

National Park in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mr. HAGERTY):

S. 4133. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to require secret ballot elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PADILLA:

S. 4134. A bill to amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 with respect to the total amount of Federal assistance for projects in States experiencing severe drought and projects in historically disadvantaged communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 4135. A bill to require broad agreement for changes to sentencing law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. MULLIN):

S. Res. 642. A resolution urging all members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to oppose confirmation of a new Secretary General, if the candidate was a former leader of a member country which did not spend 2 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) on defense; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 643. A resolution recognizing the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and expressing support for the designation of April 2024 as the "Month of the Military Child"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. BUTLER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WELCH):

S. Res. 644. A resolution expressing support for the designation of April 1, 2024, through April 30, 2024, as "Fair Chance Jobs Month"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COONS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BUDD, Mr. BENNET, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. BRAUN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. PETERS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. BUTLER, Mr. COTTON, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WICKER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MARSHALL, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. REED, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WYDEN, Ms.

KLOBUCHAR, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. KAINÉ, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 645. A resolution designating the week of April 20 through April 28, 2024, as "National Park Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. MULLIN):

S. Res. 646. A resolution honoring the life and legacy of Lieutenant General Thomas P. Stafford; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 42

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 42, a bill to improve the management and performance of the capital asset programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs so as to better serve veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors, and for other purposes.

S. 138

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 138, a bill to amend the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002 to modify certain provisions of that Act.

S. 444

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 444, a bill to require any convention, agreement, or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response reached by the World Health Assembly to be subject to Senate ratification.

S. 567

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 567, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act, the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947, and the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, and for other purposes.

S. 663

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 663, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the waiting periods for disability insurance benefits and Medicare coverage for individuals with metastatic breast cancer, and for other purposes.

S. 704

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 704, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for interest-free deferment on student loans for borrowers serving in a medical or dental internship or residency program.

S. 711

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 711, a bill to require the Secretary of

the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the invaluable service that working dogs provide to society.

S. 712

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 712, a bill to identify and address barriers to coverage of remote physiologic devices under State Medicaid programs to improve maternal and child health outcomes for pregnant and postpartum women.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) 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. 1161

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1161, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to reauthorize the voluntary public access and habitat incentive program.

S. 1252

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) 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. 1267

At the request of Mr. KAINÉ, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1267, a bill to amend the Fair Housing Act to prohibit discrimination based on source of income, veteran status, or military status.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1514, a bill to amend the National Housing Act to establish a mortgage insurance program for first responders, and for other purposes.

S. 1705

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) 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. 1723

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1723, a bill to establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1885

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1885, a bill to eliminate employment-based visa caps on abused, abandoned, and neglected children eligible for humanitarian status, and for other purposes.

S. 1950

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) were added as cosponsors of S. 1950, a bill to extend the temporary order for fentanyl-related substances.

S. 2003

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2003, a bill to authorize the Secretary of State to provide additional assistance to Ukraine using assets confiscated from the Central Bank of the Russian Federation and other sovereign assets of the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

S. 2188

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2188, a bill to increase access to pre-exposure prophylaxis to reduce the transmission of HIV.

S. 2294

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2294, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care and medical services to veterans and dependents who were stationed at military installations at which those veterans and dependents were exposed to perfluorooctanoic acid or other perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, to provide for a presumption of service connection for certain veterans who were stationed at military installations at which those veterans were exposed to such substances, and for other purposes.

S. 2307

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2307, a bill to support and strengthen the fighter aircraft capabilities of the Air Force, and for other purposes.

S. 2757

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2757, a bill to limit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from modifying the rate of payment or reimbursement for transportation of veterans or other individuals via special modes of transportation under the laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

S. 2825

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Indiana

(Mr. YOUNG) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors 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. 3119

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3119, a bill to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from reclassifying broadband internet access service as a telecommunications service and from imposing certain regulations on providers of such service.

S. 3305

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3305, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to minimum participation standards for pension plans and qualified trusts.

S. 3356

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3356, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to modify the role and duties of United States Postal Service police officers, and for other purposes.

S. 3409

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3409, a bill to end the use of solitary confinement and other forms of restrictive housing in all Federal agencies and entities with which Federal agencies contract.

S. 3531

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3531, a bill to prohibit actions to carry out the Department of Commerce's pause in the issuance of new export licenses for certain exports under the Commerce Control List.

S. 3765

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3765, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program.

S. 3775

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3775, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act, and for other purposes.

S. 3954

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3954, a bill to amend the Geothermal

Steam Act of 1970 to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under geothermal leases, and for other purposes.

S. 4057

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4057, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to postpone tax deadlines and reimburse paid late fees for United States nationals who are unlawfully or wrongfully detained or held hostage abroad, and for other purposes.

S. 4071

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4071, a bill to establish an Office of Colonias and Farmworker Initiatives within the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

S. 4072

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4072, a bill to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce certain rules of the Environmental Protection Agency.

S. 4084

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) were added as cosponsors of S. 4084, a bill to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make grants to professional nonprofit theaters for the purposes of supporting operations, employment, and economic development.

S. 4093

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4093, a bill to review and consider terminating the designation of the State of Qatar as a major non-NATO ally, and for other purposes.

S. 4120

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4120, a bill to support the direct care professional workforce, and for other purposes.

S. 4125

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4125, a bill to establish the Jackie Robinson Ballpark National Commemorative Site in the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 63

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) 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. RES. 74

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 74, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of the Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

S. RES. 385

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 385, a resolution calling for the immediate release of Evan Gershkovich, a United States citizen and journalist, who was wrongfully detained by the Government of the Russian Federation in March 2023.

S. RES. 589

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 589, a resolution honoring Wadee Alfayoumi, a 6-year-old Palestinian-American boy, murdered as a victim of a hate crime for his Palestinian-Muslim identity, in the State of Illinois.

S. RES. 599

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 599, a resolution protecting the Iranian political refugees, including female former political prisoners, in Ashraf-3 in Albania.

S. RES. 616

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 616, a resolution condemning the treatment of Dr. Gubad Ibadoghlu by the Government of Azerbaijan and urging his immediate release, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 4132. A bill to establish the Chuckwalla National Monument and expand Joshua Tree National Park in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I rise to introduce the Chuckwalla National Monument Establishment and Joshua Tree National Park Expansion Act.

The Chuckwalla National Monument Establishment and Joshua Tree National Park Expansion Act would establish a new Chuckwalla National Monument to protect approximately 620,000 acres of public lands, while also expanding Joshua Tree National Park by adding approximately 17,842 acres of previously designated public lands that

were identified as suitable for inclusion in the park by the National Park Service.

The proposed Chuckwalla National Monument's vast desert landscape spanning from the area along Joshua Tree National Park's southern boundary, along Interstate 10 from the eastern Coachella Valley, and all the way to the Colorado River are worthy of permanent protection.

This area has a unique, biodiverse ecosystem; is home to habitats for species like the Chuckwalla lizard and the endangered desert tortoise; and contains critical migration corridors for desert bighorn sheep. This area is also cherished for outdoor recreation activities like hiking and rock climbing.

The lands within the proposed national monument include the homelands of the Iviatim, Nuwu, Pipa Aha Macav, Kwatsaan, and Maara'yam peoples (Cahuilla, Chemehuevi, Mojave, Quechan, and Serrano Nations). Designating the Chuckwalla National Monument would help to protect important spiritual and cultural values tied to the land such as multi-use trail systems established by indigenous peoples, sacred sites and objects, traditional cultural places, geoglyphs, petroglyphs, pictographs, and native plants and wildlife.

I am proud to work to introduce this legislation that would preserve part of California's vast desert landscape, help ensure more equitable access to nature and recreation, protect biodiversity, and preserve decades of cultural riches, particularly for the Tribal governments who have worked so hard to protect this area.

I want to thank Representative RAUL RUIZ of California for leading the House companion and Senator BUTLER for her cosponsorship in the Senate. I look forward to working with our colleagues to pass the Chuckwalla National Monument Establishment and Joshua Tree National Park Expansion Act as quickly as possible.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 642—URGING ALL MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION TO OPPOSE CONFIRMATION OF A NEW SECRETARY GENERAL, IF THE CANDIDATE WAS A FORMER LEADER OF A MEMBER COUNTRY WHICH DID NOT SPEND 2 PERCENT OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) ON DEFENSE

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. CASIDY, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. MULLIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 642

Whereas, in 2006, member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) first agreed to spend 2 percent of gross domestic product on defense;

Whereas, in 2014, at the NATO Summit in Wales, all member countries once again com-

mitted to maintain or move toward meeting the 2-percent defense spending minimum within 10 years;

Whereas, by 2022, only 11 member countries met the 2-percent minimum, including the United States and the United Kingdom, which were the only 2 major economies;

Whereas, throughout 2023, several countries significantly increased their defense spending, and in 2024, NATO expects 18 member countries to achieve the spending commitment despite historically not being able to fulfill the commitment;

Whereas this commitment is important to not only the defense of all NATO member nations, but also a commitment to the alliance itself; and

Whereas, through the Secretary General's role as the senior officer of the alliance, they must advocate for the fulfillment of the commitment and the continued strength of the alliance: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) declares that the next Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization should not be a former leader of a member country that did not spend 2 percent of its gross domestic product on defense spending;

(2) emphasizes that the demonstrated ability of countries with economies of all sizes within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to meet the 2-percent defense spending minimum proves that the failure of a member country to meet the commitment is a choice of will and not of circumstance;

(3) acknowledges that it would be hypocritical for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to be led by a Secretary General who formerly led an alliance member country that failed to fulfill the 2-percent gross defense spending minimum;

(4) declares that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization will never reach its full potential as long as the Secretary General is a member of a country's leadership that did not fulfill its commitment to the Organization; and

(5) urges all member countries to prioritize defense spending and to meet their obligations to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

SENATE RESOLUTION 643—RECOGNIZING THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF APRIL 2024 AS THE “MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD”

Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

S. RES. 643

Whereas brave men and women serve in the Armed Forces and protect the security and freedom of the United States;

Whereas over 1,300,000 active-duty members and nearly 1,000,000 ready-reserve members serve in the Armed Forces;

Whereas there are more than 1,540,000 military-connected children and youth who move, on average, 6 to 9 times during their educational career;

Whereas they encounter unique educational challenges when these children and youth move between public and Department of Defense Education Activity schools;

Whereas the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children