

Georgia and South Carolina before moving to Florida to teach at the Palatka Mission School, and

Whereas, through observing the burgeoning black population in the area prompted by labor needed for railroad construction, Mary McLeod Bethune decided to follow through with her dream of opening her own school, and

Whereas, Mary McLeod Bethune bought a small cottage in Daytona Beach to allow for the opening of the Daytona Literary and Industrial Training School for Negro Girls in 1904 and through her commitment to fund-raising, the school's enrollment grew from 5 to 250 students in just 2 years, and

Whereas, the school continued to grow, which eventually resulted in its merger with the Cookman Institute for Men in Jacksonville to form Bethune-Cookman College, where she later served as president, and

Whereas, Mary McLeod Bethune's advocacy continued with her founding of the National Council of Negro Women and her appointment as Director of the Division of Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and

Whereas, through her position as the highest ranking African-American woman in the Federal Government, Mary McLeod Bethune was able to assist African-American youth in finding employment and worked with the Women's Army Corps during World War II to recruit African-American female officers, and

Whereas, upon her death in 1955, Mary McLeod Bethune's inspirational leadership was praised by many, including former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, who lauded "her wisdom and her goodness," and

Whereas, in 1995, the United States National Park Service established the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site in Washington, D.C., which has preserved the townhouse that was once her personal residence and the first headquarters of the National Council of Negro Women, and

Whereas, Mary McLeod Bethune's legacy continues to be felt in Florida through the continued success of Bethune-Cookman University, whose enrollment is currently approaching a record high of 4,000 students, and

Whereas, it is appropriate to honor Mary McLeod Bethune as one of two Floridians memorialized in statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection given her significant and continuing impact on this state, Now, therefore, *be it*

*Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:*

Section 1. The Legislature of the State of Florida hereby respectfully requests the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of the statue of Confederate General Edmund Kirby Smith in the National Statuary Hall Collection with a statue of Mary McLeod Bethune. Contingent upon such approval by the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress, ownership of the statue of General Edmund Kirby Smith shall transfer to the state in accordance with 2 U.S.C. S. 2132(d). The Division of Cultural Affairs of the Department of State shall take possession of the returned statue, and make the statue available for public display.

Section 2. This act shall serve as an official request to the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress pursuant to 2 U.S.C. S. 2132.

Section 3. On the effective date of this act, the Department of State shall deliver a copy of this act to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

POM-159. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to impeachment protocols; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### 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. 764. A bill to provide for congressional approval of national emergency declarations, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-159).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

\*Peter Gaynor, of Rhode Island, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

By Mr. BLUNT for the Committee on Rules and Administration.

\*Hugh Nathaniel Halpern, of Virginia, to be Director of the Government Publishing Office.

\*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.

#### 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. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2879. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and extend the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Prevention and Services program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SINEMA (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2880. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to States to provide safety measures to social workers, health workers, and human services professionals performing services placing such individuals in high-risk and potentially dangerous situations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2881. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to make not less than 280 megahertz of spectrum available for terrestrial use, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. HARRIS):

S. 2882. A bill to establish a community wildfire defense grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 2883. A bill to apply the provisions relating to consumer liability for unauthorized transfers to small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2884. A bill to apply the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to small business debt to the same extent as such Act applies to consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 2885. A bill to prohibit the transfer or sale of certain consumer health information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MCSALLY (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2886. A bill to prohibit the use of animal testing for cosmetics and the sale of cosmetics tested on animals; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JONES:

S. 2887. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to combat rural teacher shortages across the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2888. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to modify the treatment of certain bargain-price options to purchase at less than fair market value, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HAWLEY (for himself, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 2889. A bill to safeguard data of Americans from foreign governments that pose risks to national security by imposing data security requirements and strengthening review of foreign investments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 2890. A bill to promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development in Douglas County, Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 428. A resolution authorizing the taking of pictures and filming in the Chamber of the Senate for use by the Capitol Visitor Center; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. HARRIS (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. WARREN)):

S. Res. 429. A resolution recognizing the importance of the Civil Rights Act of 1866 and the laws derived from the Civil Rights Act of 1866; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

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At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Maryland