

H.R. 722. An act to designate a mountain in the State of Utah as “Miracle Mountain”.

H.R. 2548. An act to modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2726. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit smoking on Amtrak trains.

H.R. 3530. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enforce the licensure requirements for medical providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 4183. An act to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disability and pension benefits provided to members of the National Guard and members of reserve components of the Armed Forces by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4719. An act to amend the Federal share of the fishing safety standards grants.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 722. An act to designate a mountain in the State of Utah as “Miracle Mountain”; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1768. An act to reauthorize subtitle G of title VII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, relating to diesel emissions reduction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 2548. An act to modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2726. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit smoking on Amtrak trains; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3530. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enforce the licensure requirement for medical providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 4183. An act to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disability and pension benefits provided to members of the National Guard and members of reserve components of the Armed Forces by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 4719. An act to amend the Federal share of the fishing safety standards grants; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 397. An act 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.

H.R. 1759. An act to amend title III of the Social Security Act to extend reemployment services and eligibility assessments to all claimants for unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4018. An act to provide that the amount of time that an elderly offender must serve before being eligible for placement in home detention is to be reduced by

the amount of good time credits earned by the prisoner, and for other purposes.

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-3564. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Gary J. Volesky, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3565. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment to the Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance (Purpureocillium lilacinum (synonym Paecilomyces lilacinum) strain 251–FFDCA)” (FRL No. 10002–01–OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3566. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Flutianil; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 10002–71–OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3567. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fenprothrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions” (FRL No. 10001–86–OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3568. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Marine Diesel Engine Emission Standards; Amendments Related to Global Marine Fuel” (FRL No. 10003–29–OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3569. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “New Hampshire: Final Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions, Codification, and Incorporation by Reference” (FRL No. 10003–06–Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3570. 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; AK; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2015 Ozone Standard” (FRL No. 10003–25–Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3571. 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; AK; 2015 Ozone Interstate Transport Requirements” (FRL No. 10003–24–Region 10) received in the Office

of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3572. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revenue Ruling: 2019 Base Period T-Bill Rate” (Rev. Rul. 2019–27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 17, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3573. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Interim Amendment Deadline for 401(k) Hardship Distributions” (Rev. Proc. 2020–9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 17, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3574. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Foreign Tax Credit Guidance Related to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, Overall Foreign Loss Recapture, and Foreign Tax Redeterminations” (RIN1545–BP19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 17, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3575. A communication from the Case Officer, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Regular Rate under the Fair Labor Standards Act” (RIN1235–AA24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-171. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to potential employers and salary disclosure; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2365. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize urban Indian organizations to enter into arrangements for the sharing of medical services and facilities, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116–180).

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 260. A resolution recognizing the importance of sustained United States leadership to accelerating global progress against maternal and child malnutrition and supporting the commitment of the United States Agency for International Development to global nutrition through the Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 482. A bill to strengthen the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, to combat international cybercrime, and to impose additional sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 641. A bill to update the map of, and modify the maximum acreage available for inclusion in, the Yucca House National Monument.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 774. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor, and for other purposes.

S. 1262. A bill to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, and for other purposes.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1890. A bill to provide for grants for energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy improvements at public school facilities.

S. 2108. A bill to amend section 6903 of title 31, United States Code, to provide for additional population tiers, and for other purposes.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2393. A bill to promote a 21st century energy workforce, and for other purposes.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 2399. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve State loan eligibility for projects for innovative technology.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments and an amendment to the title:

S. 2660. A bill to establish a grant program for wind energy research, development, and demonstration, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. RUBIO for the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

*Jovita Carranza, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

*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 Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. KING, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 3080. A bill to state the policy of the United States regarding the need for strategic placement of military assets in the

Arctic, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 3081. A bill to promote free and fair elections, political freedoms, and human rights in Cambodia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Ms. ERNST, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 3082. A bill to establish a program to establish permanent features for flood control in areas in which temporary features have been constructed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 3083. A bill to authorize a new type of housing choice voucher to help achieve the goals of ending homelessness among families with children, increasing housing opportunities, and improving life outcomes of poor children; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 3084. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the limitation on pay for certain high-level employees and officers of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 3085. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. ROBERTS, and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 3086. A bill to provide for the conversion of temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 3087. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from denying home loans for veterans who legally work in the marijuana industry on the basis of the nature of such work, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 3088. A bill to provide assistance to public housing agencies that have failing properties in their inventories in order to protect the health and safety of public housing residents, to allow consortia to enter into single annual contributions contracts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 3089. A bill to improve the construction and leasing of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 3090. A bill to establish a grant program to provide amounts to public housing agencies to install automatic sprinkler systems in public housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 3091. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend increased dependency and indemnity compensation paid to surviving spouses of veterans who die from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, regardless of how long the veterans had such disease prior to death, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 3092. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the 180-day exclusivity period, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 3093. A bill to improve the collection of broadband speed data by the Federal Communications Commission in order to support the effective deployment of broadband services to all areas in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 3094. A bill to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to authorize the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service to make telecommunications grants for the collection of broadband infrastructure data by local governments, economic development or other community organizations, electric or telephone cooperatives, and small internet providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. ERNST)):

S. 3095. A bill to develop voluntary guidelines for accessible postsecondary electronic instructional materials and related technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 3096. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the Centers for Disease Control Prevention to develop a program to prevent the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems among students in middle and high schools, to award grants to State and local health agencies to implement such program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 3097. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide an exception from the grounds of inadmissibility for participation in a cannabis business operating in compliance with State law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PERDUE (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 3098. A bill to redesignate the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site as the "Jimmy Carter National Historical Park"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 3099. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 3100. A bill to convey land in Anchorage, Alaska, to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 3101. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the limitation on the cover over of distilled spirits taxes to Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands and to transfer a portion of such cover over to the Puerto Rico Conservation Trust Fund; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. HENRICH, Mr. UDALL, Mr. PETERS, Ms. SMITH, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr.