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# Legislation Sponsored

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118 S 2563 introduced 2023-07-27

A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to allow for dual enrollment in the supplemental nutrition assistance program and the food distribution program on Indian reservations.

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118 S 2544 introduced 2023-07-26

A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve reproductive health care of individuals with disabilities.

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118 S 2460 introduced 2023-07-25

A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to clarify the availability and appropriateness of training for local food service personnel, and for other purposes.

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118 S 2176 introduced 2023-06-22

A bill to prohibit commercial sexual orientation conversion therapy, and for other purposes.

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118 S 2127 introduced 2023-06-22

An original bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

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118 S 1995 introduced 2023-06-14

A bill to support public health infrastructure.

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# Sponsored 2023

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118 S 1698 introduced 2023-05-18

A bill to require group health plans and group or individual health insurance coverage to provide coverage for over-the-counter contraceptives.

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118 S 1354 introduced 2023-04-27

A bill to increase the quality and supply of child care and lower child care costs for families.

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118 SRES 176 introduced 2023-04-26

A resolution supporting the designation of April 2023 as the "Month of the Military Child".

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118 S 1297 introduced 2023-04-26

A bill to ensure the right to provide reproductive health care services, and for other purposes.

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118 S 1254 introduced 2023-04-20

A bill to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes.

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118 S 1167 introduced 2023-04-17

A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow additional funds to be provided under the airport improvement program for certain noise mitigation projects, and for other purposes.

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# Sponsored 2023

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118 S 728 introduced 2023-03-09

A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

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118 S 622 introduced 2023-03-02

A bill to improve services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for veteran families, and for other purposes.

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118 SRES 83 introduced 2023-02-28

A resolution designating the week of February 6 through 10, 2023, as "National School Counseling Week".

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117 S 5218 introduced 2022-12-08

A bill to amend the civil rights remedies equalization provision of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1986 to clarify civil rights remedies.

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117 S 4928 introduced 2022-09-22

A bill to amend the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to expand the ways beryllium sensitivity can be established for purposes of compensation under that Act and to extend the authorization of the Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health of the Department of Labor, and for other purposes.

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# Sponsored 2022

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117 S 4903 introduced 2022-09-21

A bill to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, and for other purposes.

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117 S 4909 introduced 2022-09-21

A bill to increase authorizations for the passenger ferry competitive grant program and the ferry boats and terminal facilities formula grant program, and for other purposes.

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117 SRES 785 introduced 2022-09-20

A resolution designating October 30, 2022, as a national day of remembrance for the workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States.

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117 SRES 752 introduced 2022-09-06

A resolution commemorating the 48th anniversary of the signing into law of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, recognizing the importance the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 plays in protecting the interests of participants in employee benefit plans and their beneficiaries, and recognizing the need to encourage more workers to participate in such plans to save for their retirement.

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117 S 4764 introduced 2022-08-03

A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve reproductive health care of individuals with disabilities.

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# Sponsored 2022

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117 S 4723 introduced 2022-08-02

A bill to ensure the right to provide reproductive health care services, and for other purposes.

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117 S 4659 introduced 2022-07-28

A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, and for other purposes.

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117 SRES 707 introduced 2022-07-13

A resolution commemorating the 57th anniversary of the establishment of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, recognizing the importance of the Commission in addressing inequities in our economy, and recognizing the tremendous amount of work left to further protect the rights of workers, hold employers accountable for workplace discrimination and harassment, and address the wage gap.

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117 SRES 691 introduced 2022-06-23

A resolution affirming, commemorating, and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the enactment of title IX, applauding the increase in educational opportunities available to all individuals, regardless of sex or gender, and recognizing the tremendous amount of work left to be done to further increase those opportunities.

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117 SRES 676 introduced 2022-06-15

A resolution expressing support for the designation of June 23, 2022, as "National Pell Grant Day".

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# Sponsored 2022

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117 S 4353 introduced 2022-06-07

A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve retirement plan provisions, and for other purposes.

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117 S 4348 introduced 2022-05-26

A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs, and biosimilar biological products, and for other purposes.

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117 S 4347 introduced 2022-05-26

A bill to require group health plans and group or individual health insurance coverage to provide coverage for over-the-counter contraceptives.

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117 S 4276 introduced 2022-05-19

A bill to improve services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for veteran families, and for other purposes.

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117 S 4174 introduced 2022-05-10

A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 to prevent wage theft and assist in the recovery of stolen wages, to authorize the Secretary of Labor to administer grants to prevent wage and hour violations, and for other purposes.

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# Sponsored 2022

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117 SRES 599 introduced 2022-04-27

A resolution honoring military children during the National Month of the Military Child.

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117 S 4087 introduced 2022-04-26

A bill to require pension plans that offer participants and beneficiaries the option of receiving lifetime annuity payments as lump sum payments, to meet certain notice and disclosure requirements.

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117 S 3799 introduced 2022-03-10

A bill to prepare for, and respond to, existing viruses, emerging new threats, and pandemics.

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117 S 3819 introduced 2022-03-10

A bill to establish an Advanced Research Projects Authority for Health within the National Institutes of Health.

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117 SRES 516 introduced 2022-02-15

A resolution designating the week of February 7 through 11, 2022, as "National School Counseling Week".

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117 S 3616 introduced 2022-02-09

A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the financial aid process for homeless and foster care youth.

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# Sponsored 2022

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117 S 3558 introduced 2022-02-02

Values in Arms Export Act of 2022

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117 S 3219 introduced 2021-11-17

A bill to prevent discrimination and harassment in employment.

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117 SRES 438 introduced 2021-11-03

A resolution designating October 30, 2021, as a national day of remembrance for the workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States.

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117 SRES 434 introduced 2021-10-28

A resolution designating October 30, 2021, as a national day of remembrance for the workers of the nuclear weapons program of the United States.

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117 S 3062 introduced 2021-10-25

Department of Labor Appropriations Act, 2022

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117 S 2995 introduced 2021-10-19

Re-open Enrollment for Servicemembers to Opt-in to Updated Retirement Choice for Enduring Security Act of 2021

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117 S 2791 introduced 2021-09-22

Tyler Clementi Higher Education Anti-Harassment Act of 2021

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# Sponsored 2021

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117 S 2446 introduced 2021-07-22

Women`s Retirement Protection Act

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117 S 2242 introduced 2021-06-24

Therapeutic Fraud Prevention Act of 2021

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117 SRES 281 introduced 2021-06-22

A resolution recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health and its critical role in America`s biomedical research strategy by advancing biomedical research and the mission of the National Institutes of Health, the world`s premier biomedical research agency.

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117 S 2128 introduced 2021-06-17

Stop Shackling and Detaining Pregnant Women Act

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117 S 2018 introduced 2021-06-10

Digital Equity Act of 2021

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117 S 1965 introduced 2021-06-08

Planning for Aging Veterans Act of 2021

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117 S 1958 introduced 2021-06-07

Doctors of Community Act

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# Sponsored 2021

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117 S 1927 introduced 2021-05-27

CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2021

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117 S 1831 introduced 2021-05-26

Stop Child Hunger Act of 2021

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117 S 1834 introduced 2021-05-26

Improving Training for School Food Service Workers Act of 2021

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117 S 1360 introduced 2021-04-22

Child Care for Working Families Act

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117 S 1280 introduced 2021-04-21

Veteran Families Health Services Act of 2021

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117 S 1195 introduced 2021-04-15

Healthy Families Act

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117 S 981 introduced 2021-03-25

Assuring Regular Consultation To Have Indigenous Voices Effectively Solicited Act

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117 S 1065 introduced 2021-03-25

Environmental Management Liability Reduction and Technology Development Act of 2021

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# Sponsored 2021

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117 S 1063 introduced 2021-03-25

Jeanette Acosta Invest in Womens Health Act of 2021

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117 S 1025 introduced 2021-03-25

Toxic Exposure Safety Act of 2021

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117 SJRES 13 introduced 2021-03-23

A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission relating to "Update of Commission`s Conciliation Procedures".

[S] 19-May-2021 On the Joint Resolution S.J.Res. 13... Joint Resolution Passed

[S] 18-May-2021 On the Motion to Proceed S.J.Res. 13... Motion to Proceed Agreed to

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117 S 926 introduced 2021-03-23

Survivors Access to Supportive Care Act

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117 S 837 introduced 2021-03-18

A bill to provide relief to public transportation agencies with projects in the Full Funding Grant Agreement stage of the Capital Investment Grants Program.

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117 S 674 introduced 2021-03-10

Public Health Infrastructure Saves Lives Act

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117 SRES 90 introduced 2021-03-03

A resolution designating the week of February 1 through 5, 2021, as "National School Counseling Week".

