

LANKFORD), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) were added as cosponsors of S. 3559, a bill to provide emergency financial assistance to rural health care facilities and providers impacted by the COVID-19 emergency.

S. 3565

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3565, a bill to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to provide additional protections for consumers and small business owners from debt collection during a major disaster or emergency.

S. RES. 548

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 548, a resolution amending the Standing Rules of the Senate to enable the participation of absent Senators during a national crisis.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 550—COMMENDING THE PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE CARRYING OUT ESSENTIAL TASKS DURING THE UNPRECEDENTED TIME OF CRISIS CREATED BY THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

Mr. PERDUE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 550

Whereas the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (referred to in this preamble as "COVID-19") has created an unprecedented health crisis that has caused significant economic risks and harm to the well-being of the United States;

Whereas the United States is racing to address the uncertainty caused by that crisis while ensuring that people have access to critical care and the essential items they need;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Homeland Security, other Federal agencies, and State and local governments are tirelessly leading the United States through that unprecedented crisis;

Whereas health workers are on the front lines leading the charge to solve the crisis, flatten the curve, and protect the United States;

Whereas first responders show bravery and courage by putting themselves at risk while providing critical care to those who have

COVID-19 and other infectious diseases and conditions;

Whereas the brave members of the National Guard are always ready and always available to respond in times of need;

Whereas truck drivers, delivery persons, airline workers, and supply chain specialists are transporting critical medical goods between hospitals, essential items to stores, and food and delivered goods to the homes of people throughout the United States;

Whereas the energy industry is helping the United States by providing the power necessary for hospitals, governments, and businesses to work day and night responding to the crisis;

Whereas farmers and grocery store workers are feeding communities and helping families across the United States put food on the table;

Whereas educators in the United States have adapted quickly to distance and online teaching and continue to provide the children of the United States with a high-quality education under uncertain circumstances; and

Whereas janitorial-services businesses and staff are keeping buildings and businesses across the United States safe by providing the critical cleaning services necessary to stop the spread of COVID-19: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes—

(A) the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Homeland Security, other Federal agencies, and State and local governments for tirelessly leading the United States through the unprecedented crisis created by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (referred to in this resolution as "COVID-19");

(B) the health workers who are on the front lines leading the charge to solve the crisis, flatten the curve, and protect the United States;

(C) the first responders who show bravery and courage by putting themselves at risk while providing critical care to those who have COVID-19 and other infectious diseases and conditions;

(D) the brave members of the National Guard who are always ready and always available to respond in times of need;

(E) the truck drivers, delivery persons, airline workers, and supply chain specialists who are transporting—

(i) critical medical goods between hospitals;

(ii) essential items to stores; and

(iii) food and delivered goods to the homes of people throughout the United States;

(F) the energy industry for helping the United States by providing the power necessary for hospitals, governments, and businesses to work day and night responding to the crisis;

(G) the farmers and grocery store workers who are feeding communities and helping families across the United States put food on the table;

(H) the educators in the United States who—

(i) have adapted quickly to distance and online teaching; and

(ii) continue to provide the children of the United States with a high-quality education under uncertain circumstances; and

(I) the janitorial-services businesses and staff that are keeping buildings and businesses across the United States safe by providing the critical cleaning services necessary to stop the spread of COVID-19;

(2) commends the people described in subparagraphs (A) through (I) of paragraph (1) who are carrying out the essential tasks described in those subparagraphs; and

(3) salutes the leadership that those people have shown in their communities and across the United States during an unprecedented time of crisis.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1569. Mr. SASSE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 748, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1570. Mr. SASSE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 748, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1571. Mr. SASSE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 748, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1572. Mr. SASSE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 748, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1573. Mr. SCOTT, of South Carolina (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SASSE, and Mr. BOOKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 748, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1569. Mr. SASSE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 748, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . CONDITIONS ON LOAN OR PURCHASE AUTHORITY FOR WARRANTS AND DEBT INSTRUMENTS.

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may not make any loan, or make any commitment to loan, any funds authorized, appropriated, or otherwise dedicated under this Act or purchase, or make any commitment to purchase, any asset under the authority of this Act, unless the Secretary receives from the institution to which such loans are to be made or from which such assets are to be purchased—

(A) in the case of an institution, the securities of which are traded on a national securities exchange, a warrant giving the right to the Secretary to receive nonvoting common stock or preferred stock in such institution, or voting stock with respect to which, the Secretary agrees not to exercise voting power, as the Secretary determines appropriate; or

(B) in the case of any institution other than one described in subparagraph (A), a warrant for common or preferred stock, or a senior debt instrument from such institution, as described in paragraph (2)(C).

(2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The terms and conditions of any warrant or senior debt instrument required under paragraph (1) shall meet the following requirements:

(A) PURPOSES.—Such terms and conditions shall, at a minimum, be designed—

(i) to provide for reasonable participation by the Secretary, for the benefit of taxpayers, in equity appreciation in the case of a warrant or other equity security, or a reasonable interest rate premium, in the case of a debt instrument; and

(ii) to provide additional protection for the taxpayer against losses from sale of assets by the Secretary under this Act.