

S. 5018. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify and preserve the breadth of the protections under the Medicare Secondary Payer Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 5019. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 340 South Loudon Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "United States Representative Elijah E. Cummings Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 5020. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish certain requirements for meat, poultry, fruit, and vegetable purchases by the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. WELCH:

S. 5021. A bill to ensure the accessibility of drugs furnished through the drug discount program under section 340B of the Public Health Service Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 5022. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 29 Franklin Street in Petersburg, Virginia, as the "John Mercer Langston Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 5023. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to improve falls prevention research and activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHMITT:

S. 5024. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program on establishing a geospatial workforce development program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HELMY (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 5025. A bill to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to make available under the assistance to firefighters grant program the establishment of cancer prevention programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 5026. A bill to establish programs to reduce rates of sepsis; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. LUMMIS, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 5027. A bill to increase access to affordable housing, reduce regulatory barriers, increase oversight, and assist the most vulnerable; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 5028. A bill to require Federal contractors to implement a vulnerability disclosure policy consistent with NIST guidelines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. Res. 808. A resolution congratulating and expressing gratitude to Commander Jeremy Robertson and the crew of the USS Carney for the exemplary and historic performance during their 235-day deployment to the United States Naval Forces Europe-Africa and the United States Naval Forces Central Command; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. Res. 809. A resolution supporting the designation of September 13, 2024, as "National Sepsis Day"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. Res. 810. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of September 11 through September 17, 2024, as "Patriot Week"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 811. A resolution condemning the horrific shooting at Apalachee High School in Winder, Georgia, recognizing the victims, and expressing condolences and support to their families and their communities; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 103

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 103, a bill to modify the minimum required weight of orange juice soluble solids.

S. 552

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 552, a bill to extend duty-free treatment provided with respect to imports from Haiti under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 633, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Everett Alvarez, Jr., in recognition of his service to the United States.

S. 711

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) were added as cosponsors 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. 838

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve ac-

cess to mental health services under the Medicare program.

S. 1007

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) were added as cosponsors of S. 1007, a bill to establish in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor of the Department of State a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Peoples, and for other purposes.

S. 1185

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1185, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

S. 1206

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1206, a bill to amend the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 to protect civil rights and otherwise prevent meaningful harm to third parties, and for other purposes.

S. 1262

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1262, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to require Federal employee health benefit plans to include assisted reproductive treatment benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1390

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1390, a bill to repeal the sunset provision of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) were added as cosponsors 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. 1558

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1558, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the brave women who served in World War II as members of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps and U.S. Navy Nurse Corps.

S. 1794

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

of S. 1794, a bill to waive time limitations in order to allow the Medal of Honor to be awarded to Gary Lee McKiddy, of Miamisburg, Ohio, for acts of valor while a helicopter crew chief and door gunner with the 1st Calvary Division during the Vietnam War.

S. 1960

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1960, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for violations of the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 2176

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2176, a bill to prohibit commercial sexual orientation conversion therapy, and for other purposes.

S. 2245

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2245, a bill to require a review of women and lung cancer, and for other purposes.

S. 2407

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2407, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes.

S. 2555

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2555, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to expand and improve the enforcement capabilities of the Attorney General, and for other purposes.

S. 2934

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2934, a bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for contributory liability for certain electronic commerce platforms for use of a counterfeit mark by a third party on such platforms, and for other purposes.

S. 3047

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) 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. 3105

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S.

3105, a bill to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 3402

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3402, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on the failure of certain hedge funds owning excess single-family residences to dispose of such residences, and for other purposes.

S. 3486

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3486, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to disallow companies associated with foreign adversaries from receiving the advanced manufacturing production credit.

S. 3832

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3832, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure appropriate access to non-opioid pain management drugs under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 3940

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3940, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a first-time homebuyer credit, and for other purposes.

S. 4292

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) 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. 4650

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4650, a bill to establish a rental assistance program for low-income veteran families, and for other purposes.

S. 4791

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4791, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the consideration of continuity of health care in determining best medical interest under the Veterans Community Care Program, and for other purposes.

S. 4914

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4914, a bill to provide for the imposition of sanctions with respect to forced organ harvesting within the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

S. 4963

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 4963, a bill to support Federal, State, and Tribal coordination and management efforts relating to wildlife disease and zoonotic disease surveillance and ongoing and potential wildlife disease and zoonotic disease outbreaks, and for other purposes.

S. 4988

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4988, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the individuals who fought for or with the United States against the armed forces of Imperial Japan in the Pacific theater and the impacted Sashinax people on Attu, whose lives, culture, and community were irrevocably changed from December 8, 1941, to August 15, 1945.

S. 5007

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5007, a bill to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 with respect to foreign investments in United States agriculture, and for other purposes.

S. 5012

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5012, a bill to establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 96

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 96, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance".

S. RES. 804

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 804, a resolution recognizing Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia as the President-elect of Venezuela.

AMENDMENT NO. 2167

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2167 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. 2717

At the request of Mr. BROWN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2717 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. 3234

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3234 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. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 5026. A bill to establish programs to reduce rates of sepsis; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. SCHUMER. 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. 5026

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 “Securing Enhanced Programs, Systems, and Initiatives for Sepsis Act” or the “SEPSIS Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds as follows:

(1) 1,700,000 individuals in the United States are infected by sepsis annually and 350,000 individuals in the United States are killed by sepsis each year.

