

Security on current trends in domestic terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3246. An act to require GAO review of certain TSA screening protocols, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3525. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish uniform processes for medical screening of individuals interdicted between ports of entry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3526. An act to authorize certain counter terrorist networks activities of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3675. An act to require a review of Department of Homeland Security trusted traveler programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3691. An act to require the TSA to develop a plan to ensure that TSA material disseminated in major airports can be better understood by more people accessing such airports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3694. An act to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement training for frontline Administration personnel regarding the screening of pregnant women and families with young children at passenger screening checkpoints, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3710. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for the remediation of cybersecurity vulnerabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3722. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize a Joint Task Force to enhance integration of the Department of Homeland Security's border security operations to detect, interdict, disrupt, and prevent narcotics, such as fentanyl and other synthetic opioids, from entering the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2593. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 27, 2019, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BROWN) had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4285. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, the en-

rolled bill was signed on September 30, 2019, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Vice President.

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on September 27, 2019, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 239. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of Christa McAuliffe.

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on October 4, 2019, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 54. A joint resolution relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2677. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2018 annual report on the Farm Credit System; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2678. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chlorantraniliprole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9999-54) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2679. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clothianidin; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 9996-15) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2680. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyromazine; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9999-57) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2681. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indaziflam; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9999-70) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2682. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiamethoxam; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemption" (FRL No. 9996-14) received during adjournment of the Senate

in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2683. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sodium Lauryl Sulfate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9999-81) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2684. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Furilazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 10000-23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2685. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the Regulations Governing Meats, Prepared Meats, and Meat Products (Grading, Certification, and Standards)" ((7 CFR Part 54) (Docket No. AMS-LP-16-0080)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2686. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Agricultural Disaster Indemnity Programs" (RIN0560-AI52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2687. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delayed Implementation of Grains Ounce Equivalents in the Child and Adult Care Food Program" (RIN0584-AE65) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2688. A communication from the Director of the Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modernization of Swine Slaughter Inspection" (RIN0583-AD62) received during adjournment of the Senate on October 1, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2689. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Position Limits and Position Accountability for Security Futures Products" (RIN3038-AE61) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2690. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Processed Raspberry Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Termination" ((7 CFR Part 1208) (Docket No. AMS-SC-19-0047)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2691. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Softwood Lumber Research, Promotion, Consumer Education and Industry Information Order; Change in Membership, Nominations, Procedures, and Continuance Referenda Period" ((7 CFR Part 1217) (Docket No. AMS-SC-19-0015)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2692. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Almonds Grown in California; Amendments to Marketing Order 981" ((7 CFR Part 981) (Docket Nos. AMS-SC-18-0018 and AMS-SC-18-981-3)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2693. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Redistricting and Reapportionment of Producer Districts" ((7 CFR Part 966) (Docket Nos. AMS-SC-19-0011 and AMS-SC-19-966-2FR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2694. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Voluntary Grading of Meats, Prepared Meats, Meat Products, Shell Eggs, Poultry Products, and Rabbit Products" ((7 CFR Parts 54, 56, and 70) (Docket No. AMS-LP-18-0095)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2695. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to violations of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2696. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General VeraLinn Jamieson, United States Air Force, and her advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2697. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of additional time required to implement a small business strategy for the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2698. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Failure of Contractors to Meet Goals under Negotiated Comprehensive Small Business Subcontracting Plans"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2699. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Acquisition), transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of additional time required to complete a report on the amount of Department of Defense purchases from foreign entities in fiscal year 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2700. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Information Systems Agency Privacy Program" (RIN0790-AK62) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2701. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency due to the situation in and in relation to Syria, and in particular the recent actions by the Government of Turkey to conduct a military offensive into northeast Syria; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2702. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that was declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2703. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2704. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2705. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's activities during calendar year 2018 relative to the Equal Credit Opportunity Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2706. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, a correction to the report entitled "2018 Fair Lending Report of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2707. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to significant foreign narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia that was declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2708. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Investment Security, Department of Treasury received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2709. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exchange-Traded Funds" (RIN3235-AJ60) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2710. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commis-

sion, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Solicitations of Interest Prior to a Registered Public Offering" (RIN3235-AM23) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2711. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for Security-Based Swap Dealers, Major Security-Based Swap Participants, and Broker-Dealers" (RIN3235-AL45) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2712. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for Security-Based Swap Dealers, Major Security-Based Swap Participants, and Broker-Dealers" (RIN3235-AL45) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2713. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation as emergency requirements all funding so designated by the Congress in the section 116 of division A of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2020, and Health Extenders Act of 2019, pursuant to section 251 (b) (2) (A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, for the account referenced in section 116; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2714. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism all funding (including the rescission of funds) so designated by the Congress, pursuant to section 251 (b) (2) (A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, for the enclosed list of accounts; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2715. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to economic dispatch and technological change; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2716. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Arkansas; Regional Haze Five-Year Progress Report State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9999-11-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2717. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Rhode Island; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; PM10, PM2.5 and NOx" (FRL No. 10000-18-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2718. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Revisions to the Utah Division of Administrative Rules, R307-300 Series; Area

Source Rule for Attainment of Fine Particulate Matter Standards” (FRL No. 10000-04-Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2719. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; South Coast Air Basin; 1-Hour and 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Requirements” (FRL No. 9999-49-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2720. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; California; Coachella Valley 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area; Reclassification to Extreme; Correction” (FRL No. 10000-01-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2721. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Determination of Attainment by the Attainment Date; 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standard; Pinal County, Arizona” (FRL No. 10000-53-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2722. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Maine: Final Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions, Codification, and Incorporation by Reference” (FRL No. 10000-57-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2723. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Maine: Final Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions, Codification, and Incorporation by Reference” (FRL No. 10000-57-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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:

S. 2169. A bill to amend section 3116 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the appointment limitations for students appointed under the expedited hiring authority for post-secondary students (Rept. No. 116-129).

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 Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2595. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and update the new energy efficient home credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. BRAUN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2596. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to authorize certain community water systems to enter into partnerships to improve the water systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2597. A bill to require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make certain operational models available to the public, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. BALDWIN:

S. 2598. A bill to require the payment of user fees by qualified professional asset managers seeking an individual exemption from certain requirements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2599. A bill to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to provide assistance to manage farmer and rancher stress and for the mental health of individuals in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2600. A bill to promote minimum State requirements for the prevention and treatment of concussions caused by participation in school sports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JONES:

S. 2601. A bill to reauthorize the Helen Keller National Center for Youths and Adults Who Are Deaf-Blind; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. YOUNG):

S.J. Res. 57. A joint resolution opposing the decision to end certain United States efforts to prevent Turkish military operations against Syrian Kurdish forces in Northeast Syria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 203

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 203, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the railroad track maintenance credit, and for other purposes.

S. 208

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 208, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 227

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 227, a bill to direct the Attorney General to review, revise, and develop law enforcement and justice protocols appropriate to address missing and murdered Indians, and for other purposes.

S. 286

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) 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. 430

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY) and the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 430, a bill to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

S. 433

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 433, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve home health payment reforms under the Medicare program.

S. 460

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 460, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion for employer-provided education assistance to employer payments of student loans.

S. 466

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 466, a bill to provide that certain guidance related to waivers for State innovation under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act shall have no force or effect.

S. 560

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) 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. 596

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 596, a bill to amend title XVIII of the