

Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Con. Res. 42. A concurrent resolution recognizing the significance of equal pay and the disparity in wages paid to Latina women in comparison to White, non-Hispanic men; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Ms. ERNST):

S. Con. Res. 43. A concurrent resolution expressing support for the designation of September 29, 2024, as "Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 88

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 88, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit former Members and elected officers of Congress from lobbying Congress at any time after leaving office.

S. 141

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) 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. 168

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 168, a bill to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to include the Secretary of Agriculture on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States and require review of certain agricultural transactions, and for other purposes.

S. 219

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 219, a bill to provide that Members of Congress may not receive pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which Congress has not approved a concurrent resolution on the budget and passed the regular appropriations bills.

S. 363

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 363, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the individuals and communities who volunteered or donated items to the North Platte Canteen in North Platte, Nebraska, during World War II from December 25, 1941, to April 1, 1946.

S. 373

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. HELMY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 373, a bill to modify the disposition of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues and to open Federal financial sharing to heighten opportuni-

ties for renewable energy, and for other purposes.

S. 521

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 521, a bill to amend the Lumbee Act of 1956.

S. 547

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 547, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Rhode Island Regiment, in recognition of their dedicated service during the Revolutionary War.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) 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. 663

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 663, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the waiting periods for disability insurance benefits and Medicare coverage for individuals with metastatic breast cancer, and for other purposes.

S. 711

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) 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. 746

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 930

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) 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. 1007

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1028

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1028, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand health care and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 1230

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1230, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Master Sergeant Roderick "Roddie" Edmonds in recognition of his heroic actions during World War II.

S. 1266

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) 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 Mrs. GILLIBRAND, her name 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. 1462

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1462, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) 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.

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1514, supra.

S. 1624

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1624, a bill to require certain civil penalties to be transferred to a fund through which amounts are made available for the Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Research Program at the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

S. 1772

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1772, a bill to establish a national mercury monitoring program, and for other purposes.

S. 1851

At the request of Mr. LUJAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1851, a bill to address maternity care shortages and promote optimal maternity outcomes by expanding educational opportunities for midwives, and for other purposes.

S. 2026

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2026, a bill to provide support for programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to the coordination of maternity health care, and for other purposes.

S. 2076

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2076, a bill to adjust the definition of service in the uniformed services with respect to readmission requirements for servicemembers under the Higher Education Act of 1965.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. HELMY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2119, a bill to reauthorize the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018.

S. 2496

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2496, a bill to amend the National Housing Act to include information regarding VA home loans in the Informed Consumer Choice Disclosure required to be provided to prospective FHA borrowers.

S. 2815

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2815, a bill to provide for a wage differential program to support new nursing school faculty members.

S. 2895

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2895, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit.

S. 3014

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3014, a bill to establish requirements for the Federal Trade Commission with respect to certain rules related to automotive retailing, and for other purposes.

S. 3026

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. HELMY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3026, a bill to amend the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 to repeal restrictions on offshore wind leasing.

S. 3047

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from New York

(Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor 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. 3079

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3079, a bill to establish a policy regarding appraisal and valuation services for real property for a transaction over which the Secretary of the Interior has jurisdiction, and for other purposes.

S. 3381

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3381, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow intangible drilling and development costs to be taken into account when computing adjusted financial statement income.

S. 3612

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. HELMY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3612, a bill to prohibit the limitation of access to assisted reproductive technology, and all medical care surrounding such technology.

S. 3755

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3755, a bill to amend the CARES Act to remove a requirement on lessors to provide notice to vacate, and for other purposes.

S. 3788

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3788, a bill to reauthorize the National Landslide Preparedness Act, and for other purposes.

S. 3885

At the request of Ms. SINEMA, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3885, a bill to expand medical, employment, and other benefits for individuals serving as family caregivers for certain veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 3926

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3926, a bill to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to ensure that other transaction agreements are reported to USAspending.gov, and for other purposes.

S. 3979

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3979, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent and codify the pilot program for use of contract physicians for disability examinations, and for other purposes.

S. 4141

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) were added as cosponsors of S. 4141, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the FIFA World Cup 2026, and for other purposes.

S. 4176

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4176, a bill to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2024, and for other purposes.

