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Senate

The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TAMMY DUCKWORTH, a Senator from the State of Illinois.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Lord God, the center of our joy. Thank you for a safe return to Capitol Hill and for more opportunities to strengthen our Nation and world. Remind our lawmakers that You continue to stand in the shadows, ensuring the success of Your prevailing providence.

Lord, may these servants of freedom in the upper Chamber of our legislative branch never forget that their times are in Your hands, for You are able to accomplish more than they can ask or imagine.

Permit these thoughts to provide them with peace that the world can neither give or take away.

We pray in Your loving Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 9, 2024.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable TAMMY DUCKWORTH, a Senator from the State of Illinois, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATTY MURRAY,
President pro tempore.

Ms. DUCKWORTH thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The clerk read the nomination of Adam B. Abelson, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Republican leader is recognized.

KENTUCKY SHOOTINGS

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I need to begin today by addressing a shooting that took place along I-75 in southeastern Kentucky this past weekend. My office is in close contact with local law enforcement as their search for the perpetrator continues.

Elaine and I are grateful for their swift efforts to protect the surrounding communities, and we are holding those who were injured in this senseless violence in our prayers.

AUGUST WORK PERIOD

Madam President, on an entirely different matter, I would like to welcome everyone back from the August State work period. Hearing from the people we represent is what allows us to be effective here. So I know our colleagues will agree that the time we spent back home last month was particularly valuable.

Unsurprisingly, the issues I heard about across Kentucky are familiar to millions of American families. In Daviess County, I heard about how small family farms are struggling to stay afloat amid rising costs.

Of course, historic inflation hasn't just hit our Nation's growers and producers. From Pikeville to Hopkinsville, job creators and working families are bearing the brunt of the Biden-Harris administration's reckless spending.

I also heard from Kentucky farmers who are waiting for Congress to act on the farm bill—legislation for which the Democratic majority has yet to secure a single minute of floor time.

In my hometown of Louisville, I spoke with legislators about the regulatory costs that are crippling State leaders and Main Street alike. Today, navigating the maze of redtape from Washington nearly requires a black belt in bureaucratic politics.

And, finally, I heard from Kentucky's brave servicemembers as we celebrated the first newly renovated barracks facility to open at Fort Campbell.

I was proud to work with Army leaders to modernize 11 barracks that have stood untouched for nearly half a century. In just one year, we accomplished what would have taken close to a decade to finish.

As I have said time and time again, rebuilding American hard power starts here at home in projects just like this, modernizing our capabilities, rebuilding the arsenal of democracy, and equipping America's servicemembers to keep us safe.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

Madam President, now, on a related matter, the challenges facing an American-led order and American interests around the world are no less serious nor less connected than they were the last time the Senate convened.

Last week, Iran was expected to transfer ballistic missiles to Russia in a major expansion of its support for Putin's war in Ukraine. The PRC is ranking up its destabilizing provocations in the South China Sea, and Russia, for its part, continues to court the fealty of senior officials from a NATO ally, Hungary.

And our adversaries' advances have been compounded by the West's own inaction, distraction, and astonishing lapses in moral clarity.

In recent days, the head of UNRWA, whose employees participated in the slaughter of Jews on October 7, insisted that deserved criticism of his organization's complicity in terrorism was itself tantamount to "a weapon" in the world.

The Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom's new government announced that a suspension of some 30 licenses of military aid to Israel, just as the world's only Jewish State buried hostages—including a young American citizen—that were murdered in cold blood by Hamas.

This step—and calls for similar restriction on our own assistance—validate the terrorist strategy and broadcast the weakness of our resolve.

And in a bizarre public message, even by its own standards, the Biden-Harris administration urged the Houthi terrorists holding international commerce hostage in the Red Sea to think—think—about the consequences of their blockade for the environment.

Needless to say, with August behind us, Congress's own unfinished business has become even more glaring. The President's meager defense budget request is already an insufficient starting point for top line funding discussions when they began literally months ago.

Today, constraints on Congress's ability to provide for the common defense are even more dangerous and demands for parity with nondefense discretionary spending even more reckless.

Meanwhile, continued failure to process the must-pass National Defense Authorization Act puts the lie to any suggestion that the Senate Democratic majority is focused on urgent business.

The authoritarians conspiring to supplant American-led peace and prosperity did not ease up while the Senate was in recess. Our adversaries are resolved to exploit American weakness and hesitate. And we have given them quite enough.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois.

MUHAMMAD YUNUS

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, it was over 20 years ago when I was a Member of the House of Representa-

tives that one of my colleagues Mike Synar, then a Congressman from Oklahoma, asked me if I would like to join him on a trip.

I said: Where do you want to go, Mike? I'm not all that popular back home in my district, so you better pick a place that we can explain. He said: I am going to take you to a place that no one will ever complain about. I would like you to go with me to Bangladesh.

I said: Where is that? He said: I will show you. And off we went to Bangladesh halfway around the world. It was a great trip. It is a poor country that has been through a lot of political turmoil. It has had more than its share of natural disasters, and they are a remarkable people.

During the course of that trip, I was introduced to an economics professor at the university. He was an interesting character. He would come up with a theory that he thought would help the poorest people on earth. It was known as microcredit, and he created something called the Grameen Bank, the people's bank.

And, basically, what he set out to do was to prove that you could loan a small amount of money to the poorest people on earth and dramatically change their lives.

They would pay it back, and they would start to be more constructive, more profitable in what they were doing. It was just a theory at the time, but he is starting to prove it. We kept in touch after leaving that visit, and I watched over the years as he expanded the concept.

Pretty soon, there were cell phones in these tiny little villages in Bangladesh. One person would own a cell phone and sell minutes on the phone for people to call in to the nearest city to see if this was the right time to bring their produce to market.

His name was Muhammad Yunus, and he caught the attention not just of this Congressman—now a Senator—but he caught the attention of the world. When it was all said and done, he received the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in economics.

I thought he was extraordinary and should be recognized here as well, so I led the effort with the late Senator Mike Enzi and Congressman RUSH Holt to award the Congressional Gold Medal to this remarkable economics professor—Dr. Muhammad Yunus. He was sometimes known as the "Banker to the Poor" after he received the Nobel Prize.

He pioneered microlending as a groundbreaking method of helping some of the world's poorest people. He recognized that, just with a little bit of money in hand, many people could lift themselves out of poverty, but traditional banks wouldn't lend small sums to the poor, particularly the women who were poor. Banks saw such loans as too risky, not profitable, and unworthy.

Dr. Yunus never gave up. He saw things differently, with incredible re-

sults. Through his Grameen Bank, he proved that microlending could be done collateral-free and investing in poor women actually paid off. In fact, most of Grameen Bank's loans have gone to poor women who rise from terrible poverty to become small business people.

I have seen the results of that innovative approach all over the world now, including a visit to a ramshackle hut in Uganda, where I met three mothers who were working in a local market. I asked them, through an interpreter, how microcredit had changed their lives. One woman said: "My knees have gone soft." I didn't understand what she meant. I asked her to explain.

She said: Before I got my microcredit loan, which gave me a chance to go to the market and make a little money, I used to have to crawl on my knees to beg my husband for money to feed the children. I don't have to crawl anymore. My knees have gone soft.

I will never forget that exchange.

In recent decades, more than 140 million people on 5 continents have received microloans with incredible repayment rates and success. Quite simply, Dr. Muhammad Yunus's ideas changed the World and helped to earn him that Nobel Peace Prize.

Tragically, his ideas also earned him the wrath of the Bangladeshi Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina, whose government harassed Dr. Yunus for years with questionable legal charges and threatened jail time.

So imagine my surprise last month—just a few weeks ago, during this break. Hasina finally resigned as Prime Minister of Bangladesh amidst massive public protest, and the students who were leading the protest demanded that the leader of their country be none other than Dr. Muhammad Yunus, the same economics professor I met more than 20 years ago. They asked him to create a caretaker government and hold new elections, which he is in the process of doing.

I called him on the phone when I heard of his good fortune and the fact that he is now the leader of that nation. I asked him what I could do to help, and he said: We need so much help to stabilize the economy and move forward with this poor nation. I will be coming to the United Nations in the next few weeks.

I hope to get the chance to see him. I hope he can make it down here to Washington.

He was upbeat. He believes the people of that country are prepared now to rise to this historic opportunity.

I am going to offer my full support to him today. I believe in him. I did 20 years ago, and I do today. I urge President Biden to support him as well. I know Dr. Yunus has the best interest of the Bangladeshi people at heart and will do his utmost in this challenging time.

ISRAEL

Madam President, on another topic, last weekend we learned of even more

heartbreak in the Middle East—specifically, that six innocent Israeli hostages had been executed by Hamas, even as the talks were ongoing for their release.

One of them was a young man in the prime of his life. We met his parents. He had ties to our State of Illinois—Hersh Goldberg-Polin. He was one of the young people at the music festival on October 7, in Israel, during the heinous Hamas attack that sparked so much death and destruction. He lost part of his arm trying to protect the others who were taken hostage from a grenade, only to find himself being taken as a hostage.

His parents, Rachel and Jon, spent the next 329 days of his captivity crisscrossing the globe on a desperate effort to save their son and end this ghastly war. Can there be a crueler fate for a parent than suffering the daily plea and waiting for a horribly injured child's release?

Hersh is no longer with us, but the heroic lengths his mom and dad made to save him touched many of us deeply, including me.

The fate of these six hostages and the ongoing suffering and violence of the region are reminders of something that I said early in the conflict: Israel would be wise to learn from the United States' mistakes after 9/11 in responding amid unimaginable rage and pain.

I believe this lesson has been lost on the current Israeli Prime Minister, who, with each passing day, seems to step deeper into the pernicious and ruthless trap set by Hamas. He seems to have no long-term plan for stability. He has failed to secure the release of the hostages. He has created a terrible, terrible humanitarian crisis in Gaza, and appears more concerned with his far-right coalition's survival than a viable path forward.

Let me be clear. There are those in the region who want to destroy Israel, and that nation has a right to exist and a right to defend itself. But I worry its current Prime Minister is pursuing a highly counterproductive strategy. He is alienating allies in the region and abroad who want to help with a path forward. He is creating even more suffering and animosity among the Palestinian people and pursuing political survival above all else.

Or as Middle East expert Tom Friedman recently wrote:

Netanyahu has one interest: his own immediate political survival, even if it undermines Israel's long-term survival.

Or the former Mossad chief, Meir Dagan, who, before his death some years ago, concluded that Israel, over the decades "achieved a long string of impressive tactical successes but disastrous strategic failure."

It is long overdue that both sides reach an agreement on a cease-fire that leads to the release of the remaining hostages, greater humanitarian access, and a long-term, two-state vision that allows for both Israelis and Palestinians to live safely and in dignity.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The majority leader is recognized.

SENATE WORK PERIOD

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, welcome back.

The Senate gavels back into session after a busy and productive August work period. I wish to extend a "welcome back" to all my colleagues. I hope everyone's time back home was well spent.

Last week, I traveled across Upstate New York and New York City listening to New Yorkers from all walks of life and holding events about lowering prescription drug costs, implementing the infrastructure law, and all the ways Democrats are delivering for the American people.

WELCOMING SENATE-DESIGNATE GEORGE HELMY

Madam President, now that we are back, our first order of business will be to swear in the newest Member of this body, George Helmy, selected to represent the people of New Jersey until they choose a new Senator this November.

New Jersey couldn't have a better caretaker for the next few months. Senator-designate Helmy's career has been wholly dedicated to service. He was a longtime Senate staffer for both the late Senator Frank Lautenberg and Senator CORY BOOKER and served as chief of staff to the Governor of New Jersey. George Helmy knows New Jersey like the back of his hand.

