

May 3, 2024, as “National Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Appreciation Week”; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 657

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 657, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a tax credit for neighborhood revitalization, and for other purposes.

S. 711

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) 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. 1481

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1481, a bill to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to postpone the date of payment or satisfaction upon redemption of certain securities in the case of the financial exploitation of specified adults, and for other purposes.

S. 1529

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1529, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide for greater protection of roosters, and for other purposes.

S. 1703

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1703, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure Medicare-only PACE program enrollees have a choice of prescription drug plans under Medicare part D.

S. 1803

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1803, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise payment for air ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 2397

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2397, a bill to amend section 495 of the Public Health Service Act to require inspections of foreign laboratories conducting biomedical and behavioral research to ensure compliance with applicable animal welfare requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 3020

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3020, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equal-

ize the charitable mileage rate with the business travel rate.

S. 3502

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 3502, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prevent consumer reporting agencies from furnishing consumer reports under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

S. 3565

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO), the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3565, a bill to appropriate funds for the Affordable Connectivity Program of the Federal Communications Commission.

S. 3810

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3810, a bill to prohibit conflict of interests among consulting firms that simultaneously contract with the Government of the People's Republic of China and the United States Government, and for other purposes.

S. 3834

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3834, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure veterans may obtain a physical copy of a form for reimbursement of certain travel expenses by mail or at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 3933

At the request of Mrs. BRITT, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) were added as cosponsors 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. 3977

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3977, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect beneficiaries with limb loss and other orthopedic conditions by providing access to appropriate, safe, effective, patient-centered orthotic and prosthetic care; to reduce fraud, waste, and abuse with respect to orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes.

S. 4001

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4001, a bill to establish a commission to study the potential transfer of the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History to the Smithsonian Institution, and for other purposes.

S. 4292

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4292, a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require proof of United States citizenship to register an individual to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 676

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 676, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week, to be observed from May 6 through May 12, 2024.

AMENDMENT NO. 2023

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2023 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3935, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2024

At the request of Mr. LUJAN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2024 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3935, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2034

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2034 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3935, a

bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. LUJÁN):

S. 4301. A bill to grant States and Indian Tribes the authority to waive the 2-year foreign residence requirement for educators in rural and Tribal areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. THUNE. 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. 4301

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

SECTION 1. MODIFICATION OF DEFINITIONS TO INCLUDE INDIAN TRIBES.

Section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (36), by striking “and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands” and inserting “the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and each Indian Tribe”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(53) The term ‘Indian Tribe’ has the meaning given that term in section 4(e) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304(e)).

“(54) The terms ‘Tribal government’ and ‘Tribal entity’ mean the recognized governing body of an Indian Tribe.

“(55) The term ‘State educational agency’ has the meaning given that term in section 8101(49) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801(49)).”

SEC. 2. EXCHANGE VISITOR VISA EXTENSION FOR EDUCATORS IN RURAL AND TRIBAL AREAS.

Section 214 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(s)(1) If the Governor of a State or a Tribal government requests a waiver of the 2-year foreign residence requirement under section 212(e) on behalf of an alien described in clause (i) or (ii) of that section who is a primary or secondary school teacher or an education specialist in that State, the Secretary of Homeland Security may not grant such a waiver unless—

“(A) in the case of an alien who is otherwise contractually obligated to return to a foreign country, the government of such country furnishes the Director of the United States Information Agency with a statement in writing that it has no objection to such waiver;

“(B) the grant of such waiver would not cause the number of waivers allotted for that State for that fiscal year to exceed 30;

“(C) the alien demonstrates a bona fide offer of full-time employment as a teacher or an education specialist at a primary or secondary school in a rural or Tribal area in that State; and

“(D)(i) in the case of a request made by a Governor, the alien agrees to begin employment with such a primary or secondary school not later than 90 days after receiving such waiver, and agrees to continue to work

for a total of not less than 3 years (unless the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that extenuating circumstances exist, such as closure of the school or hardship to the alien, which would justify a lesser period of employment at the school, in which case the alien must demonstrate another bona fide offer of employment at a primary or secondary school for the remainder of such 3-year period), in rural and underserved area (as defined by the State educational agency); or

“(ii) in the case of a request made by a Tribal government, the alien—

“(I) agrees to begin employment with such a primary or secondary school of an Indian Tribe, including any Bureau of Indian Education funded school operated pursuant to a grant under the Tribally Controlled Schools Act of 1988 (25 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.) or a contract under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), not later than 90 days after receiving such waiver; and

“(II) agrees to continue to work for a total of not less than 3 years (unless the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that extenuating circumstances exist, such as closure of the school or hardship to the alien, which would justify a lesser period of employment at the school, in which case the alien must demonstrate another bona fide offer of employment at a primary or secondary school for the remainder of such 3-year period).

