

(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. GRASSLEY:

S. 2543. An original bill to amend titles XI, XVIII, and XIX of the Social Security Act to lower prescription drug prices in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, to improve transparency related to pharmaceutical prices and transactions, to lower patients' out-of-pocket costs, and to ensure accountability to taxpayers, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 2544. A bill to provide tax relief for the victims of Hurricane Florence, Hurricane Michael, and certain California wildfires; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. HARRIS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2545. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish a program to make grants to States to inform Medicaid enrollees and SNAP participants of potential eligibility for the Lifeline program of the Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. JONES, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. KING):

S. 2546. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require a group health plan or health insurance coverage offered in connection with such a plan to provide an exceptions process for any medication step therapy protocol, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROMNEY (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. YOUNG, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 2547. A bill to state the policy of the United States with respect to the expansion of cooperation with allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific region and Europe regarding the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. UDALL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KAINE, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REED, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2548. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2549. A bill to allow nonprofit child care providers to participate in the loan programs of the Small Business Administration; to the

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. Res. 330. A resolution instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to require certain measures to address Federal election interference by foreign governments; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. ROMNEY):

S. Res. 331. A resolution instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the inclusion of the provisions of S. 2118 (116th Congress) (relating to the prohibition of United States persons from dealing in certain information and communications technology or services from foreign adversaries and requiring the approval of Congress to terminate certain export controls in effect with respect to Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.); considered and agreed to.

By Mr. JONES (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. RISCH, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. Res. 332. A resolution instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the conference on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the provisions contained in section 630A of the House amendment (relating to the repeal of a requirement of reduction of Survivor Benefit Plan survivor annuities by amounts of dependency and indemnity compensation); considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BENNET, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 333. A resolution instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the provisions contained in subtitle B of title XI of the House amendment (relating to paid family leave for Federal personnel); considered and not agreed to.

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

S. Res. 334. A resolution instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the provisions contained in section 316 of the Senate bill (relating to a prohibition on the use of perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances for land-based applications of firefighting foam); considered and agreed to.

By Ms. MCSALLY:

S. Res. 335. A resolution instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the members of the conference to include the provisions contained in section 2906 of the Senate bill (relating to replenishment of certain military construction funds); considered and agreed to.

By Ms. ERNST:

S. Res. 336. A resolution instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the

members of the conference to consider potential commonsense solutions regarding family and medical leave, including voluntary compensatory time programs and incentives through the tax code; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 337. A resolution expressing concern about the fires in the Amazon rainforest; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COONS, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. KING, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 338. A resolution designating the week of September 23 through September 27, 2019, as "Malnutrition Awareness Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. JONES, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 339. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Retirement Security Week, including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles, increasing personal financial literacy, and engaging the people of the United States on the keys to success in achieving and maintaining retirement security throughout their lifetimes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. Res. 340. A resolution designating the week of September 23 through September 27, 2019, as "Community School Coordinators Appreciation Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 341. A resolution designating September 2019 as "National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 342. A resolution expressing the need for immediate climate action in response to the report of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change entitled "Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 133

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 133, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States merchant mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II.

S. 211

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime, and for other purposes.

S. 261

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) were added as cosponsors of S. 261, a bill to extend the authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024, and for other purposes.

S. 366

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 366, a bill to shorten monopoly periods for prescription drugs that are the subjects of sudden price hikes.

S. 474

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 474, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to require drug manufacturers to publicly justify unnecessary price increases.

S. 560

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of S. 560, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for treatment of a congenital anomaly or birth defect.

S. 595

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 595, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINÉ), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 638, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, Liability Act of 1980, and for other purposes.

S. 655

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 655, a bill to impose additional restrictions on tobacco flavors for use in e-cigarettes.

S. 668

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator

from Montana (Mr. DAINES) were added as cosponsors of S. 668, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 743

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) were added as cosponsors of S. 743, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the soldiers of the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), commonly known as "Merrill's Marauders", in recognition of their bravery and outstanding service in the jungles of Burma during World War II.

S. 1048

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1048, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a Reducing Youth Use of E-Cigarettes Initiative.

S. 1142

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1142, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax credits for energy storage technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 1191

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1191, a bill to reauthorize section 340H of the Public Health Service Act to continue to encourage the expansion, maintenance, and establishment of approved graduate medical residency programs at qualified teaching health centers, and for other purposes.

S. 1209

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1209, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to approval of abbreviated new drug applications.

S. 1210

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1210, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and make permanent the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 1413

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1413, a bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish an initiative on improving the capacity of military criminal investigative organizations to prevent child sexual exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1416

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1416, a bill to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to prohibit anticompetitive behaviors by drug product manufacturers, and for other purposes.

S. 1564

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1564, a bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission and certain Federal agencies to carry out a study relating to accounting standards, and for other purposes.

S. 1590

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1590, a bill to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards for thwarting wildlife trafficking linked to transnational organized crime, and for other purposes.

S. 1602

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1602, a bill to amend the United States Energy Storage Competitiveness Act of 2007 to establish a research, development, and demonstration program for grid-scale energy storage systems, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1602, *supra*.

S. 1678

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1678, a bill to express United States support for Taiwan's diplomatic alliances around the world.

S. 1723

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1723, a bill to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account.

S. 1750

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1750, a bill to establish the Clean School Bus Grant Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1782

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New York

(Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1782, a bill to add suicide prevention resources to school identification cards.

S. 1822

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1822, a bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules relating to the collection of data with respect to the availability of broadband services, and for other purposes.

S. 1880

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1880, a bill to support the provision of treatment family care services, and for other purposes.

S. 2026

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2026, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to reauthorize the farm to school program, and for other purposes.

S. 2085

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2085, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants to eligible entities to carry out educational programs about the Holocaust, and for other purposes.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2103, a bill to improve access to affordable insulin.

S. 2372

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 2372, a bill to enhance global engagement to combat marine debris, and for other purposes.

S. 2384

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2384, a bill to promote botanical research and botanical sciences capacity, and for other purposes.

S. 2439

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2439, a bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide that the licensing of a mark for use by a related company may not be construed as establishing an employment relationship between the owner of the mark, or an authorizing person, and either that related company or the employees of that related company, and for other purposes.

S. 2461

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island

(Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2461, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. RES. 73

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 73, a resolution calling on the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to immediately release Saudi Women's Rights activists and respect the fundamental rights of all Saudi citizens.

S. RES. 236

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 236, a resolution reaffirming the strong partnership between Tunisia and the United States and supporting the people of Tunisia in their continued pursuit of democratic reforms.

S. RES. 252

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor 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.

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 252, supra.

S. RES. 277

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 277, a resolution remembering the 25th Anniversary of the bombing of the Argentine Israelite Mutual Association (AMIA) Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and recommitting to efforts to uphold justice for the 85 victims of the attacks.

S. RES. 313

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 313, a resolution designating the week of September 22 through September 28, 2019, as "Gold Star Families Remembrance Week".

S. RES. 318

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 318, a resolution to support the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and the Sixth Replenishment.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 330—INSTRUCTING THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE SENATE ON THE BILL S. 1790 (116TH CONGRESS) TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MEASURES TO ADDRESS FEDERAL ELECTION INTERFERENCE BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. HARRIS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 330

Resolved, that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment to the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) are instructed to require the appropriate official of the executive branch, after each Federal election, to promptly submit to Congress a determination as to whether the Government of the Russian Federation, or any other foreign government, has interfered in such election and a detailed assessment of any such interference that identifies, to the maximum extent practicable, the individuals responsible for the interference, and to promptly impose sanctions on any foreign government that has been determined to have interfered in a Federal election, including specified individuals and entities within the territory of that government.

SENATE RESOLUTION 331—INSTRUCTING THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE SENATE ON THE BILL S. 1790 (116TH CONGRESS) TO INSIST UPON THE INCLUSION OF THE PROVISIONS OF S. 2118 (116TH CONGRESS) (RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF UNITED STATES PERSONS FROM DEALING IN CERTAIN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY OR SERVICES FROM FOREIGN ADVERSARIES AND REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF CONGRESS TO TERMINATE CERTAIN EXPORT CONTROLS IN EFFECT WITH RESPECT TO HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES CO. LTD.)

Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. ROMNEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to.

S. RES. 331

Resolved, that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House amendment to the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) are instructed to insist upon the inclusion of the provisions of S. 2118 (116th Congress) (relating to the prohibition of United States persons from dealing in certain information and communications technology or services from foreign adversaries and requiring the approval of Congress to terminate certain export controls in effect with respect to Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.).