

S. 4152. A bill to establish the Precursor Chemical Destruction Initiative to promote bilateral counterdrug interdiction efforts with the governments of specified countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 4153. A bill to require the Environmental Protection Agency to assess the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions associated with the forest biomass combustion for electricity when developing relevant rules and regulations and to carry out a study on the impacts of the forest biomass industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WELCH:

S. 4154. A bill to support communities that host transmission lines and to promote conservation and recreation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. LUMMIS (for herself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 4155. A bill to provide for effective regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. VANCE, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. COTTON, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BUDD, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mr. CRUZ):

S.J. Res. 72. 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 "The Enhancement and Standardization of Climate-Related Disclosures for Investors"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. BUTLER, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. WARREN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WELCH, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. Res. 647. A resolution recognizing the designation of the week of April 11 through April 17, 2024, as the seventh annual "Black Maternal Health Week"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. COTTON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. KELLY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. Con. Res. 33. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in honor of the remains of Ralph Puckett, Jr., the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient for acts performed during the Korean conflict; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 428

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 428, a bill to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit the Federal Government from entering into contracts with an entity that discriminates against firearm or ammunition industries, and for other purposes.

S. 618

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor 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. 928

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prepare an annual report on suicide prevention, and for other purposes.

S. 1266

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1266, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for surviving spouses, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1418, a bill to amend the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to strengthen protections relating to the online collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and teens, and for other purposes.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) 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. 1673

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1673, a bill to amend title XVIII to protect patient access to ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 2217

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2217, a bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.

S. 2839

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2839, a bill to clarify the maximum hiring target for new air traffic controllers, and for other purposes.

S. 2861

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) were added as cosponsors 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. 2888

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2888, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize representatives of veterans service organizations to participate in presentations to promote certain benefits available to veterans during pre-separation counseling under the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 3498

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3498, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of peer support services under the Medicare program.

S. 3560

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3560, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize pre-enrollment of certain combat service members of the Armed Forces in the system of annual patient enrollment of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 3770

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 3770, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants to support schools of nursing in increasing the number of nursing students and faculty and in program enhancement and infrastructure modernization, and for other purposes.

S. 3821

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3821, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the payment method for oxygen and oxygen related equipment, supplies, and services, to increase beneficiary access to oxygen and oxygen related equipment, supplies, and services, and for other purposes.

S. 4081

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4081, a bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to provide premium support for certain plans of insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 4094

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4094, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of the Medicare Diabetes Prevention program, and for other purposes.

S. 4096

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) were added as cosponsors of S. 4096, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the random assignment of certain cases in the district courts of the United States.

S. 4128

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 4128, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on abortions facilitated by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COONS, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 4150. A bill to amend the Bankruptcy Threshold Adjustment and Technical Corrections Act to extend bankruptcy eligibility requirements for an additional 2-year period; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. 4150

*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 “Bankruptcy Threshold Adjustment Extension Act”.

#### SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY PROVISIONS.

Section 2(i)(1) of the Bankruptcy Threshold Adjustment and Technical Corrections Act (Public Law 117-151; 136 Stat. 1300) is amended, in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “2 years” and inserting “4 years”.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. YOUNG, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 4151. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act to clarify existing requirements relating to fusion machines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I rise to introduce the Fusion Energy Act of 2024, which will accelerate the development of commercial fusion energy by codifying the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s regulatory authority.

As a former engineer, I have long been a strong supporter of fusion research and development. The critical investments that our country has made over nearly six decades in the Department of Energy’s National Laboratory System have led to incredible fusion discoveries. In December 2022, in my home State of California, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory became the first facility in the world to demonstrate fusion ignition. As good engineers do, they of course repeated their experiment—achieving ignition at least three times.

This bill would ensure that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has the clear statutory authority it needs to provide a stable regulatory environment, streamline the creation of commercial facilities, and support the development of American fusion energy.

Fusion reactions are at the heart of our very universe. In stars like our own Sun, small atoms like hydrogen combine together into larger ones like helium and release energy. If we can unlock these types of reactions in a commercial facility, we would gain access to a nearly unlimited, clean, safe, reliable, and carbon-free source of electricity for the entire Nation.

That is why Congress must do everything in its power to ensure continued U.S. leadership in developing commercial fusion energy facilities. The Fusion Energy Act would provide regulatory certainty for investors as the NRC develops and streamlines frameworks for such facilities.

I want to thank Representative LORI TRAHAN of Massachusetts for leading the House companion. I hope all of our colleagues will join us in supporting this bill to advance the future of clean energy through the science of fusion.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 647—RECOGNIZING THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF APRIL 11 THROUGH APRIL 17, 2024, AS THE SEVENTH ANNUAL “BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK”

Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. BUTLER, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. WARREN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WELCH, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 647

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Black women in the United States are 2 to 3 times more likely than White women to die from pregnancy-related causes;

Whereas Black women in the United States suffer from life-threatening pregnancy complications, known as “maternal morbidities”, twice as often as White women;

Whereas maternal mortality rates in the United States are—

(1) among the highest in the developed world; and

(2) increasing rapidly, from 17.4 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2018, to 20.1 in 2019, 23.8 in 2020, and 32.9 in 2021;

Whereas the United States has the highest maternal mortality rate among affluent countries, in part because of the disproportionate mortality rate of Black women;

Whereas Black women are 50 percent more likely than all other women to deliver prematurely;

Whereas the high rates of maternal mortality among Black women span across—

(1) income levels;

(2) education levels; and

(3) socioeconomic status;

Whereas structural racism, gender oppression, and the social determinants of health inequities experienced by Black women in the United States significantly contribute to the disproportionately high rates of maternal mortality and morbidity among Black women;

Whereas racism and discrimination play a consequential role in maternal health care experiences and outcomes of Black birthing people;

Whereas the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973) impacts Black women and birthing people’s access to reproductive health care and right to bodily autonomy, and further perpetuates reproductive oppression as a tool to control women’s bodies;

Whereas a fair and wide distribution of resources and birth options, especially regarding reproductive health care services and maternal health programming, is critical to closing the racial gap in maternal health outcomes;

Whereas communities of color are disproportionately affected by maternity care deserts, where there are no or limited hospitals or birth centers offering obstetric care and no or limited obstetric providers, and have diminishing access to reproductive healthcare due to low Medicaid reimbursements, rising costs, and ongoing staff shortages;