

meet or exceed any applicable national voluntary consensus standards, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-243).

H.R. 5799. An act to designate the checkpoint of the United States Border Patrol located on United States Highway 90 West in Uvalde County, Texas, as the "James R. Dominguez Border Patrol Checkpoint".

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. RISCH (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. ERNST, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BUDD, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 5303. A bill to amend the United Nations Participation Act of 1945 to provide for a prohibition on contributions to the United Nations related to discrimination against Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 5304. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to deny immigration benefits to aliens who carried out, participated in, planned, financed, supported, or otherwise facilitated the recent attacks against Israel; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 5305. A bill to support and promote the human rights of Southern Mongolians in the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 5306. A bill to authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to significant actions that exacerbate climate change, to reinforce comprehensive efforts to limit global average temperature rise, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. LUMMIS (for herself and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 5307. A bill to redesignate the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming, as the "Barbara L. Cubin National Historic Trails Interpretive Center"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 5308. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the Rural Flex program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 5309. A bill to require all Federal contractors and subcontractors to enroll in, and maintain compliance with, the E-Verify Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 5310. A bill to amend title 41, United States Code, to make changes with respect

to the Federal Acquisition Security Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 5311. A bill to require the public release of all research supported by the National Institutes of Health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PETERS:

S. 5312. A bill to require agencies to create consistent organizational hierarchies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 5313. A bill to improve section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 5314. A bill to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the James Mountain Inhofe VA Medical Center; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. Res. 893. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution's development of an international binding agreement, which is expected to be completed at its Fifth Session in Busan, Republic of Korea in December 2024; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 399

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to place limitations on excepting positions from the competitive service, and for other purposes.

S. 414

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 414, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and to expand eligibility for dependency and indemnity compensation paid to certain survivors of certain veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 722

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 722, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit certain expenses associated with obtaining or maintaining recognized postsecondary credentials to be treated as qualified higher education expenses for purposes of 529 accounts.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator

from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 789, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the United States Foreign Service and its contribution to United States diplomacy.

S. 813

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to amend regulations to allow for certain packers to have an interest in market agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 926

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 926, a bill to prohibit the purchase or lease of agricultural land in the United States by persons associated with certain foreign governments, and for other purposes.

S. 1049

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1049, a bill to ensure that older adults and individuals with disabilities are prepared for disasters, and for other purposes.

S. 1230

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1514

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) 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.

S. 1529

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

S. 1747

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1747, a bill to repeal the Alien Enemies Act.

S. 1909

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1909, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the illegal modification of firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 3010

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3010, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of medical nutrition therapy services for individuals with eating disorders under the Medicare program.

S. 3194

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors of S. 3194, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to achieve parity between the cost-of-living adjustment with respect to an annuity under the Federal Employees Retirement System and an annuity under the Civil Service Retirement System, and for other purposes.

S. 3466

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3466, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress reports regarding security and safety at facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 3575

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) 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. 3871

At the request of Mr. FETTERMAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 3871, a bill to establish a whole-home repairs program for eligible homeowners and eligible landlords, and for other purposes.

S. 4178

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 4178, a bill to establish artificial intelligence standards, metrics, and evaluation tools, to support artificial intelligence research, development, and capacity building activities, to promote innovation in the artificial intelligence industry by ensuring companies of all sizes can succeed and thrive, and for other purposes.

S. 4217

At the request of Ms. BUTLER, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. HELMY) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4217, a bill to secure the Federal voting rights of persons when released from incarceration under the First Step Act.

S. 4243

At the request of Ms. BUTLER, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4243, a bill to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to Shirley Chisholm.

S. 4276

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4276, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Project ECHO Grant Program, to establish grants under such program to disseminate knowledge and build capacity to address Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, and for other purposes.

S. 4280

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) were added as cosponsors 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. 4379

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4379, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to change certain grant requirements for certain students with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 4394

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4394, a bill to support National Science Foundation education and professional development relating to artificial intelligence.

