

Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Closure of the Angling Category Southern New England Area Trophy Fishery for 2023" (RIN0648-XD039) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5897. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Longnose Skates in the Eastern Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD057) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5898. A communication from the Biologist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Amendment to the Atlantic Pelagic Longline Take Reduction Plan" (RIN0648-BN14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3348. A bill to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to address harmful algal blooms, and for other purposes.

S. 4212. A bill to amend the Visit America Act to promote music tourism, and for other purposes.

S. 4343. A bill to establish and maintain a coordinated program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that improves wildfire, fire weather, fire risk, and smoke related forecasting, detection, modeling, observations, and service delivery, and to address growing needs in the wildland-urban interface, and for other purposes.

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. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HAWLEY, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 5060. A bill to reauthorize the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SMITH:

S. 5061. A bill to award career pathways innovation grants to local educational agencies and consortia of local educational agencies, to provide technical assistance within the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education to administer the grants and support the local educational agencies with the preparation of grant applications and management of grant funds, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to support community college and industry partnerships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. OSSOFF):

S. 5062. A bill to address sexual harassment and sexual assault of Bureau of Prisons staff in prisons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 5063. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a program to allow small business concerns to purchase certain commodities futures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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

S. 5064. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to require applicants for grants that propose to use digital infrastructure or a software component to certify the applicant has an approved security plan that addresses the cybersecurity risks of such digital infrastructure or software, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 5065. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to authorize a grant program to support students who have epilepsy or a seizure disorder; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 5066. A bill to require the approval of Congress for the President to impose duties on the importation of articles into the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 5067. A bill to improve individual assistance provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SULLIVAN:

S. 5068. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the organization and authorities of the Assistant Secretaries of Defense with duties relating to industrial base policy and homeland defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WELCH, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 5069. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, and title 39, United States Code, to provide the United States Postal Service the authority to mail alcoholic beverages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 5070. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to remove certain age restrictions on Medicaid eligibility for working adults with disabilities; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 5071. A bill to amend the Housing Act of 1949 to permit certain grants to be used for accessory dwelling units, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 5072. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to establish additional requirements for dealers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 5073. A bill to limit the use of funds for entities that care for unaccompanied alien children and have been identified as engaging in misconduct toward children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. TUBERVILLE,

Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. BUDD, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. TILLIS, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 5074. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide to Congress quarterly briefings on budgetary shortfalls of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to prohibit the provision of bonuses to Department of Veterans Affairs employees in Senior Executive Service positions in fiscal years with budgetary shortfalls, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 5075. A bill to provide for the water quality restoration of the Tijuana River and the New River, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 5076. A bill to require periodic updates to the comprehensive strategy to promote Internet freedom and access to information in Iran, to authorize grants to support and develop programs in Iran that promote or expand an open, interoperable, reliable, and secure internet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. KING, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KAINE, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. CASEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. BUTLER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WARNER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. REED, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SMITH, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. Res. 822. A resolution designating September 2024 as "National Voting Rights Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. BUTLER, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KELLY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. SINEMA, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. HELMY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. COONS, Ms. SMITH, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. Res. 823. A resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 141

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to amend title

38, United States Code, to improve certain programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for home and community based services for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 265

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 265, a bill to reauthorize the rural emergency medical service training and equipment assistance program, and for other purposes.

S. 549

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 549, a bill to require enforcement against misbranded milk alternatives.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor 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. 652

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 652, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require a group health plan or health insurance coverage offered in connection with such a plan to provide an exceptions process for any medication step therapy protocol, and for other purposes.

S. 711

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) 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. 930

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor 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. 956

At the request of Mr. KELLY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 956, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve dependent coverage under the TRICARE Young Adult Program.

S. 1206

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) 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. 1474

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1474, a bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to establish a dairy nutrition incentive program, and for other purposes.

S. 1839

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1839, a bill to improve Federal population surveys by requiring the collection of voluntary, self-disclosed information on sexual orientation, gender identity, and variations in sex characteristics in certain surveys, and for other purposes.

S. 2311

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2311, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles, California.

S. 2315

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2315, a bill to provide for the creation of the missing Armed Forces and civilian personnel Records Collection at the National Archives, to require the expeditious public transmission to the Archivist and public disclosure of missing Armed Forces and civilian personnel records, and for other purposes.

S. 2377

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2377, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve coverage of audiology services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2801

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2801, a bill to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to certain members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their spouses or partners, and for other purposes.

S. 3439

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG), the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 3439, a bill to strengthen and enhance the competitiveness of cement, concrete, asphalt binder, and asphalt mixture production in the United States through the research, development, demonstration, and commercial application of technologies to reduce emissions from cement, concrete, asphalt

binder, and asphalt mixture production, and for other purposes.

S. 3575

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3575, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to give a preference, with respect to project grants for preventive health services, for States that allow all trained individuals to carry and administer epinephrine, and for other purposes.

S. 3751

At the request of Mr. OSSOFF, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3751, a bill to expand and modify the grant program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide innovative transportation options to veterans in highly rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 4075

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4075, a bill to prohibit payment card networks and covered entities from requiring the use of or assigning merchant category codes that distinguish a firearms retailer from a general merchandise retailer or sporting goods retailer, and for other purposes.

S. 4163

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4163, a bill to require a report on the United States supply of nitrocellulose.

S. 4425

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4425, a bill to support democracy and the rule of law in Georgia, and for other purposes.

S. 4503

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4503, a bill to prevent exploitative private equity practices, and for other purposes.

S. 4510

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4510, a bill to amend the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 to delay implementation of the inclusion of oral-only ESRD-related drugs in the Medicare ESRD prospective payment system.

