

Whereas, the changes created by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 will affect a disproportionately high percentage of Hawaii residents compared to other states because of Hawaii's unique physical and economic environment; and

Whereas, Hawaii currently ranks as one of the states that is least dependent on federal aid, with federal assistance comprising only 22.8 percent of general revenues: Now, be it

Resolved, By the House of Representatives of the Twenty ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, that the President of the United States and the United States Congress are urged to mitigate the high, disproportionately adverse impacts of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 on Hawaii citizens by increasing federal funding of Hawaii housing initiatives; and be it further

Resolved, That the President of the United States and the United States Congress are urged to request the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to increase funding levels to Hawaii programs, regardless of potential budget cuts to that department in pending federal appropriation bills; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, Vice President of the United States, Majority Leader of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Governor, Director of Human Services, and Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 1397. A bill to authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-257).

By Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2975. An original bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-258).

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2976. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-259).

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2019" (Rept. No. 115-260).

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

S. Res. 386. A resolution urging the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to fulfill its agreement to hold credible elections, comply with constitutional limits on presidential terms, and fulfill its constitutional mandate for a democratic transition of power by taking concrete and measurable steps towards holding elections not later than December 2018 as outlined in the existing election calendar, and allowing for freedom of expression and association.

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2602. A bill to support carbon dioxide utilization and direct air capture research, to facilitate the permitting and development of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration projects and carbon dioxide pipelines, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on Finance.

John J. Bartrum, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Andrew S. Oldham, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Alan D. Albright, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

Thomas S. Kleeh, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia.

Peter J. Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Michael J. Truncale, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

Wendy Vitter, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Erica H. MacDonald, of Minnesota, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

Scott Patrick Illing, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

(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. YOUNG (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 2945. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to carry out a housing choice voucher mobility demonstration to encourage families receiving the voucher assistance to move to lower-poverty areas and expand access to opportunity areas; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. COONS, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2946. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of the terms "act of war" and "blocked asset", and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 2947. A bill to establish the Caddo Lake National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 2948. A bill to improve efforts to identify and reduce Governmentwide improper payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PERDUE:

S. 2949. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out certain activities to ensure the readiness of the Department of Defense with respect to joint electromagnetic spectrum operations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 2950. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow credits for the establishment of franchises by veterans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2951. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a grant program for projects to strengthen and protect vulnerable infrastructure used during mass evacuations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. ENZI, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. ERNST, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. HELLER, Ms. SMITH, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. NELSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. REED, and Mr. MANGHIN):

S. 2952. A bill to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to establish protections against congressional sexual harassment and discrimination, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. JONES (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2953. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to expand access for rural-area small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2954. A bill to provide for the award of medals or other commendations to handlers of military working dogs and military working dogs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 2955. A bill to reform the Mobility Fund Phase II challenge process conducted by the Federal Communications Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 2956. A bill to intensify stem cell research showing evidence of substantial clinical benefit to patients, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2957. A bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2958. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to make the provision of Wi-Fi access on school buses eligible