

Whereas, Abortion is a part of women's health care; and

Whereas, In 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States determined, in the landmark case of *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), that a woman's decision to have an abortion is protected by the U.S. Constitution; and

Whereas, In 1992, and again in 2016, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the right of women to access an abortion without undue burden; and

Whereas, More than 70 percent of Americans, including a majority of individuals from all major political parties, support access to abortion; and

Whereas, When it comes to the most important personal decisions in life, such as whether and when to become a parent, it is vital that a woman be able to make that decision for herself, based on what is best for her and her family, and it is further essential that the woman be provided with equal access to abortion and other reproductive health care, regardless of where she lives, how much money she makes, or her insurance or immigration status; and

Whereas, Judge Brett Kavanaugh, who has recently been [nominated for a post on] appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, has a history of ruling to impose and uphold limits on a woman's ability to access safe and legal abortion, and his [potential] appointment to the Supreme Court therefore poses a serious threat to women's reproductive rights; and

Whereas, The protections affirmed by the Supreme Court in the landmark *Roe v. Wade* case, and in subsequent cases, are now at risk, and the future of access to safe and legal reproductive health care, including abortion, is on the line; and

Whereas, *Twenty states are poised to ban abortion if Roe v. Wade is overturned, which would result in over 25 million women of reproductive age—more than a third of women of reproductive age in America—losing access to safe, legal abortion in their home states; and*

Whereas, As a state, New Jersey has made great strides in supporting women's health care by restoring funding for family planning services, and ensuring Medicaid coverage for reproductive health care [including abortion]; and

Whereas, New Jersey supports women's rights and women's health by facilitating full access to all reproductive health care, [including abortion,] and the State is opposed to federal measures or initiatives that will reduce women's rights or endanger women's health, in this regard, including the imposition of restrictions on insurance coverage for abortion, and the appointment of judges who are likely to impose limits on women's rights and their access to reproductive health care; and

Whereas, *New Jersey is already a leader on access to reproductive health care, and will work to continue to be such a leader, in support of both New Jersey women and women in the 20 states across the country who are poised to lose access to abortion care; now, therefore,*

*Replace Section 1 to read:*

1. This House respectfully opposes efforts by the federal government to restrict [or limit] a woman's right and ability to access the full range of reproductive services, including abortion.

*Insert new Section 2 to read:*

2. *This House affirms our commitment to the protection of reproductive health care services, including abortion, in New Jersey, and will commit to ensure that access to this care does not depend on a person's income, zip code, or immigration status.*

*Replace section 2 to read:*

[2.] 3. This House respectfully opposes any future nominee to the United States Supreme

Court or any other court who is not committed to upholding a woman's right to reproductive health care, including equitable access to abortion, and it respectfully calls upon the United States Congress to reject any future judicial nominees who would move to limit the rights of women.

*Omit Section 3 in its entirety*

*Replace Section 4 to read:*

This House further urges the Congress and President of the United States to remove [any existing restrictions on access to abortion, including] restrictions on insurance coverage for women who are enrolled in public insurance programs.

POM-310. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to the length of a regular term for United States Senators; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:

Report to accompany S. 2679, a bill to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses (Rept. No. 115-414).

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1965. A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to protect the cultural practices and livelihoods of producers of Alaska Native handicrafts and traditional mammoth ivory products, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-415).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 857. A bill to provide for conservation and enhanced recreation activities in the California Desert Conservation Area, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-416).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Report to accompany H.R. 2075, To adjust the eastern boundary of the Deschutes Canyon-Steelhead Falls and Deschutes Canyon Wilderness Study Areas in the State of Oregon to facilitate fire prevention and response activities to protect private property, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-417).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3050. A bill to improve executive agency digital services, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-418).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

H.R. 6439. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Department of Homeland Security the Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-419).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 441. A bill to designate the Organ Mountains and other public land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

S. 2160. A bill to establish a pilot program under the Chief of the Forest Service may use alternative dispute resolution in lieu of judicial review of certain projects.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an

amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 2809. A bill to establish the San Rafael Swell Western Heritage and Historic Mining National Conservation Area in the State of Utah, to designate wilderness areas in the State, to provide for certain land conveyances, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. ROBERTS for the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

\*Naomi C. Earp, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

\*Mindy Brashears, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety.

\*Scott Hutchins, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.

By Mr. BLUNT for the Committee on Rules and Administration.

\*Donald L. Palmer, of Florida, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2021.

\*Benjamin Howland, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2019.

\*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.

#### 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 Ms. HARRIS:

S. 3704. A bill to establish the San Gabriel National Recreation Area as a unit of the National Park System in the State of California, to modify the boundaries of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument in the State of California to include additional National Forest System land, to designate certain Federal land in the State of California as wilderness areas and as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to designate portions of the San Gabriel River and Little Rock Creek in that State as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. HARRIS:

S. 3705. A bill to provide for restoration, economic development, recreation, and conservation on Federal lands in Northern California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 3706. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a threat and operational analysis of ports of entry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 3707. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a vulnerability disclosure policy for Department of Homeland Security internet websites, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.