

Whereas, Currently, fewer than 25 states conduct systemic reviews of maternal deaths or have standing maternal mortality review committees; and

Whereas, A bill pending before the United States Congress, S. 1112, the federal "Maternal Health Accountability Act of 2017," would require the CDC to support states and federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations in saving and sustaining the health of mothers during pregnancy, childbirth, and in the postpartum period, eliminating disparities in maternal health outcomes, assessing the various factors that may contribute to maternal mortality, including quality of care and systemic problems in the delivery of health care, identifying solutions to address these factors, and developing appropriate interventions to reduce and prevent maternal deaths; and

Whereas, Under the provisions of S. 1112, the CDC is required to establish a grant program through which states and federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations would receive funds to establish maternal mortality review committees; and

Whereas, The purpose of these committees would be to collect data on pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated deaths and make recommendations on improving maternal health before, during, and after pregnancy; and

Whereas, The enactment of S. 1112 will enable states and the federal government to share responsibility in identifying opportunities for improving care, reducing disparities, and implementing system changes relating to maternal health care, and to educate health care providers, pregnant women, their families, and the public about preventing pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated complications and deaths; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. The United States Congress is respectfully urged to enact S. 1112, the "Maternal Health Accountability Act of 2017" in order to enable states and the federal government to share responsibility in identifying opportunities for improving care, reducing disparities, and implementing system changes relating to maternal health care, and to educate health care providers, pregnant women, their families, and the public about preventing pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated complications and deaths.

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 Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and to every member of New Jersey's congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2221. A bill to repeal the multi-State plan program (Rept. No. 115-277).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 186. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to provide that any inaction by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that allows a rate change to go into effect shall be treated as an order by the Commission for purposes of rehearing and court review (Rept. No. 115-278).

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2019" (Rept. No. 115-279).

By Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2852. A bill to reauthorize certain programs under the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act.

By Mr. ROBERTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3042. A bill to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes.

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 Mr. MARKEY:

S. 3078. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify the prohibitions on making robocalls, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. NELSON):

S. 3079. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the application of Medicare secondary payer rules to certain workers' compensation settlement agreements and qualified Medicare set-aside provisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 3080. A bill to reauthorize certain agricultural programs through 2023, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 3081. A bill to identify and develop best practices for the training of elementary and secondary school counselors regarding career counseling; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. BALDWIN:

S. 3082. A bill to promote registered apprenticeships and other work-based learning opportunities for small and medium-sized businesses within in-demand industry sectors, through the establishment and support of eligible partnerships; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 3083. A bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 to improve career and technical education opportunities for adult learners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 3084. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to allow Members of Congress to tour detention facilities that house unaccompanied alien children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. HARRIS):

S. Res. 550. A resolution congratulating the Golden State Warriors for their dominant back-to-back championship victory in the 2018 National Basketball Association Finals; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 198

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 198, a bill to require continued and enhanced annual reporting to Congress in the Annual Report on International Religious Freedom on anti-Semitic incidents in Europe, the safety and security of European Jewish communities, and the efforts of the United States to partner with European governments, the European Union, and civil society groups, to combat anti-Semitism, and for other purposes.

S. 203

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 203, a bill to reaffirm that the Environmental Protection Agency may not regulate vehicles used solely for competition, and for other purposes.

S. 540

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 540, a bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States.

S. 700

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their spouses or partners, and for other purposes.

S. 845

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 845, a bill to protect sensitive community locations from harmful immigration enforcement action, and for other purposes.

S. 936

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 936, a bill to designate certain National Forest System land and certain public land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior in the States of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming as wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, wildland recovery areas, and biological connecting corridors, and for other purposes.

S. 1095

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr.

BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1095, a bill to ensure that the Secretary of the Interior collaborates fully with State and local authorities and certain nonprofit entities in managing the Corolla Wild Horse population on Federal land.