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# Sponsored 2021

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117 S 455 introduced 2021-02-25

Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

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117 S 420 introduced 2021-02-24

Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2021

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117 SRES 55 introduced 2021-02-12

An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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117 S 200 introduced 2021-02-03

Relaunching Americas Workforce Act

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117 S 205 introduced 2021-02-03

Paycheck Fairness Act

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116 S 4740 introduced 2020-09-29

A bill to support public health infrastructure.

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116 S 4739 introduced 2020-09-29

A bill to amend the Arms Export Control Act to provide for better monitoring and verification of the use of defense articles and defense services by countries of concern, and for other purposes.

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# Sponsored 2020

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116 S 4738 introduced 2020-09-24

A bill to provide a right to flexibility and to broaden and increase employee protections at work, to protect small businesses through shared responsibility for workers` rights, to provide public transparency on workers` rights violations, and for other purposes.

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116 S 4363 introduced 2020-07-29

A bill to establish a presumption of occupational disease for certain employees at the Department of Energy`s Radioactive Waste Management Complex, to refine the definition of compensable illnesses, to establish a research program, and for other purposes.

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116 S 4307 introduced 2020-07-23

A bill to amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to extend the eligibility period for supplemental security income benefits for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants, and for other purposes.

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116 S 4253 introduced 2020-07-21

A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the listing of patents in the Orange Book.

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116 S 4246 introduced 2020-07-21

A bill to provide that the rules entitled "Religious Exemptions and Accommodations for Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act" and "Moral Exemptions and Accommodations for Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act" shall have no force or effect, and for other purposes.

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# Sponsored 2020

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116 S 4112 introduced 2020-06-30

A bill to support education and child care during the COVID-19 public health emergency, and for other purposes.

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116 S 4044 introduced 2020-06-23

A bill to improve the provision of financial literacy training and information relating to the Blended Retirement System to members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

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116 S 3874 introduced 2020-06-03

A bill making additional supplemental appropriations for disaster relief requirements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

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116 S 3659 introduced 2020-05-07

A bill to provide State and local workforce and career and technical education systems the support to respond to the COVID-19 national emergency.

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116 S 3513 introduced 2020-03-17

A bill to provide Americans with paid sick time and paid leave so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

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116 S 3489 introduced 2020-03-12

A bill to support children and students in responding to safety and health risks presented by qualifying emergencies, and for other purposes.

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# Sponsored 2020

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116 S 3417 introduced 2020-03-09

A bill to require pension plans that offer participants and beneficiaries the option of receiving lifetime annuity payments as lump sum payments, to meet certain notice and disclosure requirements.

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116 S 3415 introduced 2020-03-05

A bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

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116 SRES 477 introduced 2020-01-16

A resolution designating the week of February 3 through 7, 2020, as "National School Counseling Week".

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116 S 3011 introduced 2019-12-10

A bill to authorize demonstration projects to improve educational and housing outcomes for children.

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116 S 2836 introduced 2019-11-12

A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from taking any action to implement, enforce, or otherwise give effect to the final rule, entitled "Protecting Statutory Conscience Rights in Health Care; Delegations of Authority".

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116 S 2705 introduced 2019-10-24

A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the requirements relating to the use of construction authority in the event of a declaration of war or national emergency, and for other purposes.

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# Sponsored 2019

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116 SRES 355 introduced 2019-09-26

A resolution designating the week of September 22 through 28, 2019, as "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week".

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116 S 2331 introduced 2019-07-30

A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to clarify the availability and appropriateness of training for local food service personnel, and for other purposes.

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116 S 2101 introduced 2019-07-11

A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 to prevent wage theft and assist in the recovery of stolen wages, to authorize the Secretary of Labor to administer grants to prevent wage and hour violations, and for other purposes.

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116 S 2008 introduced 2019-06-27

A bill to prohibit, as an unfair or deceptive act or practice, commercial sexual orientation conversion therapy, and for other purposes.

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116 SRES 262 introduced 2019-06-24

A resolution affirming the importance of title IX, applauding the increase in educational opportunities available to all people, regardless of sex or gender, and recognizing the tremendous amount of work left to be done to further increase those opportunities.

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# Sponsored 2019

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116 S 1941 introduced 2019-06-20

A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

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116 S 1847 introduced 2019-06-13

A bill to require group health plans and group or individual health insurance coverage to provide coverage for over-the-counter contraceptives.

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116 S 1735 introduced 2019-06-05

A bill to provide women with increased access to preventive and life-saving cancer screening.

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116 S 1617 introduced 2019-05-22

A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the listing of patents in the Orange Book.

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116 SCONRES 18 introduced 2019-05-21

A concurrent resolution supporting reproductive health care in the United States.

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116 S 1491 introduced 2019-05-15

A bill to prohibit forced arbitration in work disputes, and for other purposes.

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# Sponsored 2019

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116 S 1492 introduced 2019-05-15

A bill to prevent harassment at institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

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116 S 1382 introduced 2019-05-09

A bill to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes.

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116 S 1306 introduced 2019-05-02

A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act, the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947, and the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, and for other purposes.

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116 S 1199 introduced 2019-04-11

Poison Center Network Enhancement Act of 2019

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116 S 1167 introduced 2019-04-11

A bill to require the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to establish a State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program, and for other purposes.

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116 S 1082 introduced 2019-04-09

BE HEARD in the Workplace Act

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# Sponsored 2019

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116 S 975 introduced 2019-04-01

A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide for greater spousal protection under defined contribution plans, and for other purposes.

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116 SRES 128 introduced 2019-03-28

A resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the National Parks Conservation Association.

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116 S 840 introduced 2019-03-14

A bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

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116 S 789 introduced 2019-03-13

A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the financial aid process for homeless and foster care youth.

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116 S 648 introduced 2019-03-05

A bill to ensure the humane treatment of pregnant women by reinstating the presumption of release and prohibiting shackling, restraining, and other inhumane treatment of pregnant detainees, and for other purposes.

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116 S 627 introduced 2019-02-28

A bill to promote the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and for other purposes.

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# Sponsored 2019

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116 S 568 introduced 2019-02-26

A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 and the Head Start Act to promote child care and early learning, and for other purposes.

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116 S 402 introduced 2019-02-07

A bill to plan, develop, and make recommendations to increase access to sexual assault examinations for survivors by holding hospitals accountable and supporting the providers that serve them.

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116 S 318 introduced 2019-02-04

A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish medically necessary transportation for newborn children of certain women veterans.

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116 S 319 introduced 2019-02-04

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.

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116 S 323 introduced 2019-02-04

A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish the Recognition Inspiring School Employees (RISE) Program recognizing excellence exhibited by classified school employees providing services to students in prekindergarten through high school.

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# Sponsored 2019

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116 SRES 38 introduced 2019-01-31

A resolution designating the week of February 4 through 8, 2019, as "National School Counseling Week".

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116 S 270 introduced 2019-01-30

A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

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115 S 3802 introduced 2018-12-20

Effective Apprenticeships to Rebuild National Skills Act

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115 SRES 695 introduced 2018-11-15

A resolution designating the week beginning November 12, 2018, as "National Apprenticeship Week".

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115 S 3615 introduced 2018-11-14

Restoring Justice for Workers Act

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115 SRES 676 introduced 2018-10-11

A resolution to recognize the importance of National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

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115 SRES 677 introduced 2018-10-11

A resolution congratulating the Seattle Storm women`s basketball team on winning the 2018 Women`s National Basketball Association championship.

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# Sponsored 2018

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115 SRES 657 introduced 2018-09-27

A resolution designating the week of September 23 through 29, 2018, as "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week".

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115 S 3436 introduced 2018-09-12

Women`s Pension Protection Act of 2018

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115 S 3268 introduced 2018-07-25

Stop Child Summer Hunger Act of 2018

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115 S 3225 introduced 2018-07-17

Stop Shackling and Detaining Pregnant Women Act

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115 S 3203 introduced 2018-07-12

Survivors` Access to Supportive Care Act

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115 S 3064 introduced 2018-06-13

Workers` Freedom to Negotiate Act of 2018

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115 SRES 526 introduced 2018-05-24

A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that politicians should not interfere with a woman`s personal health care decisions or attempt to prevent providers from offering their full medical recommendations to their patients.

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# Sponsored 2018

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115 S 2767 introduced 2018-04-26

Rural Disaster Recovery Act of 2018

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115 S 2484 introduced 2018-03-01

Stronger Safety Net Act

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115 SRES 397 introduced 2018-02-07

A resolution designating the week of February 5 through February 9, 2018, as "National School Counseling Week".

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115 S 2143 introduced 2017-11-16

Workplace Action for a Growing Economy Act

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115 SRES 341 introduced 2017-11-16

A resolution designating the week beginning November 13, 2017, as "National Apprenticeship Week".

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115 S 2131 introduced 2017-11-15

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish medically necessary transportation for newborn children of certain women veterans, and for other purposes.

