

for beef and pork products that meets World Trade Organization requirements; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the individual members of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate.

POM-98. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Montana memorializing its opposition to the bison grazing proposal by the American Prairie Reserve; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

Whereas, the American Prairie Reserve (APR) controls private properties tied to 18 Bureau of Land Management (BLM) grazing allotments in Fergus, Petroleum, Phillips, and Valley counties; and

Whereas, the APR has requested that the SLM fundamentally shift long-established grazing practices on the 18 BLM allotments, which encompass 250,000 acres of public property; and

Whereas, APR has petitioned to change the allotments from seasonal or rotational grazing to year-round grazing and remove the interior fencing on those allotments; and

Whereas, the APR proposes to allow the year-round, continuous grazing of public land by bison, which would impact the future grazing viability of the allotments; and

Whereas, the existing BLM designation for managed grazing is what science dictates the rangeland can support; and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the BLM to ensure the future vitality of these public parcels is protected; and

Whereas, the removal of interior fences will eliminate the ability of BLM to control the access of bison to certain parcels to shorten grazing permits in response to drought or fire to protect the rangeland.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana:

(1) That it is essential for the preservation of the future viability of Montana's rangeland that the BLM deny the petition by the APR to alter grazing permits on the 18 allotments under the control of APR.

(2) That the denial of the proposed APR grazing permit change is critical for the health of Montana's livestock and wildlife.

(3) That private landowners and communities should not bear the cost of damages incurred by the lack of integrated bison management in the APR's grazing proposal.

(4) That the denial of the APR grazing proposal would protect Montana farmers, ranchers, and communities.

(5) That the BLM should deny the APR bison grazing proposal.

(6) That the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to the United States Congress, the Department of the Interior, and the Bureau of Land Management.

POM-99. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Montana memorializing its support of the ratification of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

Whereas, the United States and Canada have one of the largest trading relationships in the world, and Canada is the United States' largest export market, valued at \$320 billion (\$411 billion Canadian) in goods and services in 2017 and the United States is Canada's largest export market, valued at \$308 billion (\$396 billion Canadian) in 2017 goods and services; and

Whereas, this trade supports 9 million jobs in the United States and 2.1 million jobs in Canada; and

Whereas, in the more than 20 years since the United States, Canada, and Mexico entered into the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), trade among these countries tripled from \$340 billion in 1993 to \$1.2 trillion in 2016; and

Whereas, North American integration of trade under NAFTA has helped to make the region more competitive in the world economy by providing highly integrated and valuable supply chains, as well as common rules and harmonized regulations that increase the speed and global competitiveness of one another's businesses, and by driving investment and imbedding value in each others' economic success, including by providing jobs in North American communities; and

Whereas, Canada and Mexico are the first-ranked and third-ranked markets, respectively, for agriculture exports from the United States at an estimated \$20.6 billion sent to Canada and \$18.6 billion sent to Mexico, up from \$8.7 billion in 1992, the year that NAFTA was signed; and

Whereas, of particular interest to Montana because Canada is its largest trade partner, Canada has agreed to grade imports of wheat from the United States in a manner no less favorable than that accorded to wheat in its own country and not to require a country of origin statement on its quality grade or inspection certificate; and

Whereas, in signing the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, the three countries have agreed to make targeted improvements to NAFTA and build on the successful partnership and a shared competitiveness in the global marketplace in which free, fair, open, and mutually beneficial trade helps to strengthen the economies of all countries.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana:

That the Montana Legislature supports the ratification of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement on trade by all countries as soon as possible; and be it further

Resolved, That the Montana Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Consulate of Canada in Colorado, the Consulate of Mexico in Colorado, each member of the United States Senate Finance Committee, the United States House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, the United States Senate Advisory Group on Negotiations, and the United States House of Representatives Advisory Group on Negotiations, the United States Trade Representative, the United States Secretary of Commerce, the United States Secretary of State, the United States Secretary of Labor, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator.

POM-100. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to the naturalization procedures of non-American citizens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 580. A bill to amend the Act of August 25, 1958, commonly known as the "Former Presidents Act of 1958", with respect to the monetary allowance payable to a former President, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-53).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

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

*Mark Lee Greenblatt, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

*Daniel Habib Jorjani, of Kentucky, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

By Mr. GRAHAM for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Peter Joseph Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Charles R. Eskridge III, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

William Shaw Stickman IV, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Jennifer Philpott Wilson, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Wilmer Ocasio, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of four years.

*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. CASEY (for himself and Mr. DAINES):

S. 1999. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide transitional coverage and retroactive Medicare part D coverage for certain low-income beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2000. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to remove an institutional bias by making permanent the protection for recipients of home and community-based services against spousal impoverishment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 2001. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Willie O'Ree, in recognition of his extraordinary contributions and commitment to hockey, inclusion, and recreational opportunity; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 2002. A bill to require that any debt limit increase or suspension be balanced by equal spending cuts over the next decade; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 2003. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to designate a 3-digit dialing code for veterans in crisis; to