

2597, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to children's hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2667

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2667, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for State and Tribal regulation of hemp production, and for other purposes.

S. 2679

At the request of Mr. TESTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2679, a bill to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses.

S. 2723

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2723, a bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to require that supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits for children be calculated with reference to the cost of the low-cost food plan, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

S. 2778

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2778, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to include a prohibition on the listing of a living nonnative species as a threatened species or an endangered species, and for other purposes.

S. 2789

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2789, a bill to prevent substance abuse and reduce demand for illicit narcotics.

S. 2810

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2810, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 386

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 386, a resolution urging the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to fulfill its agreement to hold credible elections, comply with constitutional limits on presidential terms, and fulfill its constitutional mandate for a democratic transition of power by taking concrete and measurable steps towards holding elections not later than De-

cember 2018 as outlined in the existing election calendar, and allowing for freedom of expression and association.

S. RES. 502

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 502, a resolution supporting robust relations with the State of Israel bilaterally and in multilateral fora upon seventy years of statehood, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 519—TO AUTHORIZE TESTIMONY AND REPRESENTATION IN COLORADO V. WILLENBERG

Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 519

Whereas, in the case of *Colorado v. Willenberg*, Case No. 17M1242, pending in Municipal Court in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the defendant has requested the production of testimony from Andrew Merritt, an employee in the office of Senator Cory Gardner;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§ 288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent current or former Members, officers, and employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for testimony relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate; and

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Andrew Merritt, an employee in the Office of Senator Cory Gardner, is authorized to testify in the case of *Colorado v. Willenberg*, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent current and former Members, officers, and employees of the Senate in connection with the production of evidence authorized in section one of this resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, on behalf of myself and the distinguished Democratic leader, Mr. SCHUMER, I send to the desk a resolution authorizing the production of testimony and representation by the Senate Legal Counsel, and ask for its immediate consideration.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, this resolution concerns a request for testimony in a criminal action pending in Colorado State court. In this action, the defendant is charged with trespass for refusing to leave Senator GARDNER's Colorado Springs office. A forthcoming evidentiary hearing and trial is expected to be scheduled shortly in the

Municipal Court of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The defendant in this case is seeking testimony from Andrew Merritt, Senator GARDNER's State Director, who was present during some of the events at issue. Senator GARDNER would like to cooperate with this request.

The enclosed resolution would authorize the production of testimony from Mr. Merritt and representation by the Senate Legal Counsel of current and former Members, officers, and employees of the Senate.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2264. Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2372, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide outer burial receptacles for remains buried in National Parks, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2265. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2372, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS.

The authorizations of appropriations added to 38 U.S.C. Chapter 17 by this Act ["VA MISSION Act of 2018"] shall be considered changes in concepts and definitions pursuant to section 251(b)(1) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 ("BBEDCA"; 2 U.S.C. 901(b)(1)). These changes shall be reflected only in the budget year in each Sequestration Preview Report required by section 254(c) of BBEDCA. For each budget year, the baseline level of new budget authority using up-to-date concepts and definitions shall be equal to the discretionary appropriations that are specified for those authorizations of appropriations in the Budget that the President submits under section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, including those already provided for that fiscal year as advance discretionary new budget authority. Within 15 days of the publication of a final rule in the Federal Register promulgating the regulations pursuant to section 101(c) of this Act ["VA MISSION Act of 2018"], the Office of Management and Budget shall further adjust the fiscal year 2019 discretionary spending limits to reflect the impact of those regulations, as estimated by the Department of Veterans Affairs, on the discretionary appropriations that are specified for those authorizations of appropriations in the Budget that the President submitted for that fiscal year under section 1105 of title 31 United States Code, and shall provide written notification to the Congress of such further adjustments. Not later than 10