When he is sworn in later today, he will be escorted by none other than his former boss, Senator CORY BOOKER. It is a proud moment for them as well as for all of George's family.

Finally, Senator-designate Helmy's brief tenure will be historic. He will be the first-ever member of the Coptic Orthodox Church to serve in the Senate. The Coptic Church is one of the oldest institutions in all of Christianity, dating back to the first century, when the Apostle Mark evangelized in Egypt.

Today, there are at least half a million Coptic Americans living in the United States, with large communities in New Jersey and in my home State of New York. Today, one of them will join this great body.

I thank George for answering the call of service. We wish him nothing but success and are ready to assist him however necessary in the weeks and months to come.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Madam President, now on the CR, the Senate is back in session for what will be three very busy, fast-paced, and consequential few weeks.

This afternoon, we will hold our first vote on cloture on the nomination of Adam Abelson to be a district judge for the District of Maryland.

For the information of Senators, I have also filed cloture on the nomination of Jeannette Vargas to be a district judge for the Southern District of New York.

For the rest of the week and for the rest of the work period, we will be confirming more of President Biden's outstanding judicial nominees.

And now, as everyone knows, one of the most important things we must do this work period is avoid a government shutdown. Today is September 9. Funding for the Federal Government will expire in 21 days unless Republicans work with Democrats on a temporary extension.

As has been done time and time again, keeping the government open will require bipartisanship. Keeping the government open will mean no poison pills or reckless partisan posturing. And keeping the government open will mean tuning out the bully tactics of the hard right.

Sadly, our House Republican counterparts are not off to a promising start. Last week, House Republicans released, without even consulting the Democratic leaders of the House and Senate or the President, a 6-month CR that is transparently unserious and seemingly designed for scoring political points instead of avoiding a shutdown. In fact, it is so unserious that the White House has already issued a veto threat.

It is a shame that the House of Representatives is once again wasting time catering to the hard right instead of doing the hard work of responsible, bipartisan governance. Speaker JOHN-SON'S slapdash continuing resolution isn't a serious effort to fund our government. If House Republicans were serious, they would sit down and craft a bill in a bipartisan fashion—consulting with me, the House Democratic leader, and the White House—and they would craft a bill that, in a bipartisan fashion, would actually achieve our common goal of funding the government.

If House Republicans were serious, they would not kick the can down the road for half a year, jeopardizing our military readiness and troop pay and interrupting critical domestic investments. If House Republicans were serious, they would work across the aisle to craft a CR that does not allow a lapse of critical healthcare programs like community health centers. They would work with the Senate to make sure we extend vital programs that protect our border and our economy, like E-Verify and H-2B visas.

If House Republicans were serious, they would work with Democrats to avoid the farm bill expiration in December and prevent the horrible dairy cliff that would so hurt our farmers. If the funding provided by the farm bill expires before we act, thousands of dairy farmers could be very seriously

harmed and put in real jeopardy, and it would send costs straight up the roof for consumers on a whole lot of agricultural-based goods.

So the House Republicans' CR is simply unserious. It is pure partisan posturing.

Democrats will do everything we can to avoid a Republican-manufactured shutdown. We are ready to work on a bipartisan bill that will keep the government open. Any extraneous provisions that hinder that goal should be set aside.

Despite all this, Speaker JOHNSON knows deep down that he needs to work with Democrats to get anything done because that has been true this entire time. And it is a good sign, Madam President, that the Johnson CR finally accepts the bipartisan top-line spending agreement I reached with him months ago, as part of the deal to prevent a default. It is clear that any final agreement will maintain that funding level.

So let's stop wasting time and put together a bipartisan funding plan that fulfills our obligations to prevent a costly and unnecessary Republican government shutdown.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Madam President, now on the work period, everyone knows that an election is just around the corner, but Senators still have a responsibility to make progress wherever possible on bipartisan issues that will help the American people. There is much we can still accomplish if Republicans give us their cooperation and keep alive the bipartisan momentum that we had in July when we passed KOSA and COPPA.

