

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 4004. A bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 4005. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an investment credit for certain domestic infant formula manufacturing projects and to allow a domestic production credit for certain infant formula; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. KELLY):

S. 4006. A bill to reauthorize programs of the Economic Development Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 4007. A bill to direct the Attorney General to study issues relating to human trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 4008. A bill to authorize workforce development innovation grants for the implementation, expansion, and evaluation of evidence-based workforce programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. Res. 602. A resolution designating March 16, 2024, as “National Osceola Turkey Day”; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Ms. HIRONO):

S. Res. 603. A resolution designating April 2024 as “National Native Plant Month”; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Ms. SMITH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DAINES, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. BRITT, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COONS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. RICKETTS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Mr. TESTER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. BUTLER, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. OSSOFF, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. Res. 604. A resolution designating March 21, 2024, as “National Women in Agriculture Day”; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 605. A resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research and its critical role in improving the dental, oral, and craniofacial health of the United States through research, training, and the dissemination of health information; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 120

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 120, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for charitable donations to nonprofit organizations providing education scholarships to qualified elementary and secondary students.

S. 160

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 160, a bill to require U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to take into custody certain aliens who have been charged in the United States with a crime that resulted in the death or serious bodily injury of another person, and for other purposes.

S. 618

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 618, a bill to establish the United States Foundation for

International Conservation to promote long-term management of protected and conserved areas, and for other purposes.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 697, a bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to modify the treatment of revenue from timber sale contracts and certain payments made by counties to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior under good neighbor agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 912

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to provide technology grants to strengthen domestic mining education, and for other purposes.

S. 1008

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1008, a bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety standard with respect to rechargeable lithium-ion batteries used in micromobility devices, and for other purposes.

S. 1252

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1252, a bill to support the human rights of Uyghurs and members of other ethnic groups residing primarily in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region and safeguard their distinct civilization and identity, and for other purposes.

S. 1400

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1400, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to modify the delivery of technical assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 1631

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1631, a bill to enhance the authority granted to the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice with respect to unmanned aircraft systems and unmanned aircraft, and for other purposes.

S. 2023

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2023, a bill to amend the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act and the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to further plant cultivar and animal breed research, development, and commercialization, and for other purposes.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. BUTLER (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. Res. 598. A resolution expressing support for the Senate to work alongside the Congressional Black Caucus to build the Black Wealth Agenda and outline the legislative priorities to achieve the Black Wealth Agenda; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. COONS, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 599. A resolution protecting the Iranian political refugees, including female former political prisoners, in Ashraf-3 in Albania; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. BUDD):

S. Res. 600. A resolution recognizing the national debt as a threat to national security; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 601. A resolution honoring the life, bravery, and memory of Sergeant Rose Ida Lubin; considered and agreed to.

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

S. 2036

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCHE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2036, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from changing energy conservation standards for distribution transformers for a certain period, and for other purposes.

S. 2180

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2180, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a small farm EQIP subprogram under the environmental quality incentives program, and for other purposes.

S. 2515

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2515, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Small Business Act to expand the availability of employee stock ownership plans in S corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 2825

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) 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 lifesaving actions in Vietnam.

S. 2861

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) 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. 3047

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3047, a bill to award payments to employees of Air America who provided support to the United States from 1950 to 1976, and for other purposes.

S. 3126

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3126, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish or replace a headstone, marker, or medallion for the grave of an eligible Medal of Honor recipient regardless of the recipient's dates of service in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 3152

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 3194

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3194, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to achieve parity between the cost-of-living adjustment with respect to an annuity under the Federal Employees Retirement System and an annuity under the Civil Service Retirement System, and for other purposes.

S. 3207

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3207, a bill to establish the Foundation for International Food Security to leverage private sector investments in order to improve agricultural productivity, build food systems to mitigate food shock, help alleviate poverty, reduce malnutrition, and drive economic growth in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 3629

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3629, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to revise recidivist penalty provisions for child sexual exploitation offenses to uniformly account for prior military convictions, thereby ensuring parity among Federal, State, and military convictions, and for other purposes.

S. 3692

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3692, a bill to prohibit the use of algorithmic systems to artificially inflate the price or reduce the supply of leased or rented residential dwelling units in the United States.

S. 3722

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 3722, a bill to require a report on access to maternal health care within the military health system, and for other purposes.

S. 3751

At the request of Mr. OSSOFF, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3751, a bill to expand and modify the grant program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide innovative transportation options to veterans in highly rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 3883

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3883, a bill to appropriate funds for the Office for

Civil Rights of the Department of Education.

S. 3930

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3930, a bill to provide downpayment assistance to first-generation homebuyers to address multigenerational inequities in access to homeownership and to narrow and ultimately close the racial homeownership gap in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 3933

At the request of Mrs. BRITT, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3933, a bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to take into custody aliens who have been charged in the United States with theft, and for other purposes.

S. 3943

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3943, a bill to require a plan to improve the cybersecurity and telecommunications of the U.S. Academic Research Fleet, and for other purposes.

S. 3961

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3961, a bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to reform certain authorities and to provide greater transparency and oversight.

S.J. RES. 63

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 63, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Employee or Independent Contractor Classification Under the Fair Labor Standards Act".

S.J. RES. 65

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 65, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Reconsideration of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter".

S. RES. 591

At the request of Mr. CRAMER, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 591, a resolution reaffirming the deep and steadfast partnership between, and the ties that bind, the United States and Canada in support of economic and national security.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED  
BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. BUTLER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KING, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. FETTERMAN, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 3982. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish the Expanding Access to Local Foods Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. REED. Madam President, today I am introducing the Expanding Access to EAT Local Foods Act with Senators BROWN, BOOKER, WYDEN, BUTLER, WHITEHOUSE, KING, BLUMENTHAL, SMITH, SHAHEEN, WARREN, FETTERMAN, and WELCH. This bill would create a permanent grant program for State and Tribal governments to procure local foods for distribution to nearby hunger relief programs.

