

*Resolved*, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to the Honorable Joe Biden, President, United States of America; the Honorable Kamala Harris, Vice President, United States of America; Representatives and Senators of the 118th United States Congress; the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Gregorio "Kilili" C. Sablan, U.S. Delegate to the United States Congress, 118th United States Congress; and the Honorable Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero, Senate President, the 23rd Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

POM-162. A resolution adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, Hawaii, opposing construction of the proposed Air Force Maui Optical and Supercomputing Site Small Telescope Advanced Research Facility atop Haleakala; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-163. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Sante Fe County, New Mexico, calling for a permanent ceasefire, release of all hostages, delivery of humanitarian aid, and affirmation of opposition to anti-Semitism and Islamophobia in the Gaza Strip; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1524. A bill to ensure that whistleblowers, including contractors, are protected from retaliation when a Federal employee orders a reprisal, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-202).

#### 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. KAINE (for himself and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 4819. A bill to require an annual report on the unfunded programs, activities, and mission requirements within the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 4820. A bill to direct the Attorney General to establish a single grant program to make grants to hire prosecutors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 4821. A bill to require executive agencies to take steps to better meet the statutory deadline for processing communications use applications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 4822. A bill to ensure that parents are aware of foreign influence in their child's public school, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MULLIN (for himself, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 4823. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to adjust the dollar thresholds for National Labor Relations Board jurisdiction over certain labor disputes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 4824. A bill to make housing more affordable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 4825. A bill to provide that silencers be treated the same a firearms accessories; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 4826. A bill to provide that persons having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for employment by the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 4827. A bill to improve transparency and the availability of information regarding dietary supplements by amending the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require manufacturers of dietary supplements to list dietary supplements with the Food and Drug Administration; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO:

S. 4828. A bill to establish the Bahsahwahbee National Monument in the State of Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 4829. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to clarify that implanted active middle ear hearing devices are prosthetics and are not subject to the hearing aid coverage exclusion under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 4830. A bill to strengthen the authority of the United States Secret Service to investigate various crimes related to digital asset transactions and to counter transnational cyber criminal activity, including unlicensed money transmitting businesses, structured transactions, and fraud against financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 91

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 91, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to 60 diplomats, in recognition of their bravery and heroism during the Holocaust.

S. 930

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. 930, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act

of 1968 to provide public safety officer benefits for exposure-related cancers, and for other purposes.

S. 1008

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor 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 mobility devices, and for other purposes.

S. 1409

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1409, a bill to protect the safety of children on the internet.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1424

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1424, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to improve health care coverage under vision and dental plans, and for other purposes.

S. 2581

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2581, a bill to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

S. 2768

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2768, a bill to protect hospital personnel from violence, and for other purposes.

S. 3192

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3192, a bill to designate Ansarallah as a foreign terrorist organization and impose certain sanctions on Ansarallah, and for other purposes.

S. 3502

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor 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. 3651

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3651, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure coverage of mental health services furnished through telehealth.

S. 3678

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3678, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the time during which a qualified disaster may have occurred for purposes of the special rules for personal casualty losses.

S. 3968

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3968, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide community-based training opportunities for medical students in rural areas and medically underserved communities, and for other purposes.

S. 4048

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4048, a bill to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

S. 4091

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 4091, a bill to strengthen Federal efforts to counter antisemitism in the United States.

S. 4280

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4280, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for the intellectually disabled, and inpatient rehabilitation facilities to permit essential caregivers access during any period in which regular visitation is restricted.

S. 4292

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) 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. 4569

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4569, a bill to require covered platforms to remove nonconsensual intimate visual depictions, and for other purposes.

S. 4680

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4680, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Jens Stoltenberg, in recognition of his contributions to the security, unity, and defense of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

S. 4755

At the request of Mr. MULLIN, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) and the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) were added as cosponsors of S. 4755, a bill to reauthorize traumatic brain injury programs, and for other purposes.

S. 4772

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4772, a bill to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.

S. 4779

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 4779, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to the system of compensation of the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority that supports acts of terrorism.

S. RES. 599

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 2092

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2092 intended to be proposed to S. 4638, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2360

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2360 intended to be proposed to S. 4638, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2853

At the request of Mr. HICKENLOOPER, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2853 intended to be proposed to S. 4638, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 4821. A bill to require executive agencies to take steps to better meet the statutory deadline for processing communications use applications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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. 4821

*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 “Accelerating Broadband Permits Act”.

### SEC. 2. TRACKING AND IMPROVING PROCESSING TIMES FOR COMMUNICATIONS USE APPLICATIONS.

Section 6409(b)(3) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1455(b)(3)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(E) TRACKING AND IMPROVING PROCESSING TIMES.—

“(i) DATA CONTROLS.—An executive agency shall develop controls to ensure that data is sufficiently accurate and complete to track the processing time for each application described in subparagraph (A).

“(ii) REQUIREMENT TO ANALYZE, ADDRESS, AND REPORT ON DELAY FACTORS.—With respect to the factors that contribute to delays in processing applications described in subparagraph (A), an executive agency shall—

“(I) analyze the factors as the delays are occurring;

“(II) take actions to address the factors; and

“(III) provide an annual report on the factors to—

“(aa) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate;

“(bb) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate;

“(cc) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives;

“(dd) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives; and

“(ee) each committee of Congress with jurisdiction over the executive agency.

“(iii) METHOD FOR ALERTING STAFF TO AT-RISK APPLICATIONS.—An executive agency shall establish a method to alert employees of the executive agency to any application described in subparagraph (A) with respect to which the executive agency is at risk of failing to meet the 270-day deadline under that subparagraph.”.

### SEC. 3. MINIMUM BROADBAND PROJECT COST.

Section 41001(6)(A) of the FAST Act (42 U.S.C. 4370m(6)(A)) is amended—

(1) in clause (iii), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) by redesignating clause (iv) as clause (v); and

(3) by inserting after clause (iii) the following:

“(iv)(I) is subject to NEPA;

“(II) involves the construction of infrastructure for broadband; and

“(III) is likely to require a total investment of more than \$5,000,000; or”.

By Mr. DURBIN: