

Mr. PADILLA. I further ask that the bill be considered read a third time.

The bill was ordered to a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. PADILLA. I know of no further debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

If not, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (H.R. 3821) was passed.

Mr. PADILLA. I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ACCESS TO CAPITAL CREATES ECONOMIC STRENGTH AND SUPPORTS RURAL AMERICA ACT

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee be discharged from and the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 3242.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3242) to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to revise the shareholder threshold for registration under that Act for issuers that receive support through certain Federal universal service support mechanisms, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I further ask that the Baldwin substitute amendment, which is at the desk, be considered and agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 3311) in the nature of a substitute was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Access to Capital Creates Economic Strength and Supports Rural America Act" or the "ACCESS Rural America Act".

SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.

Section 12(g)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78l(g)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(I) any security where—

"(i) the issuer of the security, during its previous fiscal year—

"(I) received support through the Federal universal service support mechanism for rural, insular, and high cost areas established under section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254); and

"(II) with respect to such fiscal year, not later than 120 days after the last day of such fiscal year, filed with the Commission a financial summary form that—

"(aa) the issuer also delivered to each holder of record; and

"(bb) included—

"(AA) a summary of the consolidated balance sheet and consolidated income statement of the issuer; and

"(BB) such other financially material information as the Commission determines is necessary and appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors;

"(ii) as of the last day of the previous fiscal year of the issuer of the security, the security is held of record by—

"(I) more than 500 persons that are not accredited investors; and

"(II) fewer than 2,000 persons; and

"(iii) the issuer of the security has total assets of not more than \$10,000,000, which the Commission shall index for inflation every 5 years to reflect the change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, rounded to the nearest \$100,000.".

The bill (S. 3242), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

VSO EQUAL TAX TREATMENT ACT

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 1432, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1432) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to certain organizations for members of the Armed Forces.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill was ordered to a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. PADILLA. I know of no further debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

If not, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (H.R. 1432) was passed.

Mr. PADILLA. I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NATIONAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 910.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 910) designating November 2024 as "National Hospice and Palliative Care Month".

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. PADILLA. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 910) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of November 21, 2024, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

CONNECTED MATERNAL ONLINE MONITORING ACT

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of S. 712 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 712) to identify and address barriers to coverage of remote physiologic devices under State Medicaid programs to improve maternal and child health outcomes for pregnant and postpartum women.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. PADILLA. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. PADILLA. I know of no further debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate on the bill, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (S. 712) was passed as follows:

S. 712

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 "Connected Maternal Online Monitoring Act" or the "Connected MOM Act".

SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF REMOTE PHYSIOLOGIC MONITORING DEVICES AND IMPACT ON MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH OUTCOMES UNDER MEDICAID.

(a) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall submit to Congress a report containing information on authorities and State practices for covering remote physiologic monitoring devices, including limitations and barriers to such coverage and the impact on maternal health outcomes, and to the extent appropriate, recommendations on how to address such limitations or barriers related to coverage of remote physiologic devices under State Medicaid programs, including, but not limited to, pulse oximeters,

blood pressure cuffs, scales, and blood glucose monitors, with the goal of improving maternal and child health outcomes for pregnant and postpartum women enrolled in State Medicaid programs.

(b) STATE RESOURCES.—Not later than 6 months after the submission of the report required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall update resources for State Medicaid programs, such as State Medicaid telehealth toolkits, to be consistent with the recommendations provided in such report.

Mr. PADILLA. I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 5; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of pro-

ceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that following the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Johnson nomination; further, that at 11:30 a.m. the Senate vote on confirmation of the Davenport nomination, as under the order of December 4, and that upon disposition of the Davenport nomination, the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Johnson nomination; that following the cloture vote, the Senate resume consideration of the Neary nomination; further, that at 1:45 p.m. the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Neary nomination; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Thursday's session, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:08 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate December 4, 2024:

THE JUDICIARY

ANTHONY J. BRINDISI, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

ELIZABETH C. COOMBE, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.