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted national supply chains and highlighted the importance of resilient, local food systems. In response, the U.S. Department of Agriculture created the Local Food Purchase Cooperative Agreement, LFPA, Program, using nearly \$900 million in one-time funds. Through LFPA, USDA has awarded grants to State and Tribal governments to buy local foods for distribution to nearby feeding programs. LFPA provides as access to food for those in need, creates economic opportunity for local and underserved producers, farmers, and fishermen, and strengthens our food supply chains.

This program is making a positive impact in communities across the country. In my home State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management has worked with the nonprofit Farm Fresh Rhode Island to purchase food from 95 local producers, distributing that nutritious, local food to over 65,000 Rhode Islanders.

However, unless codified in law, this program will end when the one-time LFPA dollars are fully expended. And without sustained investment, we will lose the resilient local food systems that the LFPA program has been able to create.

The EAT Local Foods Act prevents us from losing ground by creating a permanent program for States and Tribes to purchase food from producers within their State's geographic bounds or within 400 miles of the final delivery destination for distribution through the hunger relief system.

This is a win-win-win. First, the bill supports local economic development by providing local producers with access to the hunger relief market. By establishing a new, reliable stream of orders for small, beginning, and underserved farmers, ranchers, and fishers, the bill will give these businesses the financial security to invest and further expand. Second, the bill would strengthen our domestic agriculture

supply chain. By investing in local food distribution, the bill would help build local businesses that support durable and resilient local food systems. Third, the EAT Local Foods Act would help combat food insecurity by providing fresh, nutritious, local food to underserved communities, feeding more families and helping ease the strain on the hunger relief system.

I am pleased that the bill is supported by farmers, food hubs, coalitions, and business networks from across the country, including the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, the National Center for Frontier Communities, and the Wallace Center at Winrock International. In Rhode Island, the bill is supported by the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, Farm Fresh Rhode Island, the Commercial Fisheries Center of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Food Policy Council, and Southside Community Land Trust. I hope that my colleagues will join me in supporting this legislation and in working to include it in the farm bill.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KING, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WELCH, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. HIRONO, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 3991. A bill to expand the scope of the Do Not Call rules under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act to include all telephone subscribers, and to expand the private right of action for calls in violation of those rules; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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. 3991

*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 "Protecting American Consumers from Robocalls Act".

## SEC. 2. EXPANDING SCOPE OF DO NOT CALL RULES AND PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 227(c) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(c)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "residential";

(2) in paragraph (3)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "residential"; and

(B) in subparagraph (E), by striking "residential"; and

(3) in paragraph (5)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "more than one telephone call within any 12-month period by or on behalf of the same entity" and inserting "a telephone call by or on behalf of an entity"; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking "up to".

(b) REVISED REGULATIONS.—Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications Commission shall revise the regulations prescribed under section 227(c) of the Communications

Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(c)) as necessary to implement the amendments made by subsection (a) of this section.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 3997. A bill to prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in basic science research; 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 material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 3997

*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 "American Innovation Act".

## SEC. 2. APPROPRIATIONS FOR INNOVATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, and appropriated, out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the following:

(1) NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.—For the National Science Foundation—

(A) for fiscal year 2025, \$9,741,000,000;

(B) for fiscal year 2026, \$10,460,000,000;

(C) for fiscal year 2027, \$11,213,000,000;

(D) for fiscal year 2028, \$12,019,000,000;

(E) for fiscal year 2029, \$12,886,000,000;

(F) for fiscal year 2030, \$13,817,000,000;

(G) for fiscal year 2031, \$14,817,000,000;

(H) for fiscal year 2032, \$15,891,000,000;

(I) for fiscal year 2033, \$17,043,000,000;

(J) for fiscal year 2034, \$18,280,000,000; and

(K) for fiscal year 2035 and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount appropriated under this paragraph for the previous fiscal year, increased by the percentage increase (if any), during the previous fiscal year, in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(2) DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, OFFICE OF SCIENCE.—For the Office of Science at the Department of Energy—

(A) for fiscal year 2025, \$8,859,000,000;

(B) for fiscal year 2026, \$9,513,000,000;

(C) for fiscal year 2027, \$10,199,000,000;

(D) for fiscal year 2028, \$10,931,000,000;

(E) for fiscal year 2029, \$11,720,000,000;

(F) for fiscal year 2030, \$12,566,000,000;

(G) for fiscal year 2031, \$13,476,000,000;

(H) for fiscal year 2032, \$14,452,000,000;

(I) for fiscal year 2033, \$15,501,000,000;

(J) for fiscal year 2034, \$16,625,000,000; and

(K) for fiscal year 2035 and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount appropriated under this paragraph for the previous fiscal year, increased by the percentage increase (if any), during the previous fiscal year, in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(3) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS.—For the Department of Defense science and technology programs—

(A) for fiscal year 2025, \$21,897,000,000;

(B) for fiscal year 2026, \$23,512,000,000;

(C) for fiscal year 2027, \$25,207,000,000;

(D) for fiscal year 2028, \$27,018,000,000;

(E) for fiscal year 2029, \$28,966,000,000;

(F) for fiscal year 2030, \$31,059,000,000;

(G) for fiscal year 2031, \$33,307,000,000;

(H) for fiscal year 2032, \$35,721,000,000;

(I) for fiscal year 2033, \$38,312,000,000;

(J) for fiscal year 2034, \$41,091,000,000; and

(K) for fiscal year 2035 and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount appropriated under