“(2)(A) Notwithstanding section 248(a)(2), the Secretary of Homeland Security may change the status of an alien who qualifies under this subsection and section 212(e) to that of an alien described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b). The numerical limitations contained in subsection (g)(1)(A) shall not apply to any alien whose status is changed pursuant to this subparagraph, if the alien obtained a waiver of the 2-year foreign residence requirement upon a request by an interested Federal agency or an interested State agency.

“(B) No person who has obtained a change of status under subparagraph (A) and who has failed to fulfill the terms of the contract with the primary or secondary school named in the waiver application shall be eligible to apply for an immigrant visa, for permanent residence, or for any other change of non-immigrant status, until such person has resided and been physically present in the country of his or her nationality or his or her last residence for an aggregate of at least 2 years following his or her departure from the United States.

“(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, the 2-year foreign residence requirement under section 212(e) shall apply with respect to an alien described in clause (i) or (ii) of such section who has not otherwise been accorded status under section 101(a)(27)(H), if at any time the alien ceases to comply with any agreement entered into under pursuant to paragraph (1)(C).

“(4) Any spouse or children of an alien granted a waiver under this subsection shall be included in such waiver.

“(5) In the case of a request submitted under paragraph (1) by a Tribal entity, the Governor of the State in which the Tribal entity is located may endorse such request.”

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 4310. A bill to exchange non-Federal land held by the Chugach Alaska Corporation for certain Federal Land in the Chugach Region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. 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. 4310

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 “Chugach Alaska Land Exchange Oil Spill Recovery Act of 2024”.

SEC. 2. PURPOSE; FINDINGS.

(a) PURPOSE.—The purposes of this Act are—

(1) to authorize, direct, and expedite the exchange of land and interests in land between Chugach Alaska and the United States; and

(2) to consolidate Federal ownership of the surface and subsurface estate of Federal land and interests acquired under the Program.

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) on March 24, 1989, the oil tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground in Prince William Sound, Alaska, spilling 11,000,000 gallons of crude oil, spreading in the months that followed and covering approximately 1,300 miles of coastline, with immense impact for fish and wildlife and their habitats, and for local industries and communities;

(2) civil settlement funds of \$900,000,000 paid by Exxon to the United States and the State of Alaska were used to establish the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council (referred to in this section as “EVOSTC”) and to develop the Program;

(3) through the Program, the EVOSTC dedicated nearly 60 percent of the funds to acquire fee title of, and conservation easements on, the surface estate of more than 600,000 acres in the area impacted by the oil spill, including 241,000 acres of surface estate land and conservation easements in the Chugach Region, giving the United States ownership of, and conservation easements on, 241,000 acres of formerly Native-owned land within the Chugach Region;

(4) the conflict described in the Chugach Region Land Study Report and in this Act occurred when surface estate was purchased by the EVOSTC for conservation purposes while development rights remained for the subsurface (dominant estate) owned by Chugach Alaska, which shall be resolved by Chugach Alaska trading 231,036 acres of subsurface estate under surface fee and conservation easements on surface land owned by the Federal Government for 65,403 acres of fee simple land owned by the Federal Government;

(5) most of the surface land and conservation easements on surface land in the Chugach Region described in paragraph (3) that were acquired by the EVOSTC were purchased from 4 Alaska Native Village Corporations—

(A) Chenega Corporation;

(B) the English Bay (Nanwalek Corporation);

(C) the Eyak Corporation; and

(D) the Tatitlek Corporation;

(6) in accordance with section 14 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1613), when a Village Corporation selects and receives title to the surface estate to fulfill its land entitlement, the Regional Corporation receives title to the subsurface, resulting in split ownership between Alaska Native entities from the same region;

(7) Chugach Alaska holds the dominant subsurface estate to approximately 241,000 acres of surface land acquired by the EVOSTC from the Village Corporations