

improving security of food from international contamination, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. SCOTT):

S. 288. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Board, the Office of the General Counsel, and the process for appellate review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 289. A bill to prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 290. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 291. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for extensions of detention of certain aliens ordered removed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CRUZ, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 292. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. VITTER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HELLER, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 293. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 294. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the Pro Football Hall of Fame; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 295. A bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 296. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. UDALL):

S. 297. A bill to revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. NELSON, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KIRK, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 298. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes; 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. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 43. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that children trafficked in the United States should be treated as victims, and not criminals, especially during the upcoming Super Bowl, an event around which many children are at risk for being trafficked for sex; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. Res. 44. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. Res. 45. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship; from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. Res. 46. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging; from the Special Committee on Aging; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CORKER:

S. Res. 47. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. Res. 48. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. Res. 49. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; from the Committee on Indian Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. CARPER):

S. Res. 50. A resolution congratulating The Ohio State University football team for winning the 2015 College Football Playoff national championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 51. A resolution recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 52. A resolution calling for the release of Ukrainian fighter pilot Nadiya Savchenko, who was captured by Russian forces in Eastern Ukraine and has been held illegally in a Russian prison since July 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 33

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 33, a bill to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas, and for other purposes.

S. 37

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for State accountability in the provision of access to the core resources for learning, and for other purposes.

S. 48

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 48, a bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes.

S. 50

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 50, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities.

S. 51

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 51, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes.

S. 183

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to repeal the annual fee on health insurance providers enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 192

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms.

COLLINS) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 192, a bill to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

S. 233

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 233, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector.

S. 248

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 248, a bill to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 265

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. COATS), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 265, a bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for other purposes.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. SASSE), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) were added as cosponsors of S. 269, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 35

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 35, a resolution commemorating the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland.

AMENDMENT NO. 15

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 15 proposed to S. 1, a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

AMENDMENT NO. 35

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 35 proposed to S. 1, a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

AMENDMENT NO. 70

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 70 proposed to S. 1, a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

AMENDMENT NO. 73

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 73 proposed to S. 1, a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

AMENDMENT NO. 115

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 115 proposed to S. 1, a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

AMENDMENT NO. 120

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 120 proposed to S. 1, a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

AMENDMENT NO. 124

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 124 proposed to S. 1, a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

AMENDMENT NO. 132

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 132 proposed to S. 1, a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

AMENDMENT NO. 148

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 148 proposed to S. 1, a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 286. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation that would further advance the goals of Indian self-governance and self-determination. The legislation is entitled, the Department of the Interior Self-

Governance Act of 2015. I thank my colleagues who have joined me as original cosponsors of this legislation, including Indian Affairs Committee Vice Chairman Senator TESTER and Senator MURKOWSKI.

One of the cornerstones of Federal Indian policy is the concept of tribal self-determination and self-governance. In 1975, Congress passed the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. The Act, Public Law No. 93-638 authorizes Indian tribes to carry out certain Federal Indian programs, activities, and functions within the Department of the Interior and the Department of the Health and Human Services.

Self-governance is both a policy and procedure whereby, pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Indian tribes administer Federal programs for Indians. Tribal administration of these programs promotes local control and decision-making for these important programs that affect the local tribal community.

Tribal administration through these processes also serves to reduce Federal bureaucracy. This legislation promotes accountability by maintaining requirements that Indian tribes must demonstrate a higher level of responsible governance and administration. Good governance is vital for continuing this policy.

The act gives authority to the Secretaries of the Interior and Health and Human Services to enter into 638 contracts and self-governance compacts with Indian tribes. Each 638 contract or self-governance compact identifies functions and activities to be carried out by the tribe, as well as any administrative, reporting, or other requirements that must be followed.

Despite the increased flexibility in the tribal self-governance program, Indian tribes have stated to Congress that the Department of the Interior has, for many years, resisted the efforts by tribes to carry out Interior programs. Without additional reforms, the success of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act cannot reach its full potential.

The bill intends to clarify and expand the provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. This legislation will give tribes a better opportunity to advance the policy of tribal self-governance by authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to select up to 50 new Indian tribes to participate in the tribal self-governance program. In addition, the bill clarifies that provisions of water settlements and their authorizing legislation will not be affected by the self-governance amendments. Furthermore, nothing in this will expand or limit programs eligible for self-governance compacts beyond those already authorized under current law.

This bipartisan bill is supported by Indian tribes across the country. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.