October 31, 2019

Dothan, Alabama, and the importance of the peanut industry in the State of Alabama and the United States; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. HEIN-RICH, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CORNYN, MS. WARREN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. UDALL, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BEN-NET, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. WHITE-HOUSE, and Ms. SMITH):

S. Res. 399. A resolution designating November 2, 2019, as "National Bison Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BRAUN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COONS, Mr. RISCH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. Scott of Florida, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. KING, MS. COLLINS, MS. HASSAN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, MS. SINEMA, Mrs. FISCH-ER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. ERNST, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. DAINES, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Alexander, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PETERS, Mr. HOEVEN, and Ms. MCSALLY):

S. Res. 400. A resolution recognizing October 2019 as "National Women's Small Business Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. MURkowski, Mr. Booker, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HARRIS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLO-BUCHAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MUR-RAY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. SAND-ERS):

S. Res. 401. A resolution recognizing the month of October 2019 as Filipino American History Month and celebrating the history and culture of Filipino Americans and their immense contributions to the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN).

S. Res. 402. A resolution honoring the life, work, and legacy of Toni Morrison; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Ms. Col-LINS, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. Res. 403. A resolution designating October 2019 as "National Farm to School Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. Col-LINS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. UDALL, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, MrS. SHA-HEEN, MrS. GILLIBRAND, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mr. COONS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, MS. WARREN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARPER, MS. STABE-NOW, MS. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, MrS. FEINSTEIN, MS. KLOBUCHAR, MS. HAR-RIS, MS. BALDWIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, MS. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WARNER, and MS. HASSAN):

S. Res. 404. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should work in cooperation with the international community and continue to exercise global leadership to address the causes and effects of climate change, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. Res. 405. A resolution expressing support for the designation of October as "Brain Health Awareness Month''; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

#### S. 206

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 206, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the female telephone operators of the Army Signal Corps, known as the "Hello Girls".

#### S. 283

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 283, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to, and utilization of, bone mass measurement benefits under part B of the Medicare program by establishing a minimum payment amount under such part for bone mass measurement.

## S. 377

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 377, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate prices of prescription drugs furnished under part D of the Medicare program.

#### S. 386

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 386, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, and for other purposes.

### S. 457

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 457, a bill to require that \$1 coins issued during 2019 honor President George H.W. Bush and to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to issue bullion coins during 2019 in honor of Barbara Bush.

#### S. 500

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 500, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Park Service Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

#### S. 560

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) 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. 878

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 878, a bill to foster security in Taiwan, and for other purposes.

#### S. 880

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) and the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 880, a bill to provide outreach and reporting on comprehensive Alzheimer's disease care planning services furnished under the Medicare program.

#### S. 1007

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1007, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

#### S. 1123

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1123, a bill to transfer and limit Executive Branch authority to suspend or restrict the entry of a class of aliens

#### S. 1218

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1218, a bill to require the review of the service of certain members of the Armed Forces during World War I to determine if such members should be awarded the Medal of Honor, to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor based on the results of the review, and for other purposes.

#### S. 1235

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 1235, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, giving women in the United States the right to vote.

#### S. 1257

At the request of Mr. CRAMER, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1257, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts to include rollovers for charitable life-income plans for charitable purposes.

#### S. 1294

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin

(Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1294, a bill to require Federal with jurisdiction agencies over broadband deployment to enter into an interagency agreement related to certain types of funding for broadband deployment.

#### S. 1590

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1601

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. McSALLY), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1601, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule requiring all new passenger motor vehicles to be equipped with a child safety alert system, and for other purposes.

### S. 1657

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1657, a bill to provide assistance to combat the escalating burden of Lyme disease and other tick and vector-borne diseases and disorders.

### S. 1703

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1703, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes.

### S. 1757

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1757, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II in recognition of their extraordinary service during World War II

### S. 1781

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1781, a bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2020 through 2022 to provide assistance to El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras through bilateral compacts to increase protection of women and children in their homes and communities and reduce female homicides, domestic violence, and sexual assault.

### S. 1782

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms.

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

#### S 1812

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1812, a bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct research on wildfire smoke, and for other purposes.

## S. 1813

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1813, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide wildfire smoke mitigation assistance to States and units of local government, and for other purposes.

### S. 1814

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1814, a bill to authorize the President to declare a smoke emergency, and for other purposes.