There is more work to do on the NDAA, on rail safety, on lowering the cost of insulin and prescription drugs, on artificial intelligence, and on keeping healthcare costs low. We may not be able to get all these things done before the election, but I urge my colleagues to make the most of this work period so we can set ourselves up for success for the rest of the year.

Bipartisan compromise is hard—harder these days than it has been in the past—but we have seen time and time again in these last 2 years that it can be done. Bipartisanship has prevented pointless and painful government shutdowns. Bipartisanship saved the full faith and credit of the United States. Bipartisanship has rescued Ukraine from defeat on the battlefield. Bipartisanship led to the monumental passage of the Kids Online Safety legislation, and I strongly urge the House to take up KOSA and COPPA as soon as possible. Bipartisanship has kept our airports running safely and delivered disaster relief and humanitarian aid for innocent civilians in Gaza and around the world and more.

I know many Senators on both sides still want bipartisanship to continue as much as possible for as long as possible. We will have our fierce disagreements in the weeks to come, but that

doesn't change or diminish this responsibility we all have to ensure that the American people are taken care of. So let's continue.

HIGH-SPEED RAIL

Madam President, now on high-speed rail, finally, I just came down from a great event in Horseheads, NY, in the southern tier of the Appalachians, on the New York-Pennsylvania border, where very soon the next chapter of American high-speed rail is going to be written. It is a historic day for Upstate New York, for the Southern Tier, and for the entire country.

High-speed rail jobs are coming to Horseheads, where Siemens Mobility has heeded my call to build a first-of-its-kind manufacturing facility in Chemung County. This facility will create up to 300 new, good-paying jobs and, more specifically, union jobs.

Not long ago, high-speed rail seemed like a dream in this country, but because of the infrastructure law I led in the Senate, it is becoming a reality.

On the west coast, work is underway to bring high-speed rail to serve commuters between Las Vegas and Southern California, thanks to the incredible work of my friend JACKY ROSEN. To make this project a reality, we need a new fleet of state-of-the-art passenger trains that can travel up to 220 miles per hour. Siemens Mobility had a number of options for where they could manufacture these trains, but I pushed and prodded and urged Siemens Mobility to choose Upstate New York to take advantage of our great workers and facilities and strong transit supply chains. After a lot of pressure, Siemens Mobility heeded my call. To the people of the Southern Tier, good-paying rail jobs are on the way.

I thank President Biden not only for helping us pass the bipartisan infrastructure bill but also for overseeing his Cabinet, including the great work of the Transportation Department and Secretary Buttigieg, to make sure all of our great plans that were passed in that legislation are now being implemented. This is one great example.

Today's announcement is the Democratic agenda in action. This project is going to receive billions from the bipartisan infrastructure law of the Senate. It is going to take a million cars off the road in the long run, and it is going to promote good-paying union jobs.

The bottom line is this: It is my dream to make New York's Southern Tier the No. 1 transit ecosystem in America. Today's announcement helps make that dream come true.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

IOWA COUNTY MEETINGS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, as Iowans have come to expect of this Senator, in August, I finished my annual 99 county meetings, holding at least one Q&A meeting in every county across my home State. I have kept up this tradition for 44 years in a row. The hallmark of my meetings is hour-long question and answer sessions. No question is off limits.

This year, a third of my meetings were open town meetings, and the rest were hosted by high schools, small businesses, service clubs, farmers, and hospitals throughout the State.

Ever since I started my meetings in 1981, the variety of meetings has been the same. I want to hear from a cross-section of the population, and the best way to do that is to go to them where they work, study, and raise their families. No matter the setting, the format is the same. Iowans set the agenda.

During the course of my travels, I have learned about businesses that I never knew existed. I have come to the conclusion that that is the case because Iowans don't brag enough about what goes on in our State, particularly in some of the businesses that I have learned about.

