

S. 2461

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2461, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 2479

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2479, a bill to provide clarification regarding the common or usual name for bison and compliance with section 403 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2489

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2489, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority for financial assistance for supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing, and for other purposes.

S. 2491

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2491, a bill to terminate certain rules issued by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce relating to endangered and threatened species, and for other purposes.

S. 2496

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2496, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the Medicare and disability insurance benefits waiting periods for disabled individuals.

S. 2502

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2502, a bill to ban the Federal procurement of certain drones and other unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 59

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 59, a resolution recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal.

S. RES. 215

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 215, a resolution calling for greater religious and political freedoms in Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 252

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 252, a resolution designating

September 2019 as National Democracy Month as a time to reflect on the contributions of the system of government of the United States to a more free and stable world.

S. RES. 303

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 303, a resolution calling upon the leadership of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to dismantle its kwan-li-so political prison labor camp system, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 304

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 304, a resolution designating September 2019 as "National Workforce Development Month".

S. RES. 309

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 309, a resolution designating September 2019 as "National Voting Rights Month".

S. RES. 313

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 313, a resolution designating the week of September 22 through September 28, 2019, as "Gold Star Families Remembrance Week".

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 313, supra.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 322—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28, 2019, AS RAIL SAFETY WEEK IN THE UNITED STATES, AND SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF RAIL SAFETY WEEK TO REDUCE RAIL-RELATED ACCIDENTS, FATALITIES, AND INJURIES

Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. FISCHER, and Ms. DUCKWORTH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 322

Whereas the first Rail Safety Week was held from September 24 through September 30, 2017, by the national education safety nonprofit Operation Lifesaver, the Department of Transportation, and other organizations;

Whereas Rail Safety Week was launched to raise awareness about the need for increased education on how to be safe around highway-rail grade crossings and railroad tracks, and to highlight efforts to further reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities;

Whereas highway-rail grade crossing and trespassing accidents constituted approxi-

mately 96 percent of all rail related fatalities during 2018;

Whereas since 2005, the number of public crossings has declined by 8 percent, while the number of gates at such crossings has increased by 26 percent;

Whereas, in 2018, 51 percent of all grade crossing collisions and 64 percent of all fatal grade crossing collisions occurred at gated crossings;

Whereas, in 2018, there were a total of 841 rail-related fatalities and 8,177 rail-related injuries in the United States;

Whereas preliminary Federal statistics show that 2,216 highway-grade crossing crashes occurred during 2018, resulting in 263 persons killed and another 840 persons injured throughout the United States;

Whereas trespassing incidents on railroad property resulted in 571 persons killed and another 479 injured across the Nation in 2018;

Whereas many collisions between trains and motor vehicles or pedestrians could have been prevented by increased education, engineering, and enforcement;

Whereas Operation Lifesaver, the foremost public information and education program on rail safety, administers a public education program about grade-crossing safety and prevention of trespassing;

Whereas during Rail Safety Week, from September 22 through 28, 2019, and throughout the year, everyone is encouraged to observe added caution as motorists or pedestrians approach tracks or trains;

Whereas, the United States and Canada will observe Rail Safety Week concurrently; and

Whereas this important observance should lead to greater safety awareness and a reduction in highway-rail grade crossing crashes and pedestrian and railroad incidents: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of Rail Safety Week;

(2) expresses strong support for—

(A) the goals and ideals of Rail Safety Week; and

(B) efforts to reduce rail-related accidents, fatalities, and injuries; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States—

(A) to participate in Rail Safety Week events and activities; and

(B) to educate themselves and others on how to be safe around railroad tracks.

SENATE RESOLUTION 323—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2019 AS "NATIONAL KINSHIP CARE MONTH"

Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CASEY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. JONES, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BALDWIN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. KAINE, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 323

Whereas in September 2019, "National Kinship Care Month" is observed;

Whereas nationally, 2,700,000 children are living in kinship care with grandparents, other relatives, and family friends;

Whereas nationally, nearly 1/3 of all foster care placements are in kinship foster care, with 140,000 children placed with grandparents, other relatives, and family friends;

Whereas more than 2,560,000 kinship children live in informal kinship care outside of the foster care system;