#### S. 1815

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1815, a bill to establish an occupational safety and health standard to protect farmworkers from wildfire smoke, and for other purposes.

# S. 1838

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. MCSALLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1838, a bill to amend the Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992, and for other purposes.

#### S. 2026

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) 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. 2179

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2179, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide social service agencies with the resources to provide services to meet the urgent needs of Holocaust survivors to age in place with dignity, comfort, security, and quality of life.

#### S. 2246

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2246, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide equal coverage of in specific IgEvitro tests and percutaneous tests for allergies under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes.

### S. 2248

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South

Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2248, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to redesignate and expand the Troops-to-Teachers Program, and for other purposes.

### S. 2254

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2254, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a Pension Rehabilitation Trust Fund, to establish a Pension Rehabilitation Administration within the Department of the Treasury to make loans to multiemployer defined benefit plans, and for other purposes.

### S. 2491

At the request of Mr. UDALL, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) 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. 2570

At the request of Ms. SINEMA, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2570, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Greg LeMond in recognition of his service to the United States as an athlete, activist, role model, and community leader.

#### S. 2603

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2603, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to end the immigrant visa backlog, and for other purposes.

### S. 2641

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2641, a bill to promote United States national security and prevent the resurgence of ISIS, and for other purposes.

### S. 2671

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2671, a bill to build safer, thriving communities, and save lives by investing in effective violence reduction initiatives.

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2671. supra.

### S. 2680

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2680, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign support for Palestinian terrorism, and for other purposes.

#### S. 2690

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the Carolina, the name of the Senator from name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2690, a bill to reduce mass violence, strengthen mental health collaboration in communities, improve school safety, and for other purposes.

# S. 2695

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2695, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide for the defense of United States agriculture and food through the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, and for other purposes.

#### S. 2710

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2710, a bill to prohibit the commercial export of covered munitions items to the Hong Kong Police Force.

### S. 2722

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2722, a bill to prohibit agencies from using Federal funds for publicity or propaganda purposes, and for other purposes.

## S. 2740

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2740, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the regulatory framework with respect to certain nonprescription drugs that are marketed without an approved new drug application, and for other purposes.

#### S. RES. 150

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 150, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that it is the policy of the United States to commemorate the Armenian Genocide through official recognition and remembrance.

#### S. RES. 376

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 376, a resolution emphasizing the importance of a career, nonpartisan Foreign Service of the United States.

### AMENDMENT NO. 1005

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1005 proposed to H.R. 3055, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 1088

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1088 proposed to H.R. 3055, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1099

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1099 proposed to H.R. 3055, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 1114

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1114 proposed to H.R. 3055, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1122

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1122 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3055, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 1130

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1130 proposed to H.R. 3055, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

### AMENDMENT NO. 1135

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1135 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3055, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

### AMENDMENT NO. 1163

At the request of Ms. MCSALLY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1163 proposed to H.R. 3055, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 1182

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1182 proposed to

H.R. 3055, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

### AMENDMENT NO. 1193

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1193 proposed to H.R. 3055, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

### AMENDMENT NO. 1223

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1223 proposed to H.R. 3055, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

# By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 2762. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitation on the amount individuals filing jointly can deduct for certain State and local taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise to introduce a bill to ensure that the treatment of the State and Local Property Tax deduction, also known as the "SALT deduction," does not unfairly penalize married taxpayers. The SALT Deduction Fairness Act would eliminate the marriage penalty imposed by the current \$10,000 cap on SALT by doubling this amount for married filers.

The SALT deduction has been in the tax code since 1913 when the income tax was first established and is intended to prevent double taxation. The original Senate tax reform bill in 2017 would have eliminated the deduction altogether. During the consideration of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, I fought to keep the SALT deduction in the Federal tax code because of the incredible tax burden a complete elimination of this deduction would have imposed on American taxpayers, many of whom pay high taxes on everything from their incomes to their vehicles.

My amendment, which was adopted by the Senate, retained the SALT deduction for up to \$10,000 in State and local taxes such as State income taxes, local property taxes, and vehicle excise taxes. This was especially important to families living in high-tax states like Maine, which not only has one of our Nation's highest tax burdens, but also a relatively low per household income—approximately \$6,300 below the U.S average. Maintaining the deduction provided important tax relief for those hard-working Mainers who continued to itemize.