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115 S 2046 introduced 2017-10-31

Open, Public, Electronic, and Necessary Government Data Act

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# Sponsored 2017

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115 S 2043 introduced 2017-10-31

Survivors` Employment Sustainability Act

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115 S 1985 introduced 2017-10-19

Protect Access to Birth Control Act

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115 S 1949 introduced 2017-10-05

Affordable Housing for Educational Achievement Demonstration Act

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115 SRES 277 introduced 2017-09-28

A resolution designating the week of September 25 through 29, 2017, as "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week".

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115 S 1806 introduced 2017-09-14

Child Care for Working Families Act

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115 S 1795 introduced 2017-09-12

Higher Education Access and Success for Homeless and Foster Youth Act

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115 S 1652 introduced 2017-07-27

Wage Theft Prevention and Wage Recovery Act

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# Sponsored 2017

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115 S 1488 introduced 2017-06-29

Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Reform Act of 2017

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115 SRES 201 introduced 2017-06-22

A resolution affirming the importance of title IX, applauding the increase in educational opportunities available to women and girls, and recognizing the tremendous amount of work left to be done to further increase those opportunities.

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115 S 1143 introduced 2017-05-17

Freedom from Discrimination in Credit Act of 2017

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115 S 1122 introduced 2017-05-15

Accurate Workplace Injury and Illness Records Restoration Act

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115 S 1045 introduced 2017-05-04

Save Women`s Preventive Care Act

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115 S 954 introduced 2017-04-27

Tyler Clementi Higher Education Anti-Harassment Act of 2017

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115 S 978 introduced 2017-04-27

Recognizing Achievement in Classified School Employees Act

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115 S 928 introduced 2017-04-25

Therapeutic Fraud Prevention Act of 2017

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# Sponsored 2017

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115 S 819 introduced 2017-04-04

Paycheck Fairness Act

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115 SRES 113 introduced 2017-04-04

A resolution recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Center on Human Development and Disability at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington.

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115 S 700 introduced 2017-03-22

Women Veterans and Families Health Services Act of 2017

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115 S 689 introduced 2017-03-21

Invest in Women`s Health Act of 2017

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115 S 682 introduced 2017-03-21

SAVINGS Act

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115 S 636 introduced 2017-03-15

Healthy Families Act

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115 S 591 introduced 2017-03-09

Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act of 2017

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115 S 483 introduced 2017-03-01

Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

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# Sponsored 2017

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115 SRES 44 introduced 2017-02-03

A resolution designating February 6 through 10, 2017, as "National School Counseling Week".

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# Glossary

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## **House Bill (HR) and Senate Bill (S)**

A bill is a legislative proposal before Congress. Bills from each house are assigned a number in the order in which they are introduced, starting at the beginning of each Congress (first and second sessions). Public bills pertain to matters that affect the general public or classes of citizens, while private bills pertain to individual matters that affect individuals and organizations, such as claims against the Government.

## **House Joint Resolution (HJRES) and Senate Joint Resolution (SJRES)**

A joint resolution is a legislative proposal that requires the approval of both houses and the signature of the President, just as a bill does. Resolutions from each house are assigned a number in the order in which they are introduced, starting at the beginning of each Congress (first and second sessions). There is no real difference between a bill and a joint resolution. Joint resolutions generally are used for limited matters, such as a single appropriation for a specific purpose. They are also used to propose amendments to the Constitution. A joint resolution has the force of law, if approved. Joint resolutions become a part of the Constitution when three-quarters of the states have ratified them; they do not require the President's signature.

## **House Concurrent Resolution (HCONRES) and Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCONRES)**

A concurrent resolution is a legislative proposal that requires the approval of both houses but does not require the signature of the President and does not have the force of law. Concurrent resolutions generally are used to make or amend rules that apply to both houses. They are also used to express the sentiments of both of the houses. For example, a concurrent resolution is used to set the time of Congress' adjournment. It may also be used by Congress to convey congratulations to another country on the anniversary of its independence.

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## **House Simple Resolution (HRES) and Senate Simple Resolution (SRES)**

A simple resolution is a legislative proposal that addresses matters entirely within the prerogative of one house or the other. It requires neither the approval of the other house nor the signature of the President, and it does not have the force of law. Most simple resolutions concern the rules of one house. They are also used to express the sentiments of a single house. For example, a simple resolution may offer condolences to the family of a deceased member of Congress, or it may give "advice" on foreign policy or other executive business.

This information at the U.S. GPO website.