

(2) condemns the International Olympic Committee for cooperating in the Communist Party of China's suppression of Peng Shuai;

(3) condemns the Communist Party of China's violation of Peng Shuai's basic human rights to freedom of speech and movement; and

(4) demands that the Communist Party of China—

(A) prove that Peng Shuai is free from censorship, coercion, and intimidation; and

(B) fully investigate Peng Shuai's sexual assault allegation against former Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli.

SENATE RESOLUTION 475—RECOGNIZING THE 73RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CELEBRATION OF “HUMAN RIGHTS DAY”

Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. TILLIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.:

S. RES. 475

Whereas the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations on December 10, 1948, represents the first comprehensive agreement among countries as to the specific rights and freedoms of all human beings;

Whereas the Universal Declaration of Human Rights upholds the basic principles of liberty and freedom enshrined in the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights;

Whereas awareness of human rights—

(1) is essential to the realization of fundamental freedoms;

(2) promotes equality;

(3) contributes to preventing conflict and human rights violations; and

(4) enhances participation in democratic processes;

Whereas Congress has a proud history of promoting human rights that are internationally recognized; and

Whereas December 10 of each year is celebrated around the world as “Human Rights Day”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates December 10, 2021, as “Human Rights Day”;:

(2) recognizes the 73rd anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

(3) reaffirms the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

(4) supports the right of human rights defenders all over the world to promote the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and

(5) encourages the people of the United States—

(A) to observe Human Rights Day; and

(B) to continue a commitment to upholding freedom, democracy, and human rights around the globe.

SENATE RESOLUTION 476—DESIGNATING DECEMBER 18, 2021, AS “NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY”

Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KING) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 476

Whereas 30 years before the date of adoption of this resolution, the Wreaths Across

America project began with an annual tradition that occurs in December, of donating, transporting, and placing 5,000 Maine balsam fir veterans' remembrance wreaths on the graves of the fallen heroes buried at Arlington National Cemetery;

Whereas, in the 30 years preceding the date of adoption of this resolution, more than 12,000,000 wreaths have been sent to various locations, including national cemeteries and veterans' memorials in every State and overseas;

Whereas the mission of the Wreaths Across America project, to “Remember, Honor, and Teach”, is carried out in part by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in all 50 States and overseas, including at—

(1) Arlington National Cemetery;

(2) veterans cemeteries; and

(3) other memorial locations;

Whereas the Wreaths Across America project carries out a week-long veteran's parade between Maine and Virginia, stopping along the way to spread a message about the importance of—

(1) remembering the fallen heroes of the United States;

(2) honoring those who serve; and

(3) teaching the next generation of children about the service and sacrifices made by our veterans and their families to preserve freedoms enjoyed by all in the United States;

Whereas, in 2020, despite the challenges posed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, approximately 1,750,000 veterans' remembrance wreaths were delivered to 2,557 locations across the United States and overseas;

Whereas, in December 2021, the tradition of escorting tractor-trailers filled with donated wreaths from Harrington, Maine, to Arlington National Cemetery will be continued by—

(1) the Patriot Guard Riders; and

(2) other patriotic escort units, including—

(A) motorcycle units;

(B) law enforcement units; and

(C) first responder units;

Whereas hundreds of thousands of individuals volunteer each December to help lay veterans' wreaths;

Whereas the trucking industry in the United States will continue to support the Wreaths Across America project by providing drivers, equipment, and related services to assist in the transportation of wreaths across the United States to more than 2861 locations;

Whereas the Senate designated December 19, 2020, as “Wreaths Across America Day”; and

Whereas, on December 18, 2021, the Wreaths Across America project will continue the proud legacy of bringing veterans' wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates December 18, 2021, as “National Wreaths Across America Day”;:

(2) honors—

(A) the Wreaths Across America project;

(B) patriotic escort units, including—

(i) motorcycle units;

(ii) law enforcement units; and

(iii) first responder units;

(C) the trucking industry in the United States; and

(D) the volunteers and donors involved in this worthy tradition; and

(3) recognizes—

(A) the service of veterans and members of the Armed Forces; and

(B) the sacrifices that veterans, their family members, and members of the Armed Forces have made, and continue to make, for the United States, a great Nation.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4876. Ms. HASSAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 610, to address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4877. Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. PAUL, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DAINES, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. COTTON, Mr. MORAN, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. ERNST, and Mr. RUBIO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 610, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4878. Mr. HAWLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 610, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4879. Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. OSSOFF (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2796, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide for the eligibility of rural community response pilot programs for funding under the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Grant Program, and for other purposes.

SA 4880. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1605, to designate the National Pulse Memorial located at 1912 South Orange Avenue in Orlando, Florida, and for other purposes.

SA 4881. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4880 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill S. 1605, supra.

SA 4882. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1605, supra.

SA 4883. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4882 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill S. 1605, supra.

SA 4884. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4883 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the amendment SA 4882 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill S. 1605, supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4876. Ms. HASSAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 610, to address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ 2022 MEDICARE PART B PREMIUM AND DEDUCTIBLE.

(a) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) seniors face a substantial jump in health care costs because of the increased Medicare Part B premiums for 2022; and

(2) Congress must act to address these premium increases.

(b) 2022 PREMIUM AND DEDUCTIBLE AND REPAYMENT THROUGH FUTURE PREMIUMS.—Section 1839(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395r(a)) is amended—

(1) in the second sentence of paragraph (1), by striking “and (7)” and inserting “(7), and (8)”;:

(2) in paragraph (6)(C)—

(A) in clause (i), by striking “(d)(1) and (e)(1)” and inserting “(d)(1), (e)(1), and (g)(1) of section 1844”; and

(B) in clause (ii), by striking “(5) and (7)” and inserting “(5), (7), and (8)”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(8) In applying this part (including subsection (i) and section 1833(b)), the monthly

actuarial rate for enrollees age 65 and over for—

“(A) 2022 shall be determined to be an amount that does not significantly exceed the monthly actuarial rate for enrollees age 65 and over for 2021 increased the percentage by which benefit amounts under title II are increased for 2022; and

“(B) 2023 shall be determined to be an amount that does not significantly exceed the monthly actuarial rate for enrollees age 65 and over for 2022 (as determined under subparagraph (A)) increased the percentage by which benefit amounts under title II are increased for 2023.”.

(c) TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION.—Section 1844 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the following new sentence: “In applying paragraph (1), the amounts transferred under subsection (g)(1) with respect to enrollees described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of such subsection shall be treated as premiums payable and deposited in the Trust Fund under subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, of paragraph (1).”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(g)(1) For 2022 and 2023, there shall be transferred from the General Fund to the Trust Fund an amount, as estimated by the Chief Actuary of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, equal to the reduction in aggregate premiums payable under this part for a month in such year (excluding any changes in amounts collected under section 1839(i)) that are attributable to the application of section 1839(a)(8) with respect to—

“(A) enrollees age 65 and over; and

“(B) enrollees under age 65.

Such amounts shall be transferred from time to time as appropriate.

“(2) Premium increases affected under section 1839(a)(6) shall not be taken into account in applying subsection (a).

“(3) There shall be transferred from the Trust Fund to the General Fund of the Treasury amounts equivalent to the additional premiums payable as a result of the application of section 1839(a)(6), excluding the aggregate payments attributable to the application of section 1839(i)(3)(A)(ii)(II).”.

SA 4877. Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. PAUL, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DAINES, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. COTTON, Mr. MORAN, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. ERNST, and Mr. RUBIO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 610, to address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 8.

SA 4878. Mr. HAWLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 610, to address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 8.

SA 4879. Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. OSSOFF (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2796, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide for the eligibility of

rural community response pilot programs for funding under the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Grant Program, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Rural Opioid Abuse Prevention Act”.

SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF RURAL COMMUNITY RESPONSE PILOT PROGRAMS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID ABUSE GRANT PROGRAM.

Section 3021 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10701) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (F), by striking “and”;

(B) in subparagraph (G), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(H) a pilot program for rural areas to implement community response programs that focus on reducing opioid overdose deaths, which may include presenting alternatives to incarceration, as described in subsection (f).”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(f) RURAL PILOT PROGRAM.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The pilot program described under this subsection shall make grants to rural areas to implement community response programs to reduce opioid overdose deaths. Grants issued under this subsection shall be jointly operated by units of local government, in collaboration with public safety and public health agencies or public safety, public health and behavioral health collaborations. A community response program under this subsection shall identify gaps in community prevention, treatment, and recovery services for individuals who encounter the criminal justice system and shall establish treatment protocols to address identified shortcomings. The Attorney General, through the Office of Justice Programs, shall increase the amount provided as a grant under this section for a pilot program by no more than five percent for each of the two years following certification by the Attorney General of the submission of data by the rural area on the prescribing of schedules II, III, and IV controlled substances to a prescription drug monitoring program, or any other centralized database administered by an authorized State agency, which includes tracking the dispensation of such substances, and providing for interoperability and data sharing with each other such program (including an electronic health records system) in each other State, and with any interstate entity that shares information between such programs.

“(2) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to—

“(A) direct or encourage a State to use a specific interstate data sharing program; or

“(B) limit or prohibit the discretion of a prescription drug monitoring program for interoperability connections to other programs (including electronic health records systems, hospital systems, pharmacy dispensing systems, or health information exchanges).”.

SA 4880. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1605, to designate the National Pulse Memorial located at 1912 South Orange Avenue in Orlando, Florida, and for other purposes; as follows:

SEC. . EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect on the date that is 1 day after the date of enactment of this Act.

SA 4881. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4880 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill S. 1605, to designate the National Pulse Memorial located at 1912 South Orange Avenue in Orlando, Florida, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 1, line 3, strike “1 day” and insert “2 days”.

SA 4882. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1605, to designate the National Pulse Memorial located at 1912 South Orange Avenue in Orlando, Florida, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end add the following:

SEC. . EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect on the date that is 5 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

SA 4883. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4882 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill S. 1605, to designate the National Pulse Memorial located at 1912 South Orange Avenue in Orlando, Florida, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 1, line 3, strike “5 days” and insert “4 days”.

SA 4884. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4883 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the amendment SA 4882 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill S. 1605, to designate the National Pulse Memorial located at 1912 South Orange Avenue in Orlando, Florida, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 1, line 3, strike “4 days” and insert “3 days”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I have 8 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 Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.