

S. 2222. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for distributions from 529 accounts for expenses associated with registered apprenticeship programs; 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. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PETERS, Mr. COONS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. WARREN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. KING, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BROWN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 357. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that international education and exchange programs further United States national security and foreign policy priorities, enhance United States economic competitiveness, and promote mutual understanding and cooperation among nations, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. Res. 358. A resolution designating December 3, 2017, as "National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 266

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 266, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Anwar Sadat in recognition of his heroic achievements and courageous contributions to peace in the Middle East.

S. 322

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor 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. 447

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 447, a bill to require reporting on acts of certain foreign countries on Holocaust era assets and related issues.

S. 487

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. HEITKAMP) was added as a cosponsor of S. 487, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs.

S. 654

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms.

HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 793

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 793, a bill to prohibit sale of shark fins, and for other purposes.

S. 794

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 794, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act in order to improve the process whereby Medicare administrative contractors issue local coverage determinations under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 821

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 821, a bill to promote access for United States officials, journalists, and other citizens to Tibetan areas of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

S. 1051

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1051, a bill to encourage visits between the United States and Taiwan at all levels, and for other purposes.

S. 1091

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1091, a bill to establish a Federal Task Force to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

S. 1132

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1132, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make permanent the removal of the rental cap for durable medical equipment under the Medicare program with respect to speech generating devices.

S. 1503

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) were added as cosponsors of S. 1503, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the 60th anniversary of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

S. 1633

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1633, a bill to promote innovative approaches to outdoor recreation on

Federal land and to open up opportunities for collaboration with non-Federal partners, and for other purposes.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a home infusion therapy services temporary transitional payment under the Medicare program.

S. 1767

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1767, a bill to reauthorize the farm to school program, and for other purposes.

S. 1842

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

S. 1850

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1850, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to protect the confidentiality of substance use disorder patient records.

S. 1871

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1871, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of podiatrists in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1901

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1989

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. McCASKILL), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1989, a bill to enhance transparency and accountability for online political advertisements by requiring those who purchase and publish such ads to disclose information about the advertisements to the public, and for other purposes.

S. 2107

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms.

COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2107, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Under Secretary of Health to report major adverse personnel actions involving certain health care employees to the National Practitioner Data Bank and to applicable State licensing boards, and for other purposes.

S. 2135

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) were added as cosponsors of S. 2135, a bill to enforce current law regarding the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

S. 2143

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors 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. 2144

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2144, a bill to provide a process for granting lawful permanent resident status to aliens from certain countries who meet specified eligibility requirements.

S. 2159

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2159, a bill to require covered harassment and covered discrimination awareness and prevention training for Members, officers, employees, interns, fellows, and detailees of Congress within 30 days of employment and annually thereafter, to require a biennial climate survey of Congress, to amend the enforcement process under the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights for covered harassment and covered discrimination complaints, and for other purposes.

S. 2202

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2202, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 150

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 150, a resolution recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and re-

affirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance.

S. RES. 250

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 250, a resolution condemning horrific acts of violence against Burma's Rohingya population and calling on Aung San Suu Kyi to play an active role in ending this humanitarian tragedy.

S. RES. 285

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 285, a resolution honoring the life and achievements of Dr. Samuel DuBois Cook.

S. RES. 346

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 346, a resolution recognizing the importance and effectiveness of trauma-informed care.

S. RES. 350

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 350, a resolution recognizing the 69th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the celebration of "Human Rights Day".

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2222. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for distributions from 529 accounts for expenses associated with registered apprenticeship programs; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DAINES. 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:

S. 2222

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

SECTION 1. DISTRIBUTIONS FROM 529S FOR REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 529(e)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) CERTAIN EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.—The term ‘qualified higher education expenses’ shall include books, supplies, and equipment required for the enrollment or attendance of a designated beneficiary in an apprenticeship program registered and certified with the Secretary of Labor under section 1 of the National Apprenticeship Act (29 U.S.C. 50).”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to contributions made and distributions paid after December 31, 2017.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 357—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS FURTHER UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES, ENHANCE UNITED STATES ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS, AND PROMOTE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION AMONG NATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PETERS, Mr. COONS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. WARREN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. KING, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BROWN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. STABENOW) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 357

Whereas hundreds of thousands of United States secondary and post-secondary students, from congressional districts in all 50 States, study overseas each year;

Whereas, according to the Department of State, more than 1,000,000 international students and other international education and exchange participants annually help create mutual understanding by living, studying, and working in local communities throughout the United States;

Whereas international education and exchange programs serve an effective and proven diplomatic function with countries key to United States foreign policy and national security priorities, encouraging goodwill towards the United States;

Whereas promoting the United States as a destination for international students and professionals, while encouraging United States students and professionals to gain international experience abroad, are wise investments in our Nation's economic competitiveness;

Whereas it is imperative that United States students understand how to interact with their peers from around the world and operate in multicultural environments;

Whereas it is important to diversify the pool of United States citizens participating in international study and exchange experiences, including groups that have been historically underrepresented in these programs;

Whereas students and other young people are the world's future leaders and innovators;

Whereas there are multitudes of private, not-for-profit organized and funded exchange programs and many that are funded by the United States Government;

Whereas international education and exchange programs exist at multiple levels of the educational spectrum, including high school, undergraduate, graduate, educator, citizen, cultural, and sports programs;

Whereas according to an economic analysis of international student enrollment data and tuition data by NAFSA: Association of International Educators—

(1) international students consistently have a positive impact on the United States economy and job creation in every State and Congressional district;