

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