

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 758. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's review and publication of illness and conditions relating to veterans stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and their family members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 759. A bill to save taxpayers money by improving the manufacturing and distribution of coins and notes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. SASSE):

S. 760. A bill to expand the Government's use and administration of data to facilitate transparency, effective governance, and innovation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. CORKER):

S. 761. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals to receive a premium assistance credit for insurance not purchased on an Exchange, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 762. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform provisions relating to whistleblowers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 763. A bill to improve surface and maritime transportation security; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 764. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enrollment of veterans in certain courses of education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PERDUE:

S. 765. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for penalties for the sale of any Purple Heart awarded to a member of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MANCHIN:

S. 766. A bill to amend titles 10 and 32, United States Code, to improve and enhance authorities relating to the employment, use, status, and benefits of military technicians (dual status), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. UDALL, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. NELSON, Ms. HARRIS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COONS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CARPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 767. A bill to provide that the Executive Order entitled "Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth" and signed on March 28, 2017, shall have no force or effect, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 768. A bill to improve the productivity and energy efficiency of the manufacturing sector by directing the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the National Academies and other appropriate Federal agencies, to develop a national smart manufacturing plan and to provide assistance to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 769. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to align physician supervision requirements under the Medicare program for radiology services performed by advanced level radiographers with State requirements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. THUNE, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 770. A bill to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to disseminate resources to help reduce small business cybersecurity risks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. WARREN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. REED, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 771. A bill to improve access to affordable prescription drugs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 772. A bill to amend the PROTECT Act to make Indian tribes eligible for AMBER Alert grants; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 773. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain rules applicable to qualified small issue manufacturing bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 774. A bill to address the psychological, developmental, social, and emotional needs of children, youth, and families who have experienced trauma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 102. A resolution reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Mexico, and recognizing bilateral cooperation that advances the national security and national interests of both countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 103. A resolution designating March 29, 2017, as "Vietnam Veterans Day"; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 29

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Michigan

(Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 29, a bill to permit disabled law enforcement officers, customs and border protection officers, firefighters, air traffic controllers, nuclear materials couriers, members of the Capitol Police, members of the Supreme Court Police, employees of the Central Intelligence Agency performing intelligence activities abroad or having specialized security requirements, and diplomatic security special agents of the Department of State to receive retirement benefits in the same manner as if they had not been disabled.

S. 59

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 59, a bill to provide that silencers be treated the same as long guns.

S. 204

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 204, a bill to authorize the use of unapproved medical products by patients diagnosed with a terminal illness in accordance with State law, and for other purposes.

S. 233

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 233, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain major medical facility leases of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 322

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 322, a bill to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets.

S. 324

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 324, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans.

S. 348

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 348, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate lower covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 366

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 366, a bill to require the Federal financial institutions regulatory agencies to take risk profiles and business models of institutions into account when taking regulatory actions, and for other purposes.

S. 382

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a voluntary registry to collect data on cancer incidence among firefighters.

S. 387

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 387, a bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to subject the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to the regular appropriations process, and for other purposes.

S. 465

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 465, a bill to provide for an independent outside audit of the Indian Health Service.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the importation of affordable and safe drugs by wholesale distributors, pharmacies, and individuals.

S. 482

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 482, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain amounts paid for physical activity, fitness, and exercise as amounts paid for medical care.

S. 517

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 517, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to the ethanol waiver for Reid vapor pressure limitations under such Act.

S. 552

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 552, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Electronic Fund Transfer Act to provide justice to victims of fraud.

S. 595

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 595, a bill to provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection with additional flexibility to expedite the hiring process for applicants for law enforcement positions, and for other purposes.

S. 717

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 717, a bill to promote pro bono

legal services as a critical way in which to empower survivors of domestic violence.

S. 722

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 722, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to Iran in relation to Iran's ballistic missile program, support for acts of international terrorism, and violations of human rights, and for other purposes.

S. 748

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 748, a bill to protect United States citizens and residents from unlawful profiling, arrest, and detention, and for other purposes.

S. 751

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 751, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Park Service Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 6

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 6, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. CORKER):

S. 761. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals to receive a premium assistance credit for insurance not purchased on an Exchange, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, the Health Care Options Act of 2017, introduced by Senator CORKER and me, would address the emergency in the health insurance exchanges in Tennessee and in other States. This legislation would allow any American who receives a subsidy and has no insurance available on their exchange next year to use that subsidy to buy any State-approved insurance off the exchange.

Second, the legislation would waive the Affordable Care Act requirement that these Americans—who, remember, have zero insurance options for their subsidies—have to pay a penalty for not purchasing the insurance.

Third, the legislation would bring peace of mind between now and the beginning of 2018 to millions of Americans—some of the most vulnerable people in our country—who face having zero options of health insurance to pur-

chase with their subsidy in the year 2018 because of the collapsing ObamaCare exchange markets.

Here is why urgent action is needed. There are 11 million Americans who buy individual insurance now on the Affordable Care Act exchanges. Approximately 85 percent of them receive a subsidy to help them buy insurance. For those who don't like subsidies for people buying insurance, I would remind us that about 60 percent of insured Americans get insurance on the job, and the average tax break for people with employer sponsored insurance is about \$5,000. What we are talking about is the 4 percent of insured people who don't get insurance on the job, who don't get it from the government and Medicare and Medicaid, and this subsidy gives them some money to help them buy insurance if they are mostly low income.

While these 11 million make up only 4 percent of the total insured population in this country, this 4 percent is where much of today's political turmoil rests.

In the Knoxville area where I live, the one remaining insurance company on the Affordable Care Act exchange has pulled out for the year 2018. So it is a near certainty that there will be zero insurance options for 40,000 Tennesseans who live there and buy their insurance on the exchange. In other words, for approximately 34,000 Tennesseans living in Knoxville who rely on an Affordable Care Act subsidy to buy health insurance, their subsidies will be worth as much as a bus ticket in a town with no buses running.

There is a real prospect that the same thing may happen to all 230,000 Tennesseans who buy insurance on the exchange. As I said, 85 percent of them rely on a subsidy to afford insurance; they just will not have any insurance policies to buy.

The decision Friday by the House of Representatives to not vote on the health care bill changes nothing about the urgency of rescuing these 230,000 Tennesseans who buy insurance on the ObamaCare exchanges that our State insurance commissioner has told us are "very near collapse."

While Congress continues its work to enact long-term structural health reforms, we must take immediate action to help these 230,000 Tennesseans and millions of Americans in other States facing the same dire consequences.

This is not just a problem for Tennesseans. Last year, 7 percent of counties in the country had just one insurer offering plans on their Affordable Care Act exchange. This year, that 7 percent has risen to 32 percent of the counties in this country having just one insurer offering plans on the Affordable Care Act exchange. There are five States this year that have only a single insurer offering ACA plans in their entire State—Alabama, Alaska, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Wyoming. And in nine States, there is only one insurer offering ACA plans in a majority of the