

Navy nominations beginning with Sean A. Brophy and ending with Jesus A. Uranga, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 6, 2018.

Navy nominations beginning with Christopher M. Andrews and ending with Jacob W. Zercher, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 6, 2018.

Navy nominations beginning with Emily L. Adams and ending with Jacob C. Wille, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 6, 2018.

\*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. JOHNSON:

S. 3487. A bill to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to improve the orderly transfer of the executive power during Presidential transitions; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 3488. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to secure the rights of visual artists to copyright, to provide for resale royalties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. ERNST:

S. 3489. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require Medicare Advantage plans offered under part C of the Medicare program and prescription drug plans offered under part D of such program to provide information relating to the safe disposal of prescription drugs that are controlled substances to certain individuals enrolled under such plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 3490. A bill to protect State and local witnesses from tampering and retaliation, to empower law enforcement agencies to keep America safe from organized crime and gang-related violence, to authorize grants for the purchase of personal protective equipment and detection devices for first responders assisting at the scene of an opioid overdose or investigating opioid trafficking or distribution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 3491. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to carry out a pilot program to develop and provide to States and transportation planning organizations accessibility data sets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 3492. A bill to improve the removal of lead from drinking water in public housing; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 3493. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve quality measurement and development; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. 3494. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to improve Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program for low-income mothers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 3495. A bill to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. KING):

S. 3496. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study and submit a report on the effects of the inclusion of quality increases in the determination of blended benchmark amounts under part C of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. KING):

S. 3497. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate a provision under the Medicare Advantage program that inadvertently penalizes Medicare Advantage plans for providing high quality care to Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 3498. A bill to designate Federal election day as a public holiday; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HARRIS:

S. 3499. A bill to provide grants for projects to acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes and to develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. WARREN:

S. 3500. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct programs to address the usage of illicit drugs, particularly fentanyl, 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 Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. Res. 646. A resolution recognizing the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Economic Justice on its 50th anniversary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. Res. 647. A resolution calling for the global repeal of blasphemy, heresy, and apostasy laws; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. HATCH, Ms. SMITH, Mr. KING, and Mr. RISCH):

S. Res. 648. A resolution designating September 2018 as "Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 649. A resolution recognizing the contributions of American Viticultural

Areas and winegrowing regions; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 650. A resolution recognizing the 1-year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CASEY, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 651. A resolution marking 1 year since the landfall of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 652. A resolution remembering the 1-year anniversary of the landfall of Hurricane Irma in Florida; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. Con. Res. 48. A concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 1551; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 281

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 281, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, and for other purposes.

S. 322

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) 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. 352

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) were added as cosponsors of S. 352, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Master Sergeant Rodrick "Roddie" Edmonds in recognition of his heroic actions during World War II.

S. 384

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 384, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the new markets tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of

whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 817

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 817, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the age requirement with respect to eligibility for qualified ABLE programs.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to prohibit, as an unfair or deceptive act or practice, commercial sexual orientation conversion therapy, and for other purposes.

S. 1301

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1301, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 2127

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2127, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States merchant mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II.

S. 2553

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. HEITKAMP) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) were added as cosponsors of S. 2553, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prohibit Medicare part D plans from restricting pharmacies from informing individuals regarding the prices for certain drugs and biologicals.

S. 2568

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2568, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes.

S. 2821

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2821, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of veterans who participated in the cleanup of Enewetak Atoll as radiation exposed veterans for purposes of the presumption of service-connection of certain disabilities by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2934

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2934, a bill to increase the recruitment

and retention of school-based mental health services providers by low-income local educational agencies.

S. 2971

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2971, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit animal fighting in the United States territories.

S. 3020

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3020, a bill to establish in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor of the Department of State a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTI Peoples, and for other purposes.

S. 3049

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3049, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require paper ballots and risk-limiting audits in all Federal elections, and for other purposes.

S. 3050

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3050, a bill to improve executive agency digital services, and for other purposes.

S. 3166

At the request of Mrs. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3166, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II in recognition of their extraordinary service during World War II.

S. 3178

At the request of Ms. HARRIS, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3178, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to specify lynching as a deprivation of civil rights, and for other purposes.

S. 3257

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 3257, a bill to impose sanctions on foreign persons responsible for serious violations of international law regarding the protection of civilians during armed conflict, and for other purposes.

S. 3270

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3270, a bill to address the need for pilot development and encourage more individuals to enter the field of aviation, and for other purposes.

S. 3321

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Indiana

(Mr. YOUNG), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. GARDNER), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3321, a bill to award Congressional Gold Medals to Katherine Johnson and Dr. Christine Darden and to posthumously award Congressional Gold Medals to Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson in recognition of their contributions to the success of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration during the Space Race.

S. 3332

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mrs. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3332, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the inclusion of certain fringe benefit expenses for which a deduction is disallowed in unrelated business taxable income.

S. 3337

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3337, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

S. 3388

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3388, a bill to amend the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

S. 3435

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3435, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to direct the Secretary of Education to issue guidance and recommendations for institutions of higher education on removing criminal and juvenile justice questions from their application for admissions process.

S. 3437

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3437, a bill to establish a Federal rotational cyber workforce program for the Federal cyber workforce.

S. 3455

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) were added as cosponsors of S. 3455, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to ensure that ZTE Corporation complies with all probationary conditions set forth in the settlement agreement entered into between ZTE Corporation and the Bureau of Industry and Security of the Department of Commerce.

S. 3467

At the request of Mr. JONES, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr.

MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3467, a bill to permanently reauthorize mandatory funding programs for historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions.

S. 3476

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 3476, a bill to extend certain authorities relating to United States efforts to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria globally, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 61

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 61, a resolution calling on the Department of Defense, other elements of the Federal Government, and foreign governments to intensify efforts to investigate, recover, and identify all missing and unaccounted-for personnel of the United States.

S. RES. 168

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 168, a resolution supporting respect for human rights and encouraging inclusive governance in Ethiopia.

S. RES. 481

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 481, a resolution calling upon the leadership of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to dismantle its labor camp system, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 527

At the request of Mr. PERDUE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 527, a resolution congratulating the people of Georgia on the 100th anniversary of its declaration of independence as a democratic republic and reaffirming the strength of the relationship between the United States and Georgia.

S. RES. 631

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 631, a resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Indian Civil Rights Act and voting rights for American Indian and Alaska Native communities across the country.

S. RES. 632

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY), the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Washington

(Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 632, a resolution designating September 2018 as "National Workforce Development Month".

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 632, *supra*.

S. RES. 633

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 633, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. KING):

S. 3497. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate a provision under the Medicare Advantage program that inadvertently penalizes Medicare Advantage plans for providing high quality care to Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, the Medicare Advantage Quality Payment Relief Act will protect and enhance Medicare benefits by reversing a damaging policy created by the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare.

Obamacare attempted to provide better benefits for seniors and people with disabilities who are enrolled in the highest rated Medicare Advantage plans. But Obamacare also inadvertently limited these bonus payments from ever reaching beneficiaries by putting a cap on the payments, or benchmarks, that these Medicare plans receive. Now, 17,000 Montanans, and millions of Americans across the country—are being denied the full scope of the Medicare benefits that they should be receiving.

I'm glad to join with Senator Angus King of Maine to introduce legislation that reverses this ill-advised policy. Our bill protects Medicare benefits by removing the damaging limitation on payments to Medicare Advantage plans with a 4-star rating or higher. This legislation is crucial to ensuring that these top-rated Medicare Advantage plans are offered throughout Montana and our country. Nearly 20% of Medicare beneficiaries in Montana, and one-

third of Medicare enrollees nationwide, receive their Medicare coverage through Medicare Advantage plans.

I'm pleased that our legislation enjoys strong support from diverse stakeholders, and I will continue to champion this issue on behalf of seniors and people with disabilities in Montana who rely on Medicare Advantage for their Medicare coverage.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 646—RECOGNIZING THE LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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

S. RES. 646

Whereas the Senate recognizes the invaluable contributions to the advancement of civil rights made by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Economic Justice on the occasion of its 50th anniversary;

Whereas the Boston, Massachusetts-based Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Economic Justice was the first of 8 affiliated local committees of the national Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (referred to in this resolution as the "Lawyers' Committee") and was followed by local affiliates in the cities of Chicago, Illinois, Denver Colorado, Jackson, Mississippi, Los Angeles, California, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, San Francisco, California, and Washington, District of Columbia;

Whereas the Lawyers' Committee was founded in 1963 at the request of President John F. Kennedy to enlist the leadership and resources of private bars in combating racial discrimination and the resulting inequality of opportunity;

Whereas Senator Robert F. Kennedy, assassinated 50 years ago as of June 2018, was also critical and central to the launch of the Lawyers' Committee;

Whereas the Lawyers' Committee and its local affiliates organize pro bono services from private law firms to fight for numerous causes, including voting rights, criminal justice, economic justice, environmental justice, educational opportunities, fair housing and community development, and other civil rights matters;

Whereas the Lawyers' Committee and its local affiliates form the largest pro bono civil rights network in the world, working with over 150 national, regional, statewide, and local grassroots organizations and over 150 law firms;

Whereas over the past 5 decades, the Lawyers' Committee and its local affiliates have been on the front lines of the struggle for equal justice in the United States and around the world, with notable contributions including—

(1) advancing the cause of the civil rights movement by pursuing cases involving voting rights, racial segregation, education, economic justice, fair housing, criminal justice, hate crimes, and more;

(2) contributing to the enactment of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. 10301 et seq.) and the authorization of its subsequent extensions;

(3) leading Election Protection, the Nation's oldest and largest nonpartisan voter protection program to ensure greater access