S. 4425

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. HELMY) were added as cosponsors of S. 4425, a bill to support democracy and the rule of law in Georgia, and for other purposes.

S. 4437

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4437, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to coordinate, navigate, and manage care and benefits for veterans enrolled in both the Medicare program and the system of annual pa-

tient enrollment of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 4487

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4487, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to develop artificial intelligence training resources and toolkits for United States small businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 4510

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors 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. 4528

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) 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. 4583

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4583, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue priority review vouchers to encourage treatments for rare pediatric diseases.

S. 4857

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4857, a bill to eliminate the period of limitations for certain offenses, and for other purposes.

S. 4937

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4937, a bill to require Senate approval before the United States assumes any obligation under a WHO pandemic agreement and to suspend funding for the WHO until such agreement is ratified by the Senate.

S. 5050

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5050, a bill to prohibit the importation of certain minerals from the Russian Federation.

S. 5224

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5224, a bill to prohibit the

imposition of requirements that handguns have certain features generally absent from firearms in common use, to restore the civil and natural rights of the people of the United States in States hostile to liberty, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 98

At the request of Ms. LUMMIS, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 98, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Agriculture relating to "Use of Electronic Identification Eartags as Official Identification in Cattle and Bison".

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 893—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE ON PLASTIC POLLUTION'S DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL BINDING AGREEMENT, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED AT ITS FIFTH SESSION IN BUSAN, REPUBLIC OF KOREA IN DECEMBER 2024

Mr. CARDIN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 893

Whereas the production of plastic polymers releases pollutants that degrade air quality, water quality, and soil health and contribute to increased health and environmental risks to nearby communities, biodiversity, and the wider environment;

Whereas the chemical makeup of plastics mostly consists of extracted hydrocarbons and synthetic chemicals that are processed to form polymers, which enables plastic materials to be easily molded and shaped when heat and pressure is applied;

Whereas plastic materials and products have unique, versatile, and convenient applications, but plastic polymers, chemicals, and waste products are extremely harmful when leaked into the natural environment, including marine environments;

Whereas discarded plastic waste materials, particularly plastic products designed or applied as single-use or disposable, which are most commonly used in packaging, utensils, flatware, beverage and other liquid containers, and plastic film, are ubiquitous and are products that comprise the highest volumes of plastic pollution in the environment;

Whereas plastic pollution occurs when—

- (1) plastic is deposited intentionally or unintentionally into the environment;

- (2) plastic particles are shed from plastic products during production or use;

- (3) plastic fibers are released during the routine washing of synthetic textiles;

- (4) waste and discarded plastic products escape from waste management streams and wastewater treatment systems;

- (5) plastic is mishandled or is littered into the environment; and

- (6) there is inadequate mitigation and management of emissions, polymers, and by-products from plastic chemical refining, manufacturing, and transport processes;

Whereas less than 9 percent of plastics discarded in the United States is recycled;

Whereas, according to the United Nations Environment Programme, 430,000,000 metric tons of plastic are produced annually worldwide;

Whereas plastic breaks down into microplastics that—

- (1) become ubiquitous in the environment;
- (2) are easily ingestible by marine life where plastic enters the food web;

- (3) are increasingly found in ambient air, drinking water supplies, food crops, and animal proteins;

- (4) can persist for centuries; and

- (5) can be inhaled or ingested by humans;

Whereas the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals estimate that between 19,000,000 and 23,000,000 tons of plastic annually leaks into aquatic ecosystems, such as lakes, rivers, and seas;

Whereas a 2021 National Academies of Sciences study found that the United States annually contributes between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 metric tons of plastic pollution into the environment;

Whereas abandoned, lost, or otherwise discarded fishing gear (also known as 'ghost gear') is a deadly form of pollution to marine species in our ocean, and is often made of plastics;

Whereas plastic pollutants, including microplastics, pose significant threat to human health, including fetal development, endocrine disruption, liver and kidney disease, and brain and neural development, through—

- (1) inhalation, dermal exposure, and ingestion of contaminated food or beverages; and