S. 1320

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1320, a bill to reform apportionments to general aviation airports under the airport improvement program, to improve project delivery at certain airports, and to designate certain airports as disaster relief airports, and for other purposes.

S. 1909

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1909, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a system to educate individuals approaching Medicare eligibility, to simplify and modernize the eligibility enrollment process, and for other purposes.

S. 1995

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1995, a bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to improve the number of small business investment companies in under-licensed States, and for other purposes.

S. 2076

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2076, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the expansion of activities related to Alzheimer's disease, cognitive decline, and brain health under the Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2101

At the request of Mr. DONNELLY, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 2101, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the crew of the USS Indianapolis, in recognition of their perseverance, bravery, and service to the United States.

S. 2139

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2139, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to address critical conservation conditions under the regional conservation partnership program, and for other purposes.

S. 2490

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. HEITKAMP) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2490, a bill to amend the

Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 to modify requirements related to mortgage disclosures.

S. 2497

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2497, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriations of funds to Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 2506

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. HEITKAMP) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2506, a bill to establish an aviation maintenance workforce development pilot program.

S. 2821

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2821, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of veterans who participated in the cleanup of Eniwetok Atoll as radiation exposed veterans for purposes of the presumption of service-connection of certain disabilities by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2864

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2864, a bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize a Joint Task Force to enhance integration of the Department of Homeland Security's border security operations to detect, interdict, disrupt, and prevent narcotics, such as fentanyl and other synthetic opioids, from entering the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2937

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2937, a bill to protect children affected by immigration enforcement actions.

S. 2957

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2957, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2960

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2960, a bill to require health insurance for the treatment of infertility.

S. 3032

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the names of the Senator from Arizona

(Mr. FLAKE) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 3032, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for a new rule regarding the application of the Act to marihuana, and for other purposes.

S. 3034

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3034, a bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to reauthorize the rural business investment program, and for other purposes.

S. 3036

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY), the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. HEITKAMP), the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3036, a bill to limit the separation of families at or near ports of entry.

S. 3042

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3042, a bill to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes.

S. 3047

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3047, a bill to establish a narcotic drug screening technology pilot program to combat illicit opioid importation, and for other purposes.

S. 3064

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3064, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act, the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947, and the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act, 1959, and for other purposes.

S. 3077

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3077, a bill to provide for certain contracting requirements to promote fair and safe workplaces, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 481

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 481, a resolution calling upon the leadership of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to dismantle its labor camp system, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 549

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 549, a resolution designating June 15, 2018, as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day".

AMENDMENT NO. 2854

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2854 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5515, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 3083. A bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 to improve career and technical education opportunities for adult learners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I am proud to reintroduce the Career and Technical Education for Adult Learners or the CTE for All Act with my colleague, Senator BALDWIN.

Our legislation addresses the critical need to expand educational opportunities for working adults with low academic skills. The need for strengthening the skills base for working adults continues to grow. Increasingly, middle-skill and sustainable wage jobs require education beyond high school. Yet, according to U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey data, 12 percent (24 million) of working age adults have less than a high school diploma. Recent Department of Education data show that only 5 percent of adults with less than a high school diploma have any type of postsecondary certificate, certification, or license compared to 27 percent of adults overall. Moreover, an estimated 36 million adults in the U.S. have low skills with nearly one in six having low literacy skills and one in three having low numeracy skills.

Our ability to grow the economy and decrease income inequality will depend, in large part, on our commitment to providing education and training programs to low-skilled adults. These workers are concentrated in fields such as construction, health care, manufacturing, and hospitality. Expanding career and technical education opportunities to these workers could enhance their career trajectories and strengthen their earning potential, fueling economic productivity and growth for the future. Unfortunately, according to the

U.S. Department of Education, roughly half of low-skilled workers are not engaged in formal or non-formal learning opportunities. The CTE for All Act aims to change that by ensuring that there are pathways for adult learners in career and technical education programs.

Specifically, our legislation will ensure that programs funded under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act align with adult education programs and industry sector partnerships authorized under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The CTE for All Act requires consultation with the state director for adult education in the development of the statewide plan for career and technical education. The bill calls for career and technical education programs to include low-skilled adults among the special populations targeted for outreach and support and allows states to report separate performance indicators for adult career and technical education students. The legislation makes adult education providers that offer integrated education and training programs eligible to receive career and technical education funding. Additionally, the legislation encourages career and technical education programs to include work experiences for their students of all ages.

We have worked with the adult education community and other stakeholders in developing this legislation. We are pleased to have the support of the National Council of State Directors of Adult Education, the Commission on Adult Basic Education, the National Skills Coalition, and the National Coalition for Literacy.

As a Nation, we are at our best when every person—no matter their starting point—has the opportunity to develop their skills and reach their potential. The CTE for All Act will strengthen the ladder of opportunity for adult learners who work hard every day to provide for their families. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and work with us to include these provisions in the reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 550—CONGRATULATING THE GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS FOR THEIR DOMINANT BACK-TO-BACK CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY IN THE 2018 NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION FINALS

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. HARRIS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 550

Whereas, on June 8, 2018, the Golden State Warriors defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers by a score of 108–85, to win the 2018 National Basketball Association (referred to in the preamble as the "NBA") Finals in 4 games;

Whereas the Golden State Warriors captured their third championship in 4 years, and their sixth championship in the history of the franchise;

Whereas this dominant championship victory of 2018 marks the first time a professional sports team from the San Francisco Bay area in California has clinched a back-to-back championship title in 28 years;

Whereas every single member of the 2017–2018 Golden State Warriors team contributed to this championship, including Jordan Bell, Chris Boucher, Quinn Cook, Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant, Draymond Green, Andre Iguodala, Damian Jones, Shaun Livingston, Kevon Looney, Patrick McCaw, JaVale McGee, Zaza Pachulia, Klay Thompson, David West, and Nick Young;

Whereas, despite capturing its third championship in 4 years, the Golden State Warriors overcame a grueling NBA season, in which the team suffered a rash of injuries both during the season and in the playoff run;

Whereas Kevin Durant was named Most Valuable Player of the NBA Finals for the second straight year, with 2 signature performances in Games 3 and 4 of the series, including scoring 43 points on the road in Cleveland, Ohio in Game 3, and registering a triple-double performance in Game 4;

Whereas Steph Curry similarly registered signature performances in the NBA Finals series, in Game 2 when he scored 33 points to break the NBA Finals record for 3-pointers in a game, with 9 3-pointers made, and in Game 4 when he scored 37 points, bringing his scoring average to 27.5 points for the series;

Whereas Steve Kerr, Mike Brown, and the entire team of coaches and staff have been instrumental in developing the Golden State Warriors' dynamic and record-setting style of play, and have fostered a positive, selfless team spirit;

Whereas Joe Lacob and Peter Gruber have built one of the most exciting and high-performing franchises in NBA history; and

Whereas the dedicated fan base of the Golden State Warriors has offered unrelenting, passionate support to the team: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Golden State Warriors for winning the 2018 National Basketball Association Championship, a back-to-back victory after the team's 2017 championship;

(2) recognizes the historic achievements of all the players, coaches, and staff who contributed to the 2017–2018 season; and

(3) celebrates the pride exhibited by the Golden State Warriors, including their selfless teamwork and extraordinary character, joy, determination, and hard-work.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise to introduce a resolution recognizing—and commending—the Golden State Warriors for overcoming a battle-tested season to prevail as the 2017–2018 NBA World Champions.

After going 16 and 5 in the postseason and sweeping the Cleveland Cavaliers in the NBA Finals, the Warriors have become back-to-back champions for the first time in franchise history, and have won three championships in the past four years.

They are now appropriately considered an NBA dynasty, and can easily lay claim to being the team of this decade. They are also now recognized as one of the greatest teams ever assembled. And what is frightening for the rest of the league, is that it appears this team is far from finished.