S. 4243

At the request of Ms. BUTLER, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 4243, a bill to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to Shirley Chisholm.

S. 4246

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 4246, a bill to improve menopause care and mid-life women's health, and for other purposes.

S. 4299

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 4299, a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule relating to the collection of crash-worthiness information under the New Car Assessment Program of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 4350

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4350, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend acute hospital care at home waiver flexibilities.

S. 4370

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4370, a bill to amend the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004 to improve that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 4528

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4528, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Marshall Walter "Major" Taylor in recognition of his significance to the

nation as an athlete, trailblazer, role model, and equal rights advocate.

S. 4539

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4539, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make certain provisions with respect to qualified ABLE programs permanent.

S. 4679

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4679, a bill to amend title XLI of the FAST Act to improve the Federal permitting process, and for other purposes.

S. 4693

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) were added as cosponsors of S. 4693, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an investment credit for converting non-residential buildings to affordable housing.

S. 4778

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4778, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the exclusion for certain employer payments of student loans under educational assistance programs permanent.

S. 4832

At the request of Mrs. BRITT, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4832, a bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to amend the rules of the Commission to include a shark attack as an event for which a wireless emergency alert may be transmitted, and for other purposes.

S. 4841

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4841, a bill to amend the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 to establish a National Center for Advanced Development in Education at the Institute for Education Sciences, and for other purposes.

S. 4892

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4892, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a grant program for first responder mental health and wellness, and for other purposes.

S. 4917

At the request of Mrs. BRITT, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4917, a bill to amend the Federal securities laws to enhance 403(b) plans, and for other purposes.

S. 4935

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi

(Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4935, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to update the budget neutrality threshold under the Medicare physician fee schedule.

S. 4988

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) were added as cosponsors 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. 5008

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5008, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 5054

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5054, a bill to impose an assessment related to fossil fuel emissions, to establish the Polluters Pay Climate Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 5058

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5058, a bill to require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a strategy to improve cooperation between the Department of Defense and allies and partners of the United States located in the Middle East so as to improve use of partnership joint defense efforts among the United States and such allies and partners, and for other purposes.

S. 5062

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) were added as cosponsors of S. 5062, a bill to address sexual harassment and sexual assault of Bureau of Prisons staff in prisons, and for other purposes.

S. 5074

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, his name was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 5076

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut

(Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. 5087

At the request of Mr. FETTERMAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5087, a bill to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to promote the establishment of tenant organizations and provide additional amounts for tenant organizations, and for other purposes.

S. 5091

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5091, a bill to provide for the basic needs of students at institutions of higher education.

S. 5122

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5122, a bill to establish the Julius Rosenwald and Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

S. 5135

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5135, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase penalties for unauthorized disclosure of taxpayer information.

S. CON. RES. 40

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 40, a concurrent resolution establishing new congressional oversight to address regulatory reform.

S. RES. 669

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 669, a resolution designating October 10, 2024, as "American Girls in Sports Day".

S. RES. 795

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT), the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 795, a resolution condemning the botched rollout by the Department of Education of the FAFSA Simplification Act.

S. RES. 833

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) were

added as cosponsors of S. Res. 833, a resolution countering disinformation, propaganda, and misinformation in Latin America and the Caribbean, and calling for multi-stakeholder efforts to address the significant detrimental effects that the rise in disinformation, propaganda, and misinformation in regional information environments has on democratic governance, human rights, and United States national interests.

AMENDMENT NO. 2853

At the request of Mr. HICKENLOOPER, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2853 intended to be proposed to S. 4638, an original 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. PADILLA (for himself, Ms. BUTLER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 5165. A bill to prohibit the intimidation of election officials and election workers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I rise to introduce the Freedom from Intimidation in Elections Act of 2024.

This legislation would amend section 11(b) of the Voting Rights Act to establish a rebuttable presumption that carrying a visible firearm around election-related activities, such as voting or counting ballots, constitutes intimidation within the meaning of the VRA.

This bill empowers voters and election workers to seek an emergency civil injunction against individuals or groups engaged in such intimidating conduct.

Importantly, the bill provides an exemption for appropriate law enforcement officials and allows any group or individual facing suit to present evidence that they did not, in fact, intimidate any voters or election workers.

