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For a copy of our recent newsletter that you may have already received in the mail go to International CURE [website](#) and scroll to bottom of page to a PDF. The first three pages give the history of CURE which is 50 years old this year.

The last two pages give a list of the prison reform bills that have been introduced in the 117th Congress. A "Congress" is two years and the first one was when George Washington became President. The 117th started in January, 2021 and will end next January, 2023.

As you can see, there are some great bills introduced by Democrats and Republicans. But, these bills below will have to be reintroduced in the 118th Congress IF THEY DON'T PASS.

National CURE would like to bring to your attention the second on the list which is HR 262 introduced in the House by Rep. Pressley and S. 582 which is the same bill introduced in the Senate by Sen. Durbin. It bars the death penalty for federal crimes.

Also, HR 2489 by Rep. Rush and a similar bill, S. 1541, by Sen. Duckworth that provide reasonable charges for telephones calls in prisons and jails. Furthermore, HR 2858 by Rep. Westerman retroactively ends life without parole by giving those convicted as children the ability to petition a judge for

review after 20 years.

Finally, under the "cotton-picking" picture there is HJRes 53 by Rep. Williams and SJRes by Sen. Merkley that proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the use of slavery and involuntary servitude as a punishment for a crime. This exception clause is in the 13th Amendment. There are 74 cosponsors in the House and a dozen cosponsors in the Senate.

But, so far, there are no Republicans. And yet, the Republican Party and President Lincoln were responsible for the abolishment of slavery in the 13th Amendment. Help us get bipartisan support for this most important measure.

### **Slavery should not be in the Constitution!**

Charlie

Charles Sullivan, President, National CURE, Washington DC.

PS. The best way to read the entire bills is to copy the summary in the newsletter and paste it. You should be able to see all the details. Then, show your support to your two U.S. Senators and one U.S. Representative by call their offices in Washington at 202-224-3121.

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