S. 4815

At the request of Mr. ROMNEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4815, a bill to prohibit the mass cancellation of student loans.

S. 4888

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S.

4888, a bill to include Czechia in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the United States as E-1 nonimmigrants if United States nationals are treated similarly by the Government of Czechia.

S. 5021

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

S. 5051

At the request of Mr. FETTERMAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5051, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating Washington's Trail—1753 as a national historic trail, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 103

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) and the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 103, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission relating to "Safeguarding and Securing the Open Internet; Restoring Internet Freedom".

S. RES. 669

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 669, a resolution designating October 10, 2024, as "American Girls in Sports Day".

S. RES. 821

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 821, a resolution expressing support for designation of the week of September 15 through 21, 2024, as "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week".

AMENDMENT NO. 2880

At the request of Mr. MULLIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2880 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. DURBIN:

S. 5072. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to establish additional re-

quirements for dealers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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. 5072

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 "Puppy Protection Act of 2024".

SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DEALERS.

(a) HUMANE TREATMENT OF DOGS BY DEALERS.—Section 13(a) of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2143(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(9) In addition to the requirements under paragraph (2), the standards described in paragraph (1) shall, with respect to dealers, include requirements—

"(A) that the dealer provide adequate housing for dogs that includes—

"(i) completely solid flooring;

"(ii) indoor space sufficient to allow the tallest dog in an enclosure to stand on his or her hind legs without touching the roof of the enclosure;

"(iii) with respect to dogs over 8 weeks in age, primary enclosures that, with the length of the dog measured from the tip of the nose to the base of the tail, provide at least—

"(I) 12 square feet of indoor floor space per each dog measuring not more than 25 inches long;

"(II) 20 square feet of indoor floor space per each dog measuring more than 25 but less than 35 inches long; and

"(III) 30 square feet of indoor floor space per each dog measuring not less than 35 inches long;

"(iv) enclosures that are not stacked or otherwise placed on top of or below another enclosure; and

"(v) temperature control that—

"(I) is appropriate for the age, breed, and condition of each dog in the enclosure; and

"(II) is between 45 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit, when dogs are present in the enclosure;

"(B) that appropriate and nutritious food be provided to each dog at least twice per day, in an amount sufficient to maintain the good health and physical condition of each dog;

"(C) that each dog has continuous access to potable water that is not frozen and is free of feces, algae, and other contaminants;

"(D) that each dog has adequate exercise, including, for each dog over the age of 12 weeks—

"(i) except as provided in clause (ii), unrestricted access from the primary enclosure of the dog during daylight hours to an outdoor exercise area that—

"(I) is at ground-level;

"(II) is a solid surface;

"(III) is enclosed by a fence or other structure;

"(IV) is properly controlled for the safety of the dog; and

"(V) allows the dog to extend to full stride, play, and engage in other types of mentally stimulating and social behaviors; or

"(ii) if the dealer obtains a certification from the attending veterinarian stating that a dog should not have unrestricted access to an outdoor exercise area for a specific medical reason, an alternative exercise plan pre-

scribed by the veterinarian for the dog that meets the applicable requirements under section 3.8 of title 9, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations);

"(E) that each dog has meaningful socialization with humans and compatible dogs for at least 30 minutes each day that—

"(i) includes positive interaction with a human such as petting, stroking, grooming, feeding, playing with, exercising, or other touching of the dog that is beneficial to the well-being of the dog; and

"(ii) does not include time spent in veterinary care;

"(F) that each dog receives adequate veterinary care, including—

"(i) prompt treatment of any disease, illness, or injury by a licensed veterinarian;

"(ii) a thorough, hands-on examination by a licensed veterinarian at least once each year, which shall include a dental exam;

"(iii) core vaccinations recommended by the latest version of the American Animal Hospital Association Canine Vaccination Guidelines; and

"(iv) medications to prevent intestinal parasites, heartworm disease, fleas, and ticks that are approved by a licensed veterinarian for canine use;

"(G) with respect to safe breeding practices for dogs, including—

"(i) a screening program for known prevalent inheritable diseases that may be disabling or likely to significantly affect the lifespan or quality of life of the mother or the offspring;

"(ii) prohibiting breeding, unless each dog bred—

"(I) has been screened by a licensed veterinarian prior to each attempt to breed; and

"(II) is found in the screening under subclause (I) to be free from health conditions that may be disabling to, or likely to significantly affect the lifespan or quality of life of, the mother or the offspring;

"(iii) prohibiting the breeding of a female dog to produce—

"(I) more than 2 litters in any 18-month period; or

"(II) more than 6 litters during the lifetime of the dog;

"(iv) that a female dog of any small breed (having a maximum weight range at maturity that is less than 40 pounds) not be bred—

"(I) before reaching the age of 18 months; or

"(II) after reaching the age of 9 years;

"(v) that a female dog of any large breed (having an expected weight range at maturity that includes 40 or more pounds) not be bred—

"(I) before reaching the age of 2 years; or

"(II) after reaching the age of 7 years; and

"(vi) that any canine caesarian section be performed by a licensed veterinarian;

"(H) that dogs be housed with other dogs, unless health or behavioral issues make group housing unsafe; and

"(I) to make all reasonable efforts to find humane placement for retired breeding dogs—

"(i) such as with an adoptive family, rescue organization, or other appropriate owner for that dog; and

"(ii) not including selling at auction or otherwise placing a retired breeding dog with another breeder for breeding purposes.".

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 13(a)(2)(B) of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2143(a)(2)(B)) is amended by inserting "subject to paragraph (9)," before "for exercise of dogs".

(c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue final regulations establishing the standards for the care