

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-143. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts memorializing its position on immigration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

RESOLUTIONS

IN RESPONSE TO THE JANUARY 27, 2017
PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER

Whereas, Immigrants founded this Commonwealth nearly 4 centuries ago, and

Whereas, This nation and this Commonwealth are proud of our strong tradition of welcoming immigrants and refugees to our shores, and

Whereas, Our nation and this Commonwealth have stood as a beacon of hope for refugees fleeing war, violence and persecution, and

Whereas, Immigrants play an essential part in strengthening the communities and enriching the society of this nation and this Commonwealth; and

Whereas, Important sectors of the Commonwealth's economy, including higher education, health care and innovation, depend heavily on immigrants' contributions, and

Whereas, The executive order prohibits many foreign students, workers and other visa holders from 7 targeted majority-muslim nations, including many who have already been vetted and documented, from entering the United States for at least 90 days, suspends the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program for 120 days and resumes the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program after 120 days only for nationals of countries as determined jointly by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Director of National Intelligence; and

Whereas, The First Amendment of the Constitution protects the freedom of religion and this Executive order prioritizes the admission of refugees based on specific religions, and

Whereas, Much of the Executive order is inconsistent with the Nation's and the Commonwealth's strong tradition of welcoming immigrants and refugees to our shores, while not conclusively contributing to the important goal of keeping our residents safe and secure from terrorism, and

Whereas, The Executive order presents serious constitutional and other legal issues of due process, equal protection and discrimination on the basis of religion and national origin, Now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts Senate:

(1) Reaffirms the Commonwealth's strong tradition of welcoming immigrants and refugees and rejecting discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender or religion;

(2) Calls on President Trump to reconsider and rescind those portions of the Executive order that interfere with the rights of already documented students, workers, permanent residents and other visitors;

(3) Supports the legal actions of our attorney general and other plaintiffs to contest the legality of the Executive order in court, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions shall be transmitted forthwith by the clerk of the Senate to the President of the United States and those Members of Congress from the Commonwealth.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 150. A resolution recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance.

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1901. A bill to require global economic and political pressure to support diplomatic denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, including through the imposition of sanctions with respect to the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and any enablers of the activities of that Government, and to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF
COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on Finance.

*Kevin K. McAleenan, of Hawaii, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Leonard Steven Grasz, of Nebraska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

Don R. Willett, of Texas, to be a Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

James C. Ho, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Terry A. Doughty, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

Terry Fitzgerald Moorer, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama.

Mark Saalfeld Norris, Sr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

Claria Horn Boom, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky.

John W. Broomes, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

Rebecca Grady Jennings, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.

Robert Earl Wier, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

*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.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.

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. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2204. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to re-

habilitation innovation centers under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2205. A bill to improve access by Indian tribes to support from the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support program (E-rate) of the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. DAINES:

S. 2206. A bill to release certain wilderness study areas in the State of Montana; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 2207. A bill to allow qualified volunteer first responders to qualify for public service loan forgiveness; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 2208. A bill to provide for the issuance of an Alzheimer's Disease Research Semipostal Stamp; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 2209. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to count monetary winnings from lotteries and other lump-sum income of \$80,000 or more as if they were obtained over multiple months for purposes of determining income eligibility for medical assistance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. UDALL):

S. 2210. A bill to ensure the Chief Information Office of the Federal Communications Commission has a significant role in decisions related to information technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. TILLIS, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2211. A bill to establish a national endangered missing advisory communications network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. KAINE, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. 2212. A bill to establish the "Biomedical Innovation Fund", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2213. A bill to authorize Pacific Historic Parks to establish a commemorative display to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific Theater of World War II, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL:

S.J. Res. 50. A joint resolution relating to the disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of Georgia of Javelin Missiles and Javelin Command Launch Units; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND
SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BROWN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 350. A resolution recognizing the 69th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the celebration of "Human Rights Day"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 351. A resolution recognizing the bicentennial of the State of Mississippi on December 10, 2017; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 352. A resolution designating the week of December 3 through December 9, 2017, as "National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KING):

S. Res. 353. A resolution designating December 16, 2017, as "Wreaths Across America Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 354. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the courageous work and life of Argentinian prosecutor Alberto Nisman, and calling for a swift and transparent investigation into his tragic death in Buenos Aires on January 18, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LANKFORD:

S. Res. 355. A resolution improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 298

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 540

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 540, a bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States.

S. 1172

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1172, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1353

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1353, a bill to require States to automatically register eligible voters to vote in elections for Federal offices, and for other purposes.

S. 1464

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California

(Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1464, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the exclusion for energy conservation subsidies provided by public utilities to include subsidies provided by public utilities and State and local governments for water conservation and storm water management.

S. 1842

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1842, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 1913

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1913, a bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act and the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 to make the native sod provisions applicable to the United States and to modify those provisions, and for other purposes.

S. 2030

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. GARDNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2030, a bill to deem the compliance date for amended energy conservation standards for ceiling light kits to be January 21, 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 2032

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2032, a bill to make certain footwear eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes.

S. 2055

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2055, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to better address substance use and substance use disorders among young people.

S. 2070

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2070, a bill to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism.

S. 2143

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2143, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to strengthen protections for employees wishing to advocate for improved wages, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment, to expand coverage under such

Act, to provide a process for achieving initial collective bargaining agreements, and to provide for stronger remedies for interference with these rights, and for other purposes.

S. 2152

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) were added as cosponsors of S. 2152, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for assistance for victims of child pornography, and for other purposes.

S. 2201

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2201, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve college access and college completion for all students.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DAINES:

S. 2206. A bill to release certain wilderness study areas in the State of Montana; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, as a fifth generation Montanan and an avid outdoorsman, I know how important access to our public lands are. Having hiked, camped, biked, and snowmobiled countless miles in the wilderness, forests, and other public lands of Montana, I share with other Montanans the desire to explore the beauty of our state. That is why today I am introducing the Protect Public Use of Public Lands Act. This bill follows calls from countless Montanans and the U.S. Forest Service recommendations to open up Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) that the Forest Service recommended to manage as non-wilderness after the congressionally mandated study in the 1970s. The bill would allow new uses to be considered in the public planning process. For too long these lands have remained in limbo and many forms of recreation have been significantly reduced. For this reason, the Montana Legislature passed a measure calling on Congress to take action on these Wilderness Study Areas, and I have continued to hear from County Commissioners, local Montanans, farmers, ranchers, and recreation groups since I have been in Congress of their support for action. Hearing this call I today introduce the Protect Public Use of Public Lands Act and ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this important measure.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as, follows: