

of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3311. A communication from the Senior Policy Advisor, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employee or Independent Contractor Classification Under the Fair Labor Standards Act" (RIN1235-AA43) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3312. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Independent Dispute Resolution Process Administrative Fee and Certified Independent Dispute Resolution Entity Fee Ranges" (RIN0938-AV39) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 26, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3313. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability: Certification Program Updates, Algorithm Transparency, and Information Sharing" (RIN0955-AA03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3314. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3602-EM in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands having exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3315. A communication from the Chair, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 2023 inventory list; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3316. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees' Retirement System; Present Value Conversion Factors for Spouses of Deceased Separated Employees" (RIN3206-AO55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 8, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3317. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appointment of Current and Former Land Management Employees" (RIN3206-AN28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 8, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3318. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2023 Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act submission of its commercial and inherently governmental activities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3319. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Memorandum, Use of Project Labor Agreements on Federal Construction Projects (Note: OMB has concluded that this memo-

random is not a 'rule' within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 804(3). Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, OMB is submitting it to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General consistent with the procedures set forth in 5 U.S.C. 801(a))" received during in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3320. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-329, "Children's National Hospital Research and Innovation Campus Equitable Tax Relief Amendment Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3321. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-330, "Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Amendment Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3322. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-331, "Motor Vehicle and Homeowner Insurance Prior Approval Rate Filing Amendment Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3323. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-332, "Access to Emergency Medications Amendment Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3324. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-333, "Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Amendment Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3325. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-343, "Opioid Crisis and Juvenile Crime Public Emergencies Extension Authorization Temporary Amendment Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3326. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-342, "Crime Victimization Survey Amendment Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3327. A communication from the Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3328. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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-96. A resolution adopted by the City Commission of Miami, Florida, expressing its unanimous and unequivocal support of the State of Israel in its war against Hamas and its right to protect and defend its citi-

zens in the wake of Hamas' unprecedented surprise attack on October 6, 2023, resulting in the killing and abduction of hundreds of innocent civilians; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. PETERS for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Jeff Rezmovic, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

*Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years.

*Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

*Henry J. Kerner, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2030.

*Suzanne Elizabeth Summerlin, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years.

*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.

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. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 3595. A bill to award grants to States to establish or improve, and carry out, Seal of Biliteracy programs to recognize high-level student proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in both English and a second language, and early language programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 3596. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to amend references of gilsonite to asphaltite; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 3597. A bill to reauthorize programs relating to oral health promotion and disease prevention; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3598. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a comprehensive standard for timing between referrals and appointments for care from the Department of Veterans Affairs and to submit a report with respect to that standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mr. OSSOFF):

S. 3599. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to limit the authority of corporations to establish and operate separate segregated funds utilized for political purposes, including the establishment

or operation of a political committee, to nonprofit corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. VANCE):

S. 3600. A bill to enable an employer or employees to establish an employee involvement organization to represent the interests of employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 3601. A bill to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to require the Financial Stability Oversight Council to consider alternative approaches before determining that a U.S. nonbank financial company shall be supervised by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 3602. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to penalize false communications to cause an emergency response, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HAGERTY (for himself and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 3603. A bill to establish an information-sharing pilot program to combat the illicit use of crypto assets; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. VANCE, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. LEE):

S. 3604. A bill to amend title 1, United States Code, to clarify that certain tax exemptions are not treated as Federal financial assistance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. SCHATZ, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 3605. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to develop guidelines and best practices for local evacuation route planning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 3606. A bill to reauthorize the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 3607. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that amounts paid for an abortion are not taken into account for purposes of the deduction for medical expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 3608. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit treatment of certain distributions and reimbursements for certain abortions as qualified medical expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. SMITH (for herself and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. Res. 525. A resolution expressing support for the designation of October 2023 as "Na-

tional Co-Op Month" and commending the cooperative business model and the member-owners, businesses, employees, farmers, ranchers, and practitioners who use the cooperative business model to positively impact the economy and society; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 526. A resolution repealing standing orders relating to flowers in the Senate Chamber; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 81

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 81, a bill to provide a moratorium on all Federal research grants provided to any institution of higher education or other research institute that is conducting gain-of-function research.

S. 260

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 260, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit nurse practitioners and physician assistants to satisfy the documentation requirement under the Medicare program for coverage of certain shoes for individuals with diabetes.

S. 359

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 359, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for a code of conduct for justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 786

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 786, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain amounts paid for physical activity, fitness, and exercise as amounts paid for medical care.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 815, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the female telephone operators of the Army Signal Corps, known as the "Hello Girls".

S. 956

At the request of Mr. KELLY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 956, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve dependent coverage under the TRICARE Young Adult Program.

S. 1007

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1007, a bill to establish in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor of the Department of State a Special Envoy for

the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Peoples, and for other purposes.

S. 1300

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 1300, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the late Prime Minister Golda Meir and the 75th anniversary of the United States-Israel relationship.

S. 1705

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1705, a bill to amend the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant program to promote career awareness in accounting as part of a well-rounded STEM educational experience.

S. 1863

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1863, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study and submit a report on the greenhouse gas emissions intensity of certain products produced in the United States and in certain foreign countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1950

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

S. 1957

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1957, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to allow schools that participate in the school lunch program to serve whole milk, and for other purposes.

S. 2337

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) 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 pre-production plastic pellet pollution, and for other purposes.

S. 2389

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2389, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore lease sales under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.

S. 2781

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the names of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2781, a bill to promote remediation of abandoned