Given the increasing political polarization this country faces and the Supreme Court's everchanging interpretation of the Second Amendment, the risk of violence at polling places and election offices has never been higher. This bill is essential to ensure that eligible individuals can continue to exercise their right to vote without fear of retribution or harm.

It is imperative to protect our voters and dedicated election workers from threats of political violence by updating the Voting Rights Act's anti-intimidation provisions to address the specific threat posed by firearms around election activities.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 5172. A bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to ensure that businesses and organizations that work with vulnerable populations are able to request background checks for their contractors who work with those populations, as well as for individuals that the businesses or organizations license or certify to provide care for those populations; 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. 5172

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

SECTION 1. DEFINING "COVERED INDIVIDUAL" FOR PURPOSES OF BACKGROUND CHECKS UNDER THE NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION ACT OF 1993.

Section 5(9)(B) of the National Child Protection Act of 1993 (34 U.S.C. 40104(9)(B)) is amended—

- (1) in clause (i)—
 - (A) by inserting “, contracts with,” after “is employed by”;
 - (B) by inserting “, contract with,” after “be employed by”;
 - (C) by striking “or” at the end;
- (2) by redesignating clause (ii) as clause (iii);
- (3) by inserting after clause (i) the following:
 - “(ii) is employed by or volunteers with, or seeks to be employed by or volunteer with, an entity that is under contract with a qualified entity”;
- (4) in clause (iii), as so redesignated, by adding “or” at the end; and
- (5) by adding at the end the following:
 - “(iv) is licensed or certified, or seeks to be licensed or certified, by a qualified entity”.

By Mr. PADILLA:

S. 5205. A bill to modify the boundaries of the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I rise to introduce the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act. This legislation would expand the boundary of the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge by approximately 5,658 acres to conserve additional land in Solano, Marin, and Sonoma Counties of California.

The San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge consists of more than 19,000 acres located along the northern edge of San Pablo Bay in Northern California. It was established in 1974 to support wetland habitat; endangered species, like the salt marsh harvest mouse and the Ridgeway's Rail; and migratory birds, including the largest wintering population of Canvasbacks on the west coast.

In addition to providing habitat and wildlife conservation, the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge offers numerous recreation opportunities, including wildlife viewing, wildlife photography, hiking, boating, fishing, and hunting. Regulation of these recreation

activities allows for public enjoyment of the refuge while still protecting the wildlife and their habitats.

The bill would expand the San Pablo Bay National Refuge by 5,658 acres, which is more than 28 percent of its current size. The bill would also authorize the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire lands within the modified boundary from willing sellers or donors and allow other Federal Agencies to transfer federally owned land within the modified boundary to the Service without administrative hurdles. Finally, the bill would encourage the Service to allocate Land and Water Conservation Fund dollars to acquire any private inholdings within modified National Wildlife Refuge boundary.

The Fish and Wildlife Service recently reported that 221 million acres of wetlands were destroyed between 2009 and 2019, representing a 50-percent increase in the rate of loss from the previous decade. The loss of wetlands across the country has reduced the amount of critical habitat for wildlife, endangered species, and migratory birds. Given these trends and its prime location within the Pacific Flyway, expanding the boundaries of the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge offers a unique opportunity to protect both critical wetland habitat and priority public uses on Federal lands.

Importantly, expanding the refuge would also contribute to the State of California's and the Biden-Harris Administration's goals to conserve 30 percent of our public lands and waters by 2030.

I would like to thank my colleagues Representatives JOHN GARAMENDI, MIKE THOMPSON, and JARED HUFFMAN for championing this bill in the House.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act as quickly as possible.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 5209. A bill to require the Attorney General to make publicly available a list of federally licensed firearms dealers with a high number of short time-to-crime firearm traces, and to prohibit Federal departments and agencies from contracting with such dealers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I rise to introduce the Clean Hands Firearm Procurement Act.

This legislation addresses a critical need to ensure that Federal resources do not inadvertently support gun dealers whose business practices may contribute to the proliferation of firearms used in criminal activities.

The Clean Hands Firearm Procurement Act would withhold Federal contracts from Federal firearm, licensees, FFLs, who have been listed in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' AFT Demand 2 Program twice in the preceding 3 calendar years.