

POM-96. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging the United States Congress to review the definition of abortion and the use of the term abortion for medical purposes of medical records when a woman has a spontaneous miscarriage; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 130

Whereas, a spontaneous miscarriage is the unavoidable and untreatable process of naturally ending a pregnancy before the twentieth week of gestation; and

Whereas, according to national estimates, approximately fifteen to twenty percent of all pregnancies in the United States end in miscarriage; and

Whereas, according to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, roughly sixty percent of miscarriages occur when an embryo has an abnormal number of chromosomes during fertilization, a problem that happens by chance, not as a result of anything the parents did; and

Whereas, the devastation and grief associated with a miscarriage leave women to feel as though they had done something wrong to cause it; and

Whereas, the trauma is compounded by physicians, hospitals, clinics, health insurers, and other healthcare providers interchangeably using medical terminology such as abortion, spontaneous abortion, missed abortion, inevitable abortion, incomplete abortion, or septic abortion with spontaneous miscarriage; and

Whereas, towards the end of the last century, medical journals and healthcare professionals consciously began using the term spontaneous miscarriage instead of abortion as both an intuitive empathetic response to the stigma of abortion and as a reflection of legal, technological, professional, and social developments relative to women who experience miscarriage; and

Whereas, despite the evolution and clinical clarity of the use of the term spontaneous miscarriage, many women are horrified to find that the medical diagnosis or condition listed in their patient medical record indicates abortion; and

Whereas, although not technically incorrect based on customary and acceptable medical terminology, the use of the term abortion has a widely recognized modern day implication of intentionally causing the death of an unborn child; and

Whereas, charting, coding, and billing systems include Current Procedures Terminology (CPT) codes, International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 9th revision (ICD-9), diagnosis-related group (DRG) codes, and other diagnosis and procedure codes utilized in the United States healthcare system; and

Whereas, a conscious and collective assessment needs to be done at the highest level of regulatory authority in the United States to provide for definitive and distinctive use of the terms spontaneous miscarriage versus abortion: Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to review the definition of abortion and the use of the term abortion for purposes of medical records when a woman has a spontaneous miscarriage; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*Robert Wallace, of Wyoming, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife.

By Mr. GRAHAM for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Daniel Aaron Bress, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Mary S. McElroy, of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island.

Jason K. Pulliam, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

Stephanie A. Gallagher, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Eric Ross Komitee, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Rachel P. Kovner, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Lewis J. Liman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Martha Maria Pacold, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Mary M. Rowland, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Steven C. Seeger, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

John L. Sinatra, Jr., of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York.

Mary Kay Vyskocil, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

David Austin Tapp, of Kentucky, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Gary Richard Brown, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Stephanie Dawkins Davis, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Diane Gujarati, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Frank William Volk, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia.

Edward W. Felten, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2025.

*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. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. 1915. A bill to require the recording and reporting of communications between the Department of Justice and the White House relating to civil and criminal investigations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HAWLEY:

S. 1916. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit companies that host videos from enabling child predators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 1917. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the system of public financing for Presidential elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 1918. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require alternative options for summer food service program delivery; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. YOUNG:

S. 1919. A bill to require certain grantees under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to submit a plan to track discriminatory land use policies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1920. A bill to establish jobs programs for long-term unemployed workers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1921. A bill to provide that primary care services provided by the National Health Service Corps may include palliative care services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1922. A bill to authorize Federal agencies to establish prize competitions for innovation or adaptation management development relating to coral reef ecosystems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 1923. A bill to require the establishment of a Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers to compute cost-of-living increases for Social Security benefits under title II of the Social Security Act and to provide, in the case of elderly beneficiaries under such title, for an annual cost-of-living increase which is not less than 3 percent; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 1924. A bill to prevent the purchase of ammunition by prohibited purchasers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PORTMAN:

S. 1925. A bill to authorize State opioid response grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HARRIS:

S. 1926. A bill to increase access to pre-exposure prophylaxis to reduce the transmission of HIV; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1927. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 with respect to association retirement plans and other multiple employer pension benefit plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.