

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. PAUL, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment with a preamble:

S. Res. 29. An original resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President of the United States possesses legal authority under existing law to take immediate and necessary action to secure the southwest border of the United States.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. CRAPO for the Committee on Finance.

*Scott Bessent, of South Carolina, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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. HICKENLOOPER (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CURTIS, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 154. A bill to amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to reauthorize the Colorado River System conservation pilot program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 155. A bill to improve communication between the United States Postal Service and local communities relating to the relocation and establishment of Postal Service retail service facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 156. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to modify the delivery of technical assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 157. A bill to authorize certain States to take certain actions on certain Federal land to secure an international border of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 158. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of, or who have committed, sex offenses or domestic violence are inadmissible and deportable; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COTTON, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. LUMMIS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. SCHMITT, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. BRITT,

Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CASSIDY, and Ms. ERNST):

S. 159. A bill to designate Ansarallah as a foreign terrorist organization and impose certain sanctions on Ansarallah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SHEEHY (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 160. A bill to amend the Wildfire Suppression Aircraft Transfer Act of 1996 to reauthorize the sale by the Department of Defense of aircraft and parts for wildfire suppression purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 161. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to issue rules relating to the testing procedures used under the New Car Assessment Program of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 162. A bill to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve foster and adoptive parent recruitment and retention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 163. A bill to require institutions of higher education participating in Federal student aid programs to share information about title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, including a link to the webpage of the Office for Civil Rights where an individual can submit a complaint regarding discrimination in violation of such title, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SHEEHY, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 164. A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for "midnight rules", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BANKS, Mr. CRUZ, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. 165. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to list fentanyl-related substances as schedule I controlled substances; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TILLIS:

S. 166. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to create or enhance penalties for murder and assault committed against a law enforcement officer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TILLIS:

S. 167. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish criminal offenses targeting law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHMITT:

S. 168. A bill to establish a debt reduction fund to reduce the national debt of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KING, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 169. A bill to assist States in carrying out projects to expand the child care workforce and child care facilities in the States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 170. A bill to prohibit the appointment of former fossil fuel executive officers and fossil fuel lobbyists as the heads of certain departments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 171. A bill to remove the lesser prairie-chicken from the lists of threatened species and endangered species published pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, to amend that Act to exclude the lesser prairie-chicken from the authority of that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 172. A bill to clarify the country of origin of certain articles imported into the United States for purposes of certain trade enforcement actions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 173. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase excise taxes on fuel used by private jets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 174. A bill to improve the transparency of Amtrak operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MORENO:

S. 175. A bill to rescind the unobligated balances of amounts appropriated for Internal Revenue Service enhancements and use such funding for an External Revenue Service; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. SHEEHY, and Mr. BUDD):

S.J. Res. 3. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service relating to "Gross Proceeds Reporting by Brokers That Regularly Provide Services Effectuating Digital Asset Sales"; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. PAUL:

S. Res. 29. An original resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President of the United States possesses legal authority under existing law to take immediate and necessary action to secure the southwest border of the United States; from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; placed on the calendar.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 6

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) were added as cosponsors of S. 6, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion.

S. 40

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 40, a bill to address the fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality, and inhumanity of slavery in the United States and the 13 American colonies between 1619 and 1865 and to establish a commission to study and consider a national apology and proposal for reparations for the institution of slavery, its subsequent de jure and de facto racial and economic discrimination against African Americans, and the impact of these forces on living African Americans, to make recommendations to the Congress on appropriate remedies, and for other purposes.

S. 68

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 68, a bill to prohibit the suspension of collections on loans made to small businesses related to COVID-19, and for other purposes.

S. 100

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 100, a bill to repeal the Corporate Transparency Act.

S. 112

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 112, a bill to amend section 235(b)(2)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to require the implementation of the Migrant Protection Protocols.

S. 124

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) were added as cosponsors of S. 124, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for disciplinary procedures for supervisors and managers at the Department of Veterans Affairs and to modify the procedures of personnel actions against employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 126

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 126, a bill to increase the rates of pay under the statutory pay systems and for prevailing rate employees by 4.3 percent, and for other purposes.

