

people in attacks by violent extremist organizations;

(3) reaffirms the commitment of the United States to democracy, human rights, civil liberties, and the rule of law, including the universal rights of freedom of assembly, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of association;

(4) expresses support for human rights, civil liberties, and rule of law in Egypt, and for elections that are free, fair, and credible;

(5) notes that a lack of progress in these areas will undermine Egypt's security and economic stabilization;

(6) supports the people of Egypt, who are entitled to determine their own destiny, including selecting their political leadership through a fair and credible electoral process without fear of or intimidation by their government;

(7) urges the Government of Egypt to take meaningful steps to enable free, fair, credible, and peaceful elections in March 2018 and in the future;

(8) expresses concern regarding the intimidation and detention of credible opposition candidates, as well as the restrictive environment for nongovernmental organizations and media;

(9) calls on the United States Government, foreign governments, and parliaments to speak out in support of the right of the Egyptian people to free, fair, and credible elections; and

(10) encourages the President to appoint an Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs and a United States Ambassador to Egypt to bolster diplomatic engagement with the Government of Egypt, electoral stakeholders, and civil society as well as consistently raise issues of human rights, rule of law, and governance.

SENATE RESOLUTION 451—RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ENDOMETRIOSIS AS AN UNMET CHRONIC DISEASE FOR WOMEN AND DESIGNATING MARCH 2018 AS “ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH”

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Ms. WARREN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary :

S. RES. 451

Whereas 6,500,000 women in the United States are living with endometriosis;

Whereas endometriosis is a chronic disease affecting 176,000,000 women throughout the world and an estimated 1 in 10 women in the United States ages 18 through 49;

Whereas medical societies and patient groups including the Endometriosis Association, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health, the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, and the American Social Health Association all have expressed the need for greater public attention and updated resources targeted to public education about this unmet health need for women;

Whereas endometriosis occurs when tissue similar to that normally found in the uterus begins to grow outside the uterus;

Whereas, while endometriosis is one of the most common gynecological disorders in the United States, there is a lack of awareness and prioritization of endometriosis as an important health issue for women;

Whereas women can suffer up to 6 to 10 years before properly diagnosed;

Whereas approximately ⅓ to ½ of all women with endometriosis will have difficulty getting pregnant;

Whereas endometriosis is a painful and debilitating disorder;

Whereas endometriosis is associated with increased health care costs and poses a substantial burden to patients in the healthcare system;

Whereas the total annual direct health care cost of symptoms associated with endometriosis is \$56,000,000,000, or nearly \$11,000 per patient;

Whereas 51 percent of endometriosis patients report that the disease detrimentally affects their performance of their job;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that the average number of “bed days” for patients with endometriosis was 18 days per year;

Whereas women with endometriosis can lose 11 hours per work week through lost productivity;

Whereas, in 2010, endometriosis patients were hospitalized over 100,000 days because of this disease;

Whereas there is a need for more research and updated guidelines to treat endometriosis;

Whereas the research dollars from the National Institutes of Health dedicated to endometriosis has dropped from \$16,000,000 in 2010 to \$7,000,000 in 2018;

Whereas there is an ongoing need for additional clinical research and treatment options to manage this debilitating disease; and

Whereas there is no known cure for endometriosis: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 2018 as “Endometriosis Awareness Month”;

(2) recognizes the importance of endometriosis as a health issue for women that requires far greater attention, public awareness, and education about the disease;

(3) encourages the Secretary of Health and Human Services—

(A) to provide information to women, patients, and health care providers with respect to endometriosis, including available screening tools and treatment options, with a goal of improving the quality of life and health outcomes of women affected by endometriosis;

(B) to conduct additional research on endometriosis and possible clinical options; and

(C) to update information, tools, and studies currently available with respect to helping women live with endometriosis; and

(4) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2215. Mr. CORNYN (for Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4851, to establish the Kennedy-King National Historic Site in the State of Indiana, and for other purposes.

SA 2216. Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1625, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to include severe forms of trafficking in persons within the definition of transnational organized crime for purposes of the rewards program of the Department of State, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2217. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1625, supra.

SA 2218. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2217 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 1625, supra.

SA 2219. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1625, supra.

SA 2220. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2219 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 1625, supra.

SA 2221. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2220 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the amendment SA 2219 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 1625, supra.

SA 2222. Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1625, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2223. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. HOEVEN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 607, to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation communities.

SA 2224. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. HOEVEN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1116, to amend the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000, the Buy Indian Act, and the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide industry and economic development opportunities to Indian communities.

SA 2225. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. LANKFORD) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 943, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an accurate comprehensive student count for the purposes of calculating formula allocations for programs under the Johnson-O'Malley Act, and for other purposes.

SA 2226. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. RISCH) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 116, Official Title Not Available.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2215. Mr. CORNYN (for Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4851, to establish the Kennedy-King National Historic Site in the State of Indiana, and for other purposes; as follows:

In section 3, strike subsection (d).

SA 2216. Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1625, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to include severe forms of trafficking in persons within the definition of transnational organized crime for purposes of the rewards program of the Department of State, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In division H, after section 229, insert the following:

SEC. 230. WAIVERS FOR STATE INNOVATION; COST-SHARING PAYMENTS.

(a) WAIVERS FOR STATE INNOVATION.—

(1) STREAMLINING THE STATE APPLICATION PROCESS.—Section 1332 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18052) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(1)(C), by striking “the law” and inserting “a law or has in effect a certification”; and

(B) in subsection (b)(2)—

(i) in the paragraph heading, by inserting “OR CERTIFY” after “LAW”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking “A law” and inserting the following: