

EC-826. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Relief for Reporting Required Minimum Distributions for IRAs for 2023" (Notice 2023-23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 14, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Legislative and Oversight Activities during the 117th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs" (Rept. No. 118-3).

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. MARSHALL (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 974. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make publicly available information on infant formula procurement under the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 975. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to reform the contribution system of the Universal Service Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 976. A bill to establish and expand child care programs for parents who work non-traditional hours, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. REED, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 977. A bill to provide grants for fire station construction through the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. KING, Ms. SMITH, and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 978. A bill to expand the use of open textbooks in order to achieve savings for students and improve textbook price information; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 979. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform and reduce fraud and abuse in certain visa programs for aliens working temporarily in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 980. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to exempt industrial

hemp from certain requirements under the hemp production program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. RISCH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 981. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to define the term natural cheese; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 982. A bill to establish an FBI hotline to receive tips about persons trying to engage in certain activities in the United States on behalf of the Government of China or the Chinese Communist Party, and to criminalize the performance of the functions of a law enforcement agency in the United States on behalf of the Government of China or the Chinese Communist Party; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 983. A bill to permit the Attorney General to award grants for accurate data on opioid-related overdoses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 984. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to permit video or telephone certifications under the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. ERNST, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 985. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure campus access at public institutions of higher education for religious groups; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 986. A bill to increase the criminal penalty for mail fraud involving misrepresentation of the country of origin, to terminate the authority to exclude countries from the requirement to transmit advance electronic information for 100 percent of mail shipments under the STOP Act of 2018, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. PETERS, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 987. A bill to expand the HERO Child-Rescue Corps Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 988. A bill to provide for coordination by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of the process for reviewing certain natural gas projects under the jurisdiction of the Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. BUDD):

S. 989. A bill to establish a more uniform, transparent, and modern process to authorize the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of international border-crossing facilities for the import and export of oil and natural gas and the transmission of electricity; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DAINES:

S. 990. A bill to require the Commander of the North American Aerospace Defense Command to conduct a gap analysis of the capabilities of the North American Aerospace Defense Command; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. BAR-RASSO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BUDD, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. YOUNG, and Mrs. BRITT):

S.J. Res. 22. 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 "Waivers and Modifications of Federal Student Loans"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Ms. SINEMA):

S. Res. 125. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Social Work Month and World Social Work Day on March 21, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 133

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 133, a bill to extend the National Alzheimer's Project.

S. 134

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 134, a bill to require an annual budget estimate for the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health pursuant to reports and recommendations made under the National Alzheimer's Project Act.

S. 141

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) were added as cosponsors of S. 141, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve certain programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for home and community based services for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 156

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 156, a bill to expand the use of

E-Verify to hold employers accountable, and for other purposes.

S. 321

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 321, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to define intimate partner to include someone with whom there is or was a dating relationship, and for other purposes.

S. 391

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 391, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to prohibit the Securities and Exchange Commission from requiring an issuer to disclose information relating to certain greenhouse gas emissions, and for other purposes.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to withhold United States contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), and for other purposes.

S. 469

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to require disclosure of the total amount of interest that would be paid over the life of a loan for certain Federal student loans.

S. 505

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 505, a bill to amend section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform immigration parole, and for other purposes.

S. 566

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 566, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and extend the deduction for charitable contributions for individuals not itemizing deductions.

S. 600

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 600, a bill to amend the Controlled Substance Act to list fentanyl-related substances as schedule I controlled substances.

S. 686

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) were added as cosponsors of S. 686, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to review and prohibit certain transactions between persons in the United States and foreign adversaries, and for other purposes.

S. 747

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) 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. 858

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 858, a bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings.

S. 866

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 866, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance tax benefits for research activities.

S. 870

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 870, a bill to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration and firefighter assistance grant programs.

S. 878

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 878, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to modify the offenses relating to fentanyl, and for other purposes.

S. 894

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 894, a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to collect and disseminate information on concussion and traumatic brain injury among public safety officers.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) were added as cosponsors of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Quantum Initiative Act to make certain additions relating to quantum modeling and simulation, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 8

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor 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. 120

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 120, a resolution designating March 23, 2023, as "National Women in Agriculture Day".

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. KING, Ms. SMITH, and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 978. A bill to expand the use of open textbooks in order to achieve savings for students and improve textbook price information; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 978

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Affordable College Textbook Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

- (1) The high cost of college textbooks continues to be a barrier for many students in achieving higher education.
- (2) According to the College Board, during the 2022-2023 academic year, the average student budget for college books and supplies at 4-year public institutions of higher education was \$1,240.
- (3) The Government Accountability Office found that new textbook prices increased 82 percent between 2002 and 2012 and that although Federal efforts to increase price transparency have provided students and families with more and better information, more must be done to address rising costs.
- (4) The growth of the internet has enabled the creation and sharing of digital content, including open educational resources that can be freely used by students, teachers, and members of the public.
- (5) According to the Student PIRGs, expanded use of open educational resources has the potential to save students more than a billion dollars annually.
- (6) Federal investment in expanding the use of open educational resources has lowered college textbook costs and reduced financial barriers to higher education, while making efficient use of taxpayer funds.
- (7) Educational materials, including open educational resources, must be accessible to the widest possible range of individuals, including those with disabilities.

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SEC. 3. OPEN TEXTBOOK GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The term "institution of higher education" has the meaning given the term in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

(2) OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE.—The term "open educational resource" has the meaning given the term in section 133 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1015b).