S. 133

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 133, a bill to modify the fire management assistance cost share, and for other purposes.

S. 134

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from Massachu-

setts (Ms. WARREN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) were added as cosponsors of S. 134, a bill to place limitations on excepting positions from the competitive service, and for other purposes.

S. 143

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 143, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to repeal the natural gas tax.

S. 145

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) were added as cosponsors of S. 145, a bill to require the redesignation of Ansarallah as a foreign terrorist organization.

S. 146

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 146, a bill to require covered platforms to remove nonconsensual intimate visual depictions, and for other purposes.

S. 147

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 147, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to provide grants to air pollution control agencies to implement a cleaner air space program, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 28

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 28, a resolution honoring the service of women in combat roles in the Armed Forces.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 29—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES POSSESSES LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER EXISTING LAW TO TAKE IMMEDIATE AND NECESSARY ACTION TO SECURE THE SOUTHWEST BORDER OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. PAUL submitted the following resolution; from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs which was placed on the calendar:

S. RES. 29

Whereas, since the start of the Biden-Harris Administration, nearly 11,000,000 individuals have been encountered attempting to enter the United States unlawfully;

Whereas U.S. Customs and Border Protection has—

(1) apprehended nearly 400 suspected terrorists attempting to enter the United States illegally between ports of entry;

(2) encountered an additional 1,587 suspected terrorists at United States ports of entry; and

(3) identified more than 1,700,000 special interest aliens;

Whereas, since October 1, 2021, more than 120,000 illegal aliens with criminal warrants or convictions were encountered along United States borders, including—

(1) more than 4,800 illegal aliens who were convicted of assault, battery, or domestic violence;

(2) more than 3,300 illegal aliens who were convicted of theft-related offenses;

(3) nearly 1,400 illegal aliens who were convicted of sexual offenses; and

(4) nearly 200 illegal aliens who were convicted of homicide or manslaughter;

Whereas, under section 235(b)(2)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(2)(C)), the Department of Homeland Security is authorized to immediately return certain applicants for admission or asylum to a contiguous foreign territory in accordance with the memorandum from the Secretary of Homeland Security entitled “Policy Guidance for Implementation of the Migrant Protection Protocols”, dated January 25, 2019, or any substantially similar policy changes issued or taken on or after January 20, 2025, whether set forth in a memorandum, executive order, regulation, directive, or by other action;

Whereas, under section 212(f) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(f)), the President has been given broad authority to suspend the entry of all aliens, or to impose any restrictions upon the entry of aliens the President deems appropriate, allowing the President to bar the entry of nationals whose admission could be detrimental to the interests of the United States;

Whereas, under section 208(b)(2)(C) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1158(b)(2)(C)), the Department of Homeland Security is authorized to promulgate additional limitations and conditions under which an alien shall be ineligible for asylum, including making asylum seekers ineligible if they enter or attempt to enter the United States across the southern border without first applying for protection from persecution or torture in at least 1 country, other than the alien’s country of citizenship, nationality, or last lawful habitual residence, through which the alien transited en route to the United States; and

Whereas the “Remain in Mexico” policy (also known as the Migrant Protection Protocols) was an effective measure that enhanced border security, helped deter illegal entries, and made the United States safer: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) affirms that the President has the authority under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.), including sections 208(a)(2)(A), 212(f), and 235(b)(2)(C) (8 U.S.C. 1158(a)(2)(A), 1182(f), and 1225(b)(2)(C)) to take action to secure the southern border and protect the sovereignty and security of the United States; and

(2) urges the President and the Secretary of Homeland Security to utilize all available statutory authority to expeditiously reinstate or implement policies and programs that will promote orderly and lawful entry at the border, deter illegal immigration, and protect national security, including by—

(A) immediately removing illegal aliens;

(B) immediately returning illegal aliens to Mexico;

(C) reinstating the Migrant Protection Protocols (commonly known as “Remain in Mexico”) or any substantially similar policy;

(D) ending the catch-and-release policy;