I have observed the hard work and ingenuity of Iowa workers on the factory floors, where they put together, for instance, trailer beds. I learned about infant formula being made in the town of Allerton, population: 430.

The heart and might of rural America are inspiring, although they don't come without hardships, especially as Iowans face low commodity prices and the absence of a new 5-year farm bill.

One purpose of my meetings is to keep my finger on the pulse of Iowans and the issues that impact them the most. This year, I was struck by the number of people who told me about the high cost of living, how it is making it hard to put food on the table and how it makes it hard to pay their utility bills. Iowans are hurting from the high cost of food at the grocery store—up 21 percent since President Biden and Vice President HARRIS took office.

Iowans ask about illegal immigrants flooding across our border. For the last 3½ years, they see migrants crossing the Rio Grande. They see it on television almost every night. That has added up to the tune of about 10 million people on the Biden-Harris watch.

Long before I came to Congress, a law was passed to make entering our country without our country's permission illegal. Iowans can't make sense of the open border policies of the Biden-Harris administration. They implore me to secure our border and to protect American citizens. Protecting the American people is the No. 1 responsibility of the Federal Government. Unfortunately, we have a President who is not upholding his oath to faithfully execute the laws.

At a town meeting, someone from the back of the room will often shout: How come you guys in Washington, DC,

can't do something about the problem at the border?

My answer: There is too much partisanship, but Republicans and Democrats work together a lot more than you would think.

I am fighting for the family farmer and the 57,000 jobs in the biofuel industry in my State by pushing to make E15 permanent year-round, alongside colleagues across the aisle from Illinois and Minnesota.

Or take my work with Senator CANTWELL to rein in pharmacy benefit managers—PBMs, we call them in this town. An attendee at my Osceola town meeting told me their medicine went up from \$300 to \$1,000. When you tack this on top of the inflation of the last 3 years, you can understand the pain in their eyes when they plead with me to lower the cost of prescription drugs. It is one of my top priorities, and I am not going to give up until the job is done.

Too often, Americans feel Congress doesn't understand the challenges facing their families. The best way to reduce this cynicism is to look your constituents in the eye and listen to them. For more than four decades, that is what I have done.

Once I have hit all 99 counties, you may think that is the end of my touring the State and listening to Iowans, but I look forward to many more Q&As between now and the end of this year.

Representative government is a two-way street. Those of us elected are one-half of that process and our constituents, the other half of that process. Dialogue is the essence of representative government. I believe my 44-year track record shows my commitment to holding up my end of the bargain.

I want to thank every Iowan who comes to my county meetings. For those who can't get to the meetings, I remind Iowans my door is always open. That most often happens by people sending me emails, calling my office, or writing a letter. I want to tell them, as I do at every meeting, you will get a response. And if you don't get a response, let me know because you are entitled to an answer. And if I promise you an answer, I want to make sure you get one.

I look forward to starting my 45th year of holding my 99 county meetings when 2025 comes around.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Texas.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, this week, the Senate returns from the August State work period. That is what we call the period of time when we are not here in Washington, DC, doing our job.

But the truth is, we really haven't been in session very much here in DC for a long, long time, and September is no exception. When we are in session here typically these days, it seems like we are in session for 2½ days while the rest of America works at least 40 hours

a week and many of my constituents in Texas work much longer hours than that.

Senator SCHUMER, who sets the schedule here in the U.S. Senate, has had us working—well, generously—about half time. I won't mince words. This Democratic Senate is on a collision course with itself, and the Republicans have been ringing the alarm bell for months.

After Leader SCHUMER's summer of show votes and months spent on President Biden's controversial and often unqualified nominees, the Senate will be in session just 11 more days—11 more days—in September. And we face an impossible to-do list.

But it is by design. It is no surprise to anyone. Some of what is on this list is some of the most basic tasks of governing. That is what we are supposed to be doing here. But I am not confident we will be able to even get that done in a timely manner.