- (2) the use of degrading plastic containers, utensils, and flatware;

Whereas inland waterways and coastal communities that are dependent on healthy fisheries, safe and hazard free maritime channels, tourism, secure property values, and safe recreation, are negatively affected by plastic pollution and marine debris, which impairs economic growth and economic opportunity;

Whereas achieving circularity in the full lifecycle of polymer production, plastic product manufacturing, and the handling, processing, recycling, and disposal of post-consumer plastic waste through sustainable recycling processes in which plastic materials are manufactured to be durable, repairable, reusable and fully and safely recyclable, would significantly reduce the negative impacts of plastic;

Whereas the accumulation of marine debris and plastic pollution in the oceans—

- (1) are navigational hazards;

- (2) cause significant damage to vessels; and

- (3) disrupt maritime transportation;

Whereas least developed countries face considerable waste management capacity constraints due, in part, to exports of plastic and plastic waste from other countries, inadequate infrastructure, collection costs, and the lack of a responsible end-market for recovered and recycled plastics, all of which weaken such countries' ability to responsibly manage plastic waste;

Whereas existing plastic substitutes, such as bamboo, natural fibers, aluminum, paper, and wax, could cut plastic waste by 17 percent by 2040;

Whereas 96 countries have enacted more than 225 national laws to address plastic pollution and marine debris;

Whereas in 2023, the United States Agency for International Development estimated that its Save Our Seas initiative has prevented the equivalent of nearly 8,000,000,000 plastic bottles (or more than 73,500 metric tons) from polluting the environment through its work in Peru, the Dominican Republic, Kenya, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, the

Philippines, Fiji, Micronesia, and Papua New Guinea;

Whereas several States and municipalities in the United States have imposed a variety of localized measures to curb single-use plastics, including—

- (1) bans or taxes on single-use shopping bags;

- (2) bans on plastic straws and plastic utensils provided at restaurants and grocery stores; and

- (3) restrictions on the use of non-recyclable plastic in single-use applications;

- (4) support for reusable infrastructure, such as dine-in establishments or water-refill stations;

- (5) zero-waste targets and plans, including reduction requirements for single-use plastics;

- (6) requirements for plastic product redesign, including for reuse and recycling; and

- (7) extended producer responsibility requirements for producers of single-use plastics;

Whereas best available science, including the latest modeling, points to plastic reduction, is essential to ending plastic pollution;

Whereas the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution, operating under the framework of the United Nations Environment Programme and tasked with developing an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, consists of several groups of countries, including—

- (1) the High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Production, which is a group of 65 countries, co-chaired by Norway and Rwanda, which supports an agreement aimed at ending plastic pollution by 2040 by—

- (A) restraining global plastic consumption and production;

- (B) developing a circular economy for plastics that protects the environment and human's health; and

- (C) environmentally sound management and recycling of plastic waste; and

- (2) the Like-Minded Countries Group, led by Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iran, and other oil producing countries, which supports a more limited agreement focusing on—

- (A) improvements to recycling and waste management systems; and

- (B) allowing countries to determine their own targets for plastic pollution reduction;

Whereas the draft agreement text proposes articles addressing the full lifecycle of plastics, including microplastics and nanoplastics, and extended producer responsibility;

Whereas the United States submission at the Fourth Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution called for an agreement that—

- (A) addresses plastic's harm to human health and the environment, including marine environment;

- (B) incrementally reduces the demand for plastics;

- (C) creates environmentally sound waste management practices;

- (D) supports research into alternative plastic products and plastic substitutes; and

- (E) establishes an international governing body;

Whereas the Parties have considerable work to do before reaching an agreement on comprehensive and impactful provisions that address—

- (1) the lifecycle of plastic pollution;

- (2) the effects of plastic pollution on human health, particularly vulnerable communities proximate to the sources of plastic pollution; and

- (3) the development of science-based targets and timelines for ending plastic pollution;

Whereas the United States has a responsibility to play an important leadership role in