for its premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks on Israel and demanding that Hamas immediately release all hostages and return them to safety, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 434

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 434, a resolution commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Monroe Doctrine.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. PADILLA:

S. 3169. A bill to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to establish university centers to encourage certain economic development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I rise to speak in support of the University Centers for Growth, Development, and Prosperity Act, which I reintroduced today.

The U.S. Economic Development Administration created the University Center Program to allow institutions of higher education and consortia to establish and maintain university centers, with the understanding that our higher education institutions play a critical role in our Nation's economic growth.

University centers are Federal partnerships that leverage the assets of higher learning institutions to strengthen regional economic growth by promoting innovation, entrepreneurship, and job creation. They encourage economic development in economically distressed regions, which