The first on my list is the National Defense Authorization Act, something we have done more than 60 years in a row. The Senate Armed Services Committee did its job in a bipartisan fashion, and they completed their work weeks before we adjourned. But what did Leader SCHUMER decide to do? He declined to bring the bill to the floor, opting, instead, to have our last vote of the work period to be an unserious effort at sweeping tax legislation that was never even marked up in the Senate Finance Committee. He knew it wouldn't pass, but that wasn't his purpose. It was just a show vote.

In contrast, this Defense authorization bill has gone through a bipartisan process that included hearings, mark-ups, and hundreds of amendments. Chairman REED, a Democrat, Ranking Member WICKER, a Republican, and our colleagues on the Senate Armed Services Committee have done their job. They put countless hours into this crucial legislation, which will help modernize our Nation's defense and support our volunteer servicemembers and their families. But the majority leader gave them the Heisman, hampering our military's ability to plan ahead and address the myriad threats that we face from every corner of the globe.

I join those who say we have never had a more dangerous time in this world we live since World War II. And you would think the Defense authorization bill—which would focus specifically on maintaining our military superiority and deterring aggression—you would think that would be top of the list of things to do. But not in this Senate.

The Defense authorization bill deserves to be the No. 1 priority of this Chamber, as it has been for more than six decades. And it needs to come to the floor as soon as possible. Anything less is an affront to the men and women who put their lives on the line for our safety, both here at home and abroad.

Unfortunately, that is not the only train headed down the tracks. We need

to pass a government funding bill before the end of the month. This is part of the predictable shutdown drama that seems to eat up so much time here in Washington, DC—unnecessarily, I might add. There is no reason to do this, except the cause is putting everything off to the end, not in the interest of transparency or the interest of a regular process that our constituents can watch and comment on. This is trying to jam spending—about \$1.5 trillion of spending—through without going through the normal appropriations process.

Despite the Democratic leader's light summer schedule, the Appropriations Committee again has done its work in a bipartisan fashion. Good for them. As of today, they passed all but one of the annual funding bills.

Again, congratulations to the bipartisan partnership of Chairman MURRAY and Vice Chair COLLINS. We have a great place to start voting on these bills. We had one starting back in July if we had been given an opportunity. But the majority leader, as we all know, is the only one who can schedule floor votes in the Senate, and he showed zero interest in doing so then, and he doesn't seem to be particularly interested in taking up this bipartisan committee product any time soon.

So we will see more of what we saw earlier this year when the majority leader, the Senator from New York, this Schumer-led Senate passed the fiscal year 2024 bill halfway through the fiscal year. This is no way to run a railroad or the Nation and world's greatest deliberative body.

I hope we can turn to passing these bipartisan appropriation bills as soon as possible. Keeping the lights on, paying the bills, is the most basic function of the government.

But, yes, there is even more on our to-do list. We have a looming deadline of September 30 to pass the farm bill. I was glad to have a chance to go to the Rio Grande Valley, one of the most prolific parts of the State of Texas when it comes to growing agriculture—agriculture then that is exported to the rest of the country and around the world.

Ranking Member BOOZMAN joined me in the Rio Grande Valley. Of course, we know him as a fierce champion for American agriculture. I was glad to travel with him to McAllen and Mission, TX. We listened to farmers and ranchers about the importance of passing a timely and strong farm bill.

But the majority leader's schedule—or lack thereof—can't stand in the way of making progress on something like this. We depend on our agricultural industry to put food on the table and clothes on our back. They deserve some predictability, some certainty—not just another can kicked down the road.

The Democratic-led Congress has been one of inaction. We wasted enormous amounts of time turning what

should be a marathon into an unnecessary sprint. Strengthening our national defense, ensuring the government pays the bills, supporting our agriculture sector—these are the ABCs of governing, and we are not doing it.

Now 11 more legislative days remain to get that work done. It is an impossible schedule, but it is completely by design and completely preventable. Leaving this work until the end of the year and taking yet another break for the month of October so Democrats can campaign is not a way to govern.

The American people look to Washington, in particular the U.S. Congress, and they see dysfunction. They know things aren't working the way they should, but that is because of a failure of leadership starting right here in the U.S. Senate. I hope, as a result, they will choose new management come November.

Madam President, this Chamber isn't the only place that Democratic dysfunction is on full display. I spoke a few months ago about the Biden-Harris administration's Department of Education bungling the rollout of this year's Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. Every young person who is going to college needs to fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or they may not be able to go to the school they want to go to. They may not be able to afford it. This document determines the financial aid students will receive through loans, grants, scholarships, and work-study programs. It can determine not only the college that you choose or can afford but whether college education itself is even financially feasible.

This year, that critical information was delayed unnecessarily, putting young Texans' dreams on hold. The Biden-Harris Department of Education was nearly 3 months behind on releasing what they claim was their new and improved FAFSA. Some students couldn't complete the FAFSA at all due to technical glitches. Again, more dysfunction, more bungling. The result, FAFSA completion rates in Texas were down by nearly 9 percent, or almost 30,000 students, compared to last year—worse than during the pandemic.

Now, these aren't just numbers on a page. These are young Texans who now find themselves unsure how or if they will be able to go to college or, at least, the one they want to go to.

Last month, the Texas Tribune told the story of a young Texas A&M sophomore who didn't find out that her financial aid package was actually cut by \$10,000 until July, after she had already enrolled in classes and signed up for on-campus housing.

Now she says she will have to limit herself to eating just one meal a day at the dining hall, allowing herself two on the days when she gets particularly hungry.

This is the real-life cost of the Biden-Harris administration's ineptitude, and it is a huge disservice to these young people who are just starting out on

their college education and pursuing a career and their dreams. Texas students and our workforce will feel the impact of this disastrous FAFSA process and the downstream effects for years to come.

Now, the Biden administration hopes that there is so much going on that nobody will notice, but I guarantee these young people who are being denied their dreams and access to the grants and financial aid they need in order to pick their college, they are noticing, as well as their families. But the administration hopes that people won't hear or read complaints from students and their families.

Well, my hope is that these students and their families continue to tell their stories and that the media keeps covering them. This is a scandal, nothing more and nothing less, and parents of college-age students should think twice before giving this administration another chance to make a mess of their children's future yet again.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BUTLER). The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair lays before the Senate a certificate of appointment to fill the unexpired term created by the resignation of former Senator Robert Menendez of New Jersey.

The certificate, the Chair is advised, is in the form suggested by the Senate.

Hearing no objection, the reading of the certificate will be waived, and it will be printed in full in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the certificate was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that, pursuant to the power vested in me by the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of New Jersey, I, Philip D. Murphy, the Governor of New Jersey, do hereby appoint George S. Helmy, a Senator from New Jersey to represent New Jersey in the Senate of the United States until the vacancy therein caused by the resignation of Senator Robert Menendez, effective August 20, 2024, is filled by election as provided by law.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Philip D. Murphy, and our seal hereto affixed at Trenton this 23rd day of August, in the year of our Lord 2024.

By the Governor:

PHILIP D. MURPHY,
Governor.

Attest:

TAHESHA L. WAY,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. If the Senator-designate will now present himself at the desk, the Chair will administer the oath of office.

The Senator-designate, George S. Helmy, escorted by Mr. BOOKER, advanced to the desk of the President pro tempore; the oath prescribed by law was administered to him by the President pro tempore; and he subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

Mr. BOOKER. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I just want to say a word of congratulations to our new Senator. I spoke on the floor earlier. He is going to be a great addition, and it is another ceiling being broken. He is the first member of the Coptic Church to become a Senator in the United States of America, one of the oldest Christian denominations ever. So welcome.

Mr. HELMY. Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 780.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Mary Kay Lanthier, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 780, Mary Kay Lanthier, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Sheldon Whitehouse, Laphonza R. Butler, Benjamin L. Cardin, Mazie Hirono, Chris Van Hollen, Ben Ray Lujan, Brian Schatