

as cosponsors of S. 3372, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for treatment of certain respiratory protective devices as covered countermeasures for purposes of targeted liability protections for pandemic and epidemic products and security countermeasures, and for other purposes.

S. 3391

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3391, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to carry out an active transportation investment program to make grants to eligible applicants to build safe and connected options for bicycles and walkers within and between communities, and for other purposes.

S. 3415

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 3415, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 3419

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3419, a bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to provide for the establishment of a trust for the benefit of all unpaid cash sellers of livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 3422

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3422, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Indian Education, and to provide permanent, dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 6

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 6, a joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

S. RES. 536

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 536, a resolution recognizing the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the 30th anniversary of the restoration of their independence.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 537—ENCOURAGING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO MAINTAIN PROTECTIONS UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND REVERSE ONGOING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO WEAKEN THIS LANDMARK LAW AND ITS PROTECTIONS FOR AMERICANS COMMUNITIES

Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BOOKER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

S. RES. 537

Whereas the National Environmental Policy Act is one of the Nation's bedrock environmental laws that has helped protect the Nation's environment and public health for half a century;

Whereas the National Environmental Policy Act was passed by an overwhelming bipartisan majority in Congress and has long enjoyed widespread public support;

Whereas the National Environmental Policy Act has a basic but critical purpose of directing Federal agencies to identify and disclose the significant environmental and public health impacts of major Federal actions before such actions are taken, encouraging a "look before you leap" approach in Federal decision making;

Whereas the National Environmental Policy Act appropriately gives the public a chance to review and give input on major projects before building and development starts, resulting in improved, more democratic government decision making on everything from fossil fuel, transportation, and water infrastructure decisions to habitat and ecosystem conservation;

Whereas the National Environmental Policy Act is one of the most important tools available in the fight against the climate crisis;

Whereas efforts to block the enforcement of the National Environmental Policy Act will make it easier for corporate polluters to hide the air, water, and climate impacts of major projects;

Whereas efforts to block the enforcement of the National Environmental Policy Act will undermine critical building requirements that make our roads, bridges, and other infrastructure safer and better prepared to withstand natural disasters such as wildfires, floods, and storms, which are getting more destructive and severe as a result of climate change;

Whereas efforts to block the enforcement of the National Environmental Policy Act will require the United States to spend billions more taxpayer dollars on infrastructure projects that won't survive the effects of climate change;

Whereas the National Environmental Policy Act is a critical civil rights tool that

gives all Americans a voice in Federal decision making by allowing communities to be informed and weigh in on major proposed projects affecting their communities;

Whereas the National Environmental Policy Act requires Federal agencies to evaluate the degree to which proposed projects affect air quality, water quality, public health, and public safety in nearby communities and consider alternative approaches that would be better for nearby communities and the environment;

Whereas before the enactment of the National Environmental Policy Act there was often no way for people living in disadvantaged communities to become aware of, much less have their voices heard on, major projects that would result in disproportionate health and environmental impacts in their neighborhoods;

Whereas that when the National Environmental Policy Act's public input process is cut short or weakened, ill-conceived projects advance that can have devastating public health and environmental consequences for American communities; and

Whereas the National Environmental Policy Act's charge to "foster and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony" is timeless and its insistence on meaningful local involvement, sustainable development, and deliberate Federal decision making was, and remains, visionary: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) reaffirms the value of the National Environmental Policy Act;

(2) supports the continued enforcement of longstanding legal requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, including the required consideration of climate change when developing and planning Federal infrastructure projects; and

(3) opposes the Trump administration's ongoing efforts to undermine the National Environmental Policy Act through the regulatory process.

SENATE RESOLUTION 538—AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ATRIUM IN THE PHILIP A. HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING FOR THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY, A SEMI-ANNUAL EVENT FOR THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BLUNT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 538

Resolved,

SECTION 1. USE OF THE ATRIUM IN THE HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING FOR TAKE BACK DAY.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The atrium in the Philip A. Hart Senate Office Building is authorized to be used on April 22, 2020 for the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, a semiannual event of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

(b) PREPARATIONS.—Physical preparations for the conduct of the event described in subsection (a) shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as may be prescribed by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I have 7 requests for committees to meet

during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Matthew P. Donovan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and William Jordan Gillis, of Georgia, and Victor G. Mercado, of California, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 11 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nomination: James E. Trainor III, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed roundtables.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

The Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights of the Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The Subcommittee on Intellectual Property of the Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 11, 2020

Mr. LANKFORD. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 11; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; further, that following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration S.J. Res. 56 and that all time expire at noon; finally, that following disposition of S.J. Res. 56, the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. LANKFORD. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:37 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 10 a.m.