

By Mr. CRAPO, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 47. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. Res. 48. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 49. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BURR, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. Res. 51. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence.

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

S. Res. 52. A resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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 Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 342. A bill to reauthorize title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to improve and encourage innovation in international education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 343. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate the credit for new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles and to provide for a Federal Highway user fee on alternative fuel vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TILLIS:

S. 344. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to prevent the inter partes review process for challenging patents from diminishing competition in the pharmaceutical industry and with respect to drug innovation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 345. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to increase survivors benefits for disabled widows, widowers, and surviving divorced spouses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 346. A bill to provide for the study and evaluation of net metering, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 347. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 Fulton Street in Middletown, New York, as the "Benjamin A. Gilman Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 348. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 349. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to request nominations for, and make determinations regarding, roads to be designated under the national scenic byways program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 350. A bill to restore the application of the Federal antitrust laws to the business of health insurance to protect competition and consumers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. LEE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 351. A bill to prohibit Federal funding of State firearm ownership databases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 352. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the national limitation amount for qualified highway or surface freight transfer facility bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 353. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the transportation infrastructure finance and innovation (TIFIA) program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 354. A bill to avoid duplicative annual reporting under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 355. A bill to establish a grant program to provide assistance to prevent and repair damage to structures due to pyrrhotite; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 356. A bill to establish a grant program to provide assistance to States to prevent and repair damage to structures due to pyrrhotite; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 357. A bill to require annual reports on religious intolerance in Saudi Arabian educational materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 358. A bill to amend title 13, United States Code, to require the Secretary of

Commerce to provide advance notice to Congress before changing any questions on the decennial census, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 359. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income certain Federally-subsidized loan repayments for dental school faculty; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Ms. HARRIS, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 360. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require the submission by issuers of data relating to diversity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 361. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate water leasing and water transfers to promote conservation and efficiency; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CARPER, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 362. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CASEY, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 363. A bill to establish an Intercountry Adoption Advisory Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 364. A bill to amend the Ohio & Erie National Heritage Canalway Act of 1996 to modify the funding limitation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. JONES, Ms. ERNST, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 365. A bill to amend section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 to require the Secretary of Defense to initiate investigations and to provide for congressional disapproval of certain actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. SMITH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 366. A bill to shorten monopoly periods for prescription drugs that are the subjects of sudden price hikes; 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 Mr. CRAPO:

S. Res. 47. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. WICKER:

S. Res. 48. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. Res. 49. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. Res. 50. A resolution improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BURR:

S. Res. 51. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence; from the Select Committee on Intelligence; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. HOEVEN:

S. Res. 52. A resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Indian Affairs; from the Committee on Indian Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. Res. 53. A resolution recognizing the staff of the Office of Legislative Counsel of the Senate on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Office; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 126

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 126, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to adapt the successful practices of providing foreign aid to underdeveloped economies to the provision of Federal economic development assistance to Native communities in similarly situated remote areas in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 130

At the request of Mr. SASSE, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. MCSALLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 130, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion.

S. 162

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 162, a bill to provide back pay to low-wage contractor employees, and for other purposes.

S. 172

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 172, a bill to delay the reimposition of the annual fee on health insurance providers until after 2021.

S. 179

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 179, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a clinical trial of the effects of cannabis on cer-

tain health outcomes of adults with chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder, and for other purposes.

S. 184

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 184, a bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention.

S. 238

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 238, a bill to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally, and for other purposes.

S. 246

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 246, a bill to block the implementation of certain presidential actions that restrict individuals from certain countries from entering the United States.

S. 262

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 262, a bill to provide for a pay increase in 2019 for certain civilian employees of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

S. 286

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 286, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 293

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 293, a bill to enhance border security to reduce drug trafficking and related money laundering.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate estate and generation-skipping taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 311

At the request of Mr. SASSE, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. MCSALLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion.

S. 319

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Colorado

(Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 319, a bill to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their spouses or partners, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 349. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to request nominations for, and make determinations regarding, roads to be designated under the national scenic byways program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today to discuss the Reviving America's Scenic Byways Act, a bill I have introduced with my colleague from Maryland, Senator CARDIN. Our bill seeks to revive the long-dormant process within the U.S. Department of Transportation through which some of our Nation's most remarkable roadways can earn the prestigious designation of "National Scenic Byway."

The National Scenic Byways Program began as a grassroots effort to help recognize, preserve, and enhance selected roads throughout the United States based on one or more cultural, historic, natural, recreational, and scenic qualities. Today, there are more than 150 distinct roads nationwide that have been recognized as National Scenic Byways—including several which have gained the honor of being named an "All-American Road."

I am proud that my home State of Maine boasts not only three National Scenic Byways, but also the Acadia All-American Road. These roadways provide Mainers and tourists alike with spectacular views and memorable experiences, while at the same time spurring much-needed economic activity in the surrounding areas. The National Scenic Byways program represents a true win-win scenario by protecting precious corridors and providing tangible benefits for local communities.

Despite this program's proven value, its nomination process has been inactive since the passage of the 2012 surface transportation funding bill (also known as MAP-21). As a result, numerous roadways across the country have been prevented from pursuing National Scenic Byway designation.

In fact, a recent survey found that at least 44 State scenic byways across the country are prepared to seek national designation as soon as the program is reopened to nominations. It is critical that we provide these local byways the opportunity to seek the Federal designation and reap its demonstrated benefits.

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, which in turn supports the preservation of America's