

S. 3580

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3580, a bill to require institutions of higher education participating in Federal student aid programs to share information about title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, including a link to the webpage of the Office for Civil Rights where an individual can submit a complaint regarding discrimination in violation of such title, and for other purposes.

S. 3589

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3589, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit unauthorized private paramilitary activity, and for other purposes.

S. 3591

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3591, a bill making appropriations to improve border security, imposing new reporting requirements relating to border security, and enhancing criminal penalties for destroying or evading border controls.

S. 3595

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3595, a bill to award grants to States to establish or improve, and carry out, Seal of Biliteracy programs to recognize high-level student proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in both English and a second language, and early language programs.

S. 3598

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3598, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a comprehensive standard for timing between referrals and appointments for care from the Department of Veterans Affairs and to submit a report with respect to that standard, and for other purposes.

S. 3624

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3624, a bill to restrict the availability of Federal funds to organizations associated with the abortion industry.

S. RES. 158

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 158, a resolution condemning the deportation of children from Ukraine to the Russian Federation and the forcible transfer of children within territories of Ukraine that are temporarily occupied by Russian forces.

S. RES. 528

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 528, a resolution raising awareness and encouraging the prevention of

stalking by designating January 2024 as "National Stalking Awareness Month".

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 531—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21 THROUGH JANUARY 27, 2024, AS "NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK"

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BUDD, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROMNEY, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. LEE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 531

Whereas providing a diversity of choices in K-12 education empowers parents to select education environments that meet the individual needs and strengths of their children;

Whereas high-quality K-12 education environments of all varieties are available in the United States, including traditional public schools, public charter schools, public magnet schools, private schools, online academies, and home schooling;

Whereas talented teachers and school leaders in each of these education environments prepare children to achieve their dreams;

Whereas more families than ever before in the United States actively choose the best education for their children;

Whereas more public awareness of the issue of parental choice in education can inform additional families of the benefits of proactively choosing challenging, motivating, and effective education environments for their children;

Whereas the process by which parents choose schools for their children is non-political, nonpartisan, and deserves the utmost respect; and

Whereas tens of thousands of events are planned to celebrate the benefits of educational choice during the 14th annual National School Choice Week, held the week of January 21 through January 27, 2024: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of January 21 through January 27, 2024, as "National School Choice Week";

(2) congratulates students, parents, teachers, and school leaders from kindergarten through grade 12 education environments of all varieties for their persistence, achievements, dedication, and contributions to society in the United States;

(3) encourages all parents, during National School Choice Week, to learn more about the education options available to them; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to hold appropriate programs, events, and activities during National School Choice Week to raise public awareness of the benefits of opportunity in education.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I have seven 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 ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 2:30 p.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 Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

VETO OF S.J. RES. 38, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION RELATING TO "WAIVER OF BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS"

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate, pursuant to the previous order of January 22, 2024, the following message from the President of the United States, which was ordered to be considered as having been read, printed in the Record, and spread in full upon the Journal, as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

I am returning herewith without my approval S.J. Res. 38, a resolution that would disapprove under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, an action by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) relating to "Waiver of Buy America Requirements for Electric Vehicle Chargers."

This resolution would eliminate the domestic manufacturing standards for electric vehicle (EV) chargers funded by the FHWA, thereby harming domestic manufacturing and American jobs. If enacted, it would weaken Buy America requirements by reverting to FHWA's general waiver for manufactured products, allowing Federal dollars—including \$7.5 billion from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law—to be spent on chargers made in competitor nations like the People's Republic of China. Additionally, if enacted, this resolution would undermine the hundreds of millions of dollars that the private sector has already invested in domestic EV charging manufacturing, and chill further domestic investment in this critical market.

Finally, if enacted, this resolution would undermine efforts to ensure that the national network of EV chargers, being funded with Federal dollars, must be manufactured in the United States. Specifically, in 2023, my Administration issued a new policy for EV chargers that restores Buy America protections that are consistent with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) standards included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This policy immediately required that EV chargers purchased through FHWA grants be manufactured in the United States and that EV charger housing comprised of iron and steel must use iron and steel produced in the United States. Based on information gathered through public outreach, the policy phases in full Buy America coverage by requiring full BABA compliance starting on July 1 of this year. These actions ensure that Federal dollars for EV chargers are used to purchase American-made products, while allowing newly announced manufacturing capacity for EV charger components the necessary time to ramp up production.

If enacted, this resolution would harm my Administration's efforts to encourage investment in critical industries and bring high-quality jobs back to the United States. It would not only thwart the collective goal of the Congress and the Administration to establish a domestic EV charger manufacturing industry, but it would also delay the significant progress being made by my Administration and the States in establishing the EV charging network. Establishing resilient supply chains is critical to our national economic and energy security, and my Administration will not support policies that would undermine efforts to bring this critical manufacturing back to the United States.

Therefore, I am vetoing this resolution.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, January 24, 2024.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—READING OF WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the order of January 24, 1901, the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address take place on Monday, February 26, 2024, following the prayer and pledge.

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

APPOINTMENT OF SENATOR CARDIN TO READ WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, as modified by the order of January 24, 2024, appoints the Senator from Maryland, Mr. CARDIN, to read Washington's Farewell Address on Monday, February 26, 2024.

TRAIN MORE NURSES ACT

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of S. 2853 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2853) to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Labor to conduct a study and issue a report on grant programs to support the nursing workforce.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (S. 2853) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 2853

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Train More Nurses Act".

SEC. 2. REVIEW OF AND REPORT ON PROGRAMS SUPPORTING THE NURSING WORKFORCE.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Labor, jointly, shall—

(1) conduct a review of all grant programs carried out by the Department of Health and

Human Services or the Department of Labor that support the nurse workforce; and

(2) not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, submit to Congress a report on the review under paragraph (1) that includes recommendations for changes to such grant programs to improve upon the goals of—

(A) increasing nurse faculty, particularly in underserved areas;

(B) providing pathways for nurses who have more than 10 years of clinical experience to become faculty at schools of nursing; and

(C) encouraging and increasing the nursing pipeline through pathways for licensed practical nurses to become registered nurses.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, in conclusion, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 25; 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; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Lund nomination; further, that the cloture motion on the Sherriff nomination ripen upon the disposition of the Lund nomination, and that if cloture is invoked on the Sherriff nomination, all time be considered expired and the confirmation vote be at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Republican leader; further, that following the cloture vote on the Sherriff nomination, the Senate resume consideration of the Kolar nomination and that the cloture motion ripen at 1:45 p.m.; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Thursday's session, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:10 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate January 24, 2024:

THE JUDICIARY

JACQUELYN D. AUSTIN, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CRISTAL C. BRISCO, OF INDIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA