

Amendments" (Docket No. USCG–2020–0304) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–5559. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Atlantic Ocean, Cape Canaveral, Florida" ((RIN1625–AA00) (Docket No. USCG–2020–0536)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–5560. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Horry County, South Carolina" ((RIN1625–AA00) (Docket No. USCG–2020–0498)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### 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–242. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey expressing its opposition to and disapproval of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's proposed rulemaking revising its Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule adopted in 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 112

Whereas, In 2015, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") adopted an Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing ("AFFH") rule that established a new framework for HUD funding recipients to meet their longstanding legal obligation under the federal Fair Housing Act to reduce barriers to fair housing and equal opportunity; and

Whereas, The AFFH rule was promulgated in response to the recommendations of the United States Government Accountability Office and affected stakeholders centered on the need for HUD to bolster its fair housing planning obligations by providing greater clarity and support to HUD funding recipients and facilitating local decision-making on fair housing priorities and goals; and

Whereas, The AFFH rule achieves these ends by providing clearer standards for meeting fair housing obligations, greater transparency, increased access to data concerning fair housing conditions and access to opportunity, and new mapping and customizable assessment tools, as well as by encouraging collaboration between jurisdictions and community input and participation; and

Whereas, The AFFH rule ultimately serves to help HUD funding recipients take meaningful actions to overcome historic patterns of segregation, promote fair housing choice, and foster inclusive communities that are free from discrimination; and

Whereas, On August 9, 2018, HUD issued an advance notice of a proposed rulemaking that would undo much of the AFFH rule for the stated reasons that the rule impeded the development and rehabilitation of affordable housing and provided inadequate autonomy to HUD funding recipients; and

Whereas, The AFFH rule has not been in effect long enough to adequately assess its effect on the development and rehabilitation of affordable housing, the rule does not in

fact dictate how communities should meet their fair housing obligations, and the rule has produced concrete improvements in fair housing, such as the commitment of Chester County, Pennsylvania to reduce the number of Section 8 recipients living in high-poverty census tracts by five percentage points; and

Whereas, It is altogether fitting, proper, and in the public interest, for this House to express opposition to HUD's proposed rulemaking that would upend the AFFH rule and exacerbate housing inequities in both this State and across the United States; now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. This House expresses its opposition to and disapproval of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's proposed rulemaking revising its Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule adopted in 2015.

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the President and Vice President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and each member of Congress elected from this State.

### 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. ERNST (for herself, Mr. JONES, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 4657. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate one week each year as "Buddy Check Week" for the purpose of outreach and education concerning peer wellness checks for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. LOEFFLER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. LEE, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 4658. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to allow for greater State flexibility with respect to excluding providers who are involved in abortions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 4659. A bill to require a determination as to whether crimes committed against the Rohingya in Burma amount to genocide; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. JONES:

S. 4660. A bill to amend titles 10 and 14, United States Code, to include certain diversity-related requirements for the Armed Forces and the Coast Guard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 4661. A bill to authorize the President to posthumously award the Medal of Honor to Alwyn C. Cashe for acts of valor during Operation Iraqi Freedom; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 4662. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to criminalize blocking law enforcement officers who have been injured by a criminal act or in the line of duty from ac-

cessing emergency medical services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 4663. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to save Federal funds by authorizing changes to the composition of circulating coins, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 4664. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exclusion from gross income for certain waste water management subsidies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 4665. A bill to require senior officials to report payments received from the Federal Government and to improve the filing and disclosure of financial disclosures by Members of Congress, congressional staff, and very senior employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 4666. A bill to establish the Commission on the Coronavirus Pandemic in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. 4667. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue reports after activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System and to make improvements to network outage reporting; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 4668. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 4669. A bill to require sellers of internet applications to disclose country-of-origin information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 4670. A bill to amend the CARES Act to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase, or to enable the purchase of, preferred equity positions in commercial real estate entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 4671. A bill to prohibit Federal law enforcement officers from wearing camouflage uniforms in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. BURR, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 4672. A bill to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 4673. A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to consider certain factors in issuing certificates of public convenience and necessity under that Act, to modify the requirements for the right to exercise eminent domain in construction of pipelines