(2) Sepsis affects different groups of people unevenly, with Black Americans twice as likely to die from it than non-Hispanic white Americans.

(3) Disparities in the incidence and severity of, and mortality attributable to, sepsis persist across race and socioeconomic status.

(4) There is a need for increased Federal investment in research related to sepsis to build on research supported by the National Institutes of Health, including research with a pediatric focus supported by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

(5) The infectious disease workforce, which plays a key role in reducing the burden of sepsis, needs additional support to recruit and retain health care professionals engaged in infection prevention and related patient care.

(6) Sepsis is one of the most expensive conditions to treat in hospitals in the United States, with high spending compounded by frequent hospital re-admissions, including 1 in 5 patient re-admissions within 30 days of discharge and 1 in 3 patient re-admissions within 180 days of discharge.

(7) According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 80 percent of sepsis cases begin outside of the hospital.

(8) Most sepsis fatalities are preventable with early recognition, diagnosis, and treatment.

(9) The sepsis protocols for hospitals in New York State, called “Rory’s Regulations” for Rory Staunton who died from preventable, treatable sepsis at 12 years of age, have been proven to save lives through rapid identification and treatment of sepsis.

(10) Providers and public health experts should study and learn from Rory’s Regulations to find ways to end preventable deaths from sepsis on a national scale.

SEC. 3. SEPSIS PROGRAMS.

Title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 317V the following:

“SEC. 317W. SEPSIS PROGRAMS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (referred to in this section as the ‘Director’), shall maintain a sepsis team for purposes of—

“(1) leading an education campaign on best practices for addressing sepsis in hospitals, such as the practices outlined in the Hospital Sepsis Program Core Elements set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

“(2) improving data collection on pediatric sepsis;

“(3) sharing information with the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to inform the development and implementation of sepsis quality measures to improve outcomes for patients;

“(4) updating data elements with respect to sepsis used by the United States Core Data for Interoperability, in coordination with the heads of other relevant agencies and offices of the Department of Health and Human Services, including the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, the Director of the Office of Public Health Data, Surveillance, and Technology;

“(5) facilitating efforts across the Department of Health and Human Services to develop outcome measures with respect to sepsis; and

“(6) carrying out other activities related to sepsis, as the Director determines appropriate.

“(b) REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF OUTCOME MEASURES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Securing Enhanced Programs, Systems, and Initiatives for Sepsis Act, the Director shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report on the development and implementation of outcome measures for sepsis, for both adult and pediatric populations, that take into consideration the social and clinical factors that affect the likelihood a patient will develop sepsis.

“(c) ANNUAL BRIEFING ON SEPSIS ACTIVITIES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Securing Enhanced Programs, Systems, and Initiatives for Sepsis Act, and annually thereafter, the Director shall present to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a briefing on—

“(1) aggregate data on the adoption by hospitals of sepsis best practices, including the Hospital Sepsis Program Core Elements, as reported by hospitals to the Director, using the hospital sepsis program assessment tool of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and State sepsis reporting requirements;

“(2) rates of pediatric sepsis and efforts to reduce cases of pediatric sepsis, including how the Hospital Sepsis Program Core Elements can be effective at supporting efforts to reduce cases of pediatric sepsis;

“(3) the coordination of sepsis reduction efforts across the Department of Health and Human Services;

“(4) in partnership with the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, an evaluation of the impact of the Hospital Sepsis Program Core Elements on quality of care for patients;

“(5) data sharing from the National Healthcare Safety Network with other agencies and offices of the Department of Health and Human Services with respect to sepsis; and

“(6) a report on the latest datasets on sepsis, as provided to the Director by the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

“(d) HONOR ROLL PROGRAM.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may establish a voluntary program for recognizing hospitals that maintain effective sepsis programs or improve their sepsis programs over time, including in the areas of early detection, effective treatment, and overall progress in the reduction of the burden of sepsis.

“(2) APPLICATIONS; SELECTION.—In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

“(A) solicit applications from hospitals; and

“(B) establish public benchmarks by which the Secretary will select hospitals for recognition under such paragraph, including with respect to each area described in such paragraph.

“(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029.”.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 808—CONGRATULATING AND EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO COMMANDER JEREMY ROBERTSON AND THE CREW OF THE USS CARNEY FOR THE EXEMPLARY AND HISTORIC PERFORMANCE DURING THEIR 235-DAY DEPLOYMENT TO THE UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES EUROPE-AFRICA AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

S. RES. 808

Whereas the USS Carney (DDG-64), an Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer of the United States Navy, has completed a historic deployment, and its crew has demonstrated exceptional skill and bravery in the interception of missiles and drones, the first time the United States Navy has directly engaged an enemy to such a degree since World War II;

Whereas, during its deployment, the crew of the USS Carney successfully conducted 51 engagements against Houthi-launched weapons, intercepting multiple threats, including cruise missiles, anti-ship ballistic missiles, and unmanned aerial vehicles, showcasing the advanced capabilities and readiness of the United States Navy;