

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 3454. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to purchase at-home tests for SARS-CoV-2 from certain foreign entities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 3455. A bill to require the use of the voice and vote of the United States in international financial institutions to advance the cause of transitioning the global economy to a clean energy economy and to prohibit United States Government assistance to countries or entities to support fossil fuel activity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. ROUNDS (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. KING, Ms. ERNST, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL)):

S. 3456. A bill to provide a retroactive effective date for the promotions of senior officers of the Armed Forces whose military promotions were delayed as a result of the suspension of Senate confirmation of such promotions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. LUJÁN):

S. 3457. A bill to promote fairness in the sale of event tickets; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. KING, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RICKETTS, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 491. A resolution commending the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's adoption of regional plans and encouraging allies to align resources; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WARNOCK (for himself, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BUDD, Ms. BUTLER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROMNEY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Ms.

STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. VANCE, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. Res. 492. A resolution honoring the life of the First Lady Rosalynn Carter; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 91

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 91, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to 60 diplomats, in recognition of their bravery and heroism during the Holocaust.

S. 161

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 161, a bill to extend the Federal Pell Grant eligibility of certain short-term programs.

S. 173

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 173, a bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to require the safe storage of firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 318

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) were added as cosponsors of S. 318, a bill to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Foundation, to amend to Marine Debris Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1034

At the request of Ms. LUMMIS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1034, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to establish a competitive grant program for projects for commercial motor vehicle parking, and for other purposes.

S. 1294

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1294, a bill to provide for payment rates for durable medical equipment under the Medicare program.

S. 1529

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1529, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide for greater protection of roosters, and for other purposes.

S. 1898

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1898, a bill to amend the Northwestern

New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act to make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1906

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1906, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a time-limited provisional approval pathway, subject to specific obligations, for certain drugs and biological products, and for other purposes.

S. 2459

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2459, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure appropriate supervision requirements for outpatient physical therapy and outpatient occupational therapy, and for other purposes.

S. 2641

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2641, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels, and for other purposes.

S. 2700

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2700, a bill to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to require investment advisers for passively managed funds to arrange for pass-through voting of proxies for certain securities, and for other purposes.

S. 3193

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3193, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow for the use of telehealth in substance use disorder treatment, and for other purposes.

S. 3234

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3234, a bill to implement reforms relating to foreign intelligence surveillance authorities, and for other purposes.

S. 3297

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3297, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the availability of medical nutrition therapy services under the Medicare program.

S. 3303

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3303, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more

victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 3348

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3348, a bill to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to address harmful algal blooms, and for other purposes.

S. 3358

At the request of Mr. MULLIN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3358, a bill to authorize livestock producers and their employees to take black vultures to prevent death, injury, or destruction to livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 3391

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3391, a bill to require the Postal Service to implement recommendations from the Inspector General of the United States Postal Service for improving identification and notification of undelivered and partially delivered routes, and for other purposes.

S. 3410

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3410, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from finalizing a proposed rule regarding minimum staffing for nursing facilities, and to establish an advisory panel on the nursing home workforce.

S.J. RES. 49

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 49, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to a "Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status".

S.J. RES. 50

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 50, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to "Cybersecurity Risk Management, Strategy, Governance, and Incident Disclosure."

S.J. RES. 51

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 51, a joint resolution directing the removal of United States Armed Forces

from hostilities in Syria that have not been authorized by Congress.

S. RES. 113

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 113, a resolution recognizing the need for greater access to rural and agricultural media programming.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 3444. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to improve the accessibility of 9-8-8, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I rise to introduce the bipartisan Local 9-8-8 Response Act. This legislation would boost our continued efforts to improve access to and accuracy of mental health crisis response through the 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Lifeline.

In an effort to ensure a quick response by a mental health professional for those in crisis, this legislation requires calls and messages to the lifeline to be routed by the call center geographically nearest to the caller rather than by area code. This eliminates an unnecessary handoff, while still protecting user privacy, so users can receive the care they need as quickly and safely as possible.

This bill also requires carriers to allow calls and texts to the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline even if the plan is inactive or the carrier is experiencing service interruptions or failures, just as is done currently with 9-1-1 calls. Further, this bill requires multiline systems like hotel and office phones to support the direct dialing of 9-8-8 rather than requiring a caller to dial 9 or another number before dialing 9-8-8.

Significant progress has been made in increasing access to quality mental health care in America. The 9-8-8 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline has been critical for supporting Americans in crisis. However, the current system routes you to a call center based on your area code rather than where you are actually calling from. This is a huge problem if a call center needs to send a mental health response team to help a caller that might be thousands of miles away in another city.

I would like to thank Senator TILLIS for introducing this important legislation with me. I would also like to thank Congressman CÁRDENAS for leading this legislation in the House of Representatives, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to enact the Local 9-8-8 Response Act as soon as possible.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 491—COMMENDING THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION'S ADOPTION OF REGIONAL PLANS AND ENCOURAGING ALLIES TO ALIGN RESOURCES

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. KING, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RICKETTS, and Mr. BOOKER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 491

Whereas the 31-member North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is the world's preeminent military alliance, accounting for more than half of global defense expenditure and deploying the world's most advanced military capabilities;

Whereas, at the 2014 NATO Summit in Wales, NATO allies adopted the Wales Defense Investment Pledge, agreeing to halt any decline in defense expenditure and move toward committing a minimum of 2 percent of their GDP on annual defense spending and allocating at least 20 percent of defense budgets on major equipment, including related research and development, within a decade;

Whereas, following the 2014 NATO Summit in Wales, defense spending within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has increased for nine consecutive years, resulting in additional defense expenditures of approximately \$450,000,000,000 in real terms since 2014;

Whereas, while three members of NATO met the 2 percent of GDP defense spending target in 2014, NATO reports that as of July 2023, 11 allies met the 2 percent target, and all 31 allies met the goal to allocate at least 20 percent of defense expenditure to major new equipment;

Whereas 19 NATO allies have a plan to meet or exceed NATO's 2 percent of GDP defense spending target by 2024, and an additional seven members reportedly have plans in place to meet the target between 2025 and 2030;

Whereas, at the 2023 NATO Summit in Vilnius, allies unanimously adopted new regional defense plans and force structure requirements, which NATO military authorities characterize as the Alliance's most comprehensive since the end of the Cold War;

Whereas NATO allies, in order to resource those plans and requirements, reaffirmed the commitment to invest at least 2 percent of GDP annually on defense, affirming that in many cases, expenditure beyond 2 percent of GDP will be needed in order to remedy existing shortfalls and meet requirements across all domains;

Whereas allies have committed to further enhance NATO's defense and deterrence posture by aligning defense spending increases with NATO's new defense plans and force structure requirements;

Whereas NATO allies have made these additional contributions to collective security despite sharp inflation and record-high energy costs;

Whereas European countries have taken in over 4,000,000 Ukrainian refugees as a direct result of the Russian Federation's unprovoked full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the European Union has designated \$18,000,000,000 in support for refugees, and European NATO members collectively have additionally allocated \$4,600,000,000 to support refugees;