

The bill (S. 5465) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 5465

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

SECTION 1. ORGANIZATION OF TEXAS DISTRICT COURTS.

Section 124(b)(2) of title 28, United States Code, is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph (3), by inserting “and College Station” before the period at the end.

SEC. 2. ORGANIZATION OF CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COURTS.

Section 84(d) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by inserting “and El Centro” after “at San Diego”.

AMENDING TITLE 28, UNITED STATES CODE, TO CONSOLIDATE CERTAIN DIVISIONS IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of H.R. 7177 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 7177) to amend title 28, United States Code, to consolidate certain divisions in the Northern District of Alabama.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (H.R. 7177) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

MORNING BUSINESS

TRIBUTE TO NAN SHERIDAN-MANN

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise to honor a member of my staff Nan Sheridan-Mann on the occasion of her retirement. Nan is retiring after over 5 and a half years as my western Maryland regional director and will be sorely missed.

Coming to my team from the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce, Nan has been instrumental in engaging with small businesses, nonprofit organizations, community leaders, and constituents alike throughout western Maryland. The daughter of a World War II veteran, she has been a champion for the veterans' community, serving as the cochair for Serving Together's Western Region Veteran Collaborative, an executive member of the Frederick County Community Veterans Engagement Board, and a member of the Veterans Advisory Council of

Frederick County. Nan is tireless and always willing to lend a hand; Nan has not only been a community outreach resource but has worked to tackle individual cases for constituents across the State. Indeed, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, she helped to resolve over 1000 unemployment insurance cases and bring families security and peace of mind.

A Midwesterner by birth, we are grateful to call Nan Sheridan-Mann a Marylander and emeritus member of Team Van Hollen. We have treasured her good humor, abundant generosity, authenticity, and buoyant spirit. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Nan for her outstanding service to Maryland and the U.S. Senate and wish her the best for a well-deserved and fulfilling retirement.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1253. A bill to increase the number of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Customs and Border Protection officers and support staff and to require reports that identify staffing, infrastructure, and equipment needed to enhance security at ports of entry (Rept. No. 118-290).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 4495. A bill to enable safe, responsible, and agile procurement, development, and use of artificial intelligence by the Federal Government, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-291).

S. 4679. A bill to amend title XLI of the FAST Act to improve the Federal permitting process, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-292).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 4898. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include extreme heat in the definition of a major disaster (Rept. No. 118-293).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 4900. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to incentivize certain preparedness measures, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-294).

S. 5099. A bill to prescribe requirements relating to the management of the Federal property commonly known as Plum Island, New York, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-295).

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 (Rept. No. 118-296).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 255. An act to amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to develop a study regarding streamlining and consolidating information collection and preliminary damage assessments, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-297).

H.R. 272. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to authorize transportation for Government astronauts returning from space between their residence and various locations, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-298).

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. LEE:

S. 5533. A bill to repeal the Impoundment Control Act of 1974; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WELCH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 5534. A bill to authorize a grant program for educational institutions to analyze, digitize, and map historic records relating to housing discrimination, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 5535. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase penalties for group health plans and health insurance issuers for practices that violate balance billing requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 5536. A bill to prohibit United States Government assistance to the Government of the People's Republic of China and affiliated entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 5537. A bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to establish and carry out a pilot program to expedite the examination of applications for certain patents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 5538. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to amend certain regulations to permit certain children to accompany their parents or legal guardians

through Global Entry airport lanes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself and Mr. LUJÁN):

S. 5539. A bill to require systematic review of artificial intelligence systems before deployment by the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 5540. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify payment rules for manual wheelchairs under part B of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHMITT:

S. 5541. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HAGERTY:

S. 5542. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to remove the border wall or to dispose of materials previously acquired by the Federal Government to construct the border wall; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 5543. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit consumer reporting agencies from furnishing consumer reports containing adverse items of information about a consumer that resulted from that consumer being unlawfully or wrongfully detained abroad or held hostage abroad; 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. BOOKER:

S. Res. 927. A resolution commemorating and supporting the goals of World AIDS Day; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1631

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1631, a bill to enhance the authority granted to the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice with respect to unmanned aircraft systems and unmanned aircraft, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. KIM, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1631, *supra*.

S. 2311

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) 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. 2454

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2454, a bill to require reports on

and investments in pharmaceutical supply chain resiliency to reduce reliance on the People's Republic of China for finished pharmaceutical products and active pharmaceutical ingredients.

S. 2975

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2975, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve payment and processing of payments or allowances for beneficiary travel, and for other purposes.

S. 3661

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3661, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to periodically assess cybersecurity threats to, and vulnerabilities in, the agriculture and food critical infrastructure sector and to provide recommendations to enhance their security and resilience, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct an annual cross-sector simulation exercise relating to a food-related emergency or disruption, and for other purposes.

S. 3815

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3815, a bill to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to promulgate rules with respect to the electronic delivery of certain required disclosures, and for other purposes.

S. 4057

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4057, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to postpone tax deadlines and reimburse paid late fees for United States nationals who are unlawfully or wrongfully detained or held hostage abroad, and for other purposes.

S. 4280

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor 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. 4365

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4365, a bill to provide public health veterinary services to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations for rabies prevention, and for other purposes.

S. 4510

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Michigan

(Ms. STABENOW) 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. 4619

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4619, a bill to revise sections 552, 1461, and 1462 of title 18, United States Code, and section 305 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1305), and for other purposes.

S. 5148

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5148, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain family caregivers to contribute to a Roth IRA.

S. 5329

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5329, a bill to amend section 321 of the Tariff Act of 1930 to enhance transparency with respect to shipments seeking an administrative exemption from duties for low-value entries, and for other purposes.

S. 5391

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5391, a bill to establish a National STEM Week to promote American innovation and enhance STEM education pathways for all students, including those in rural, urban, and underserved communities.

S. 5408

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA), the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 5408, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the life and legacy of Roberto Clemente.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 927—COMMEMORATING AND SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF WORLD AIDS DAY

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

S. RES. 927

Whereas, as of the end of 2023, an estimated 39,900,000 people were living with human immunodeficiency virus (referred to in this preamble as "HIV") or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (referred to in this preamble as "AIDS"), including 1,400,000 children;

Whereas, in the United States, more than 790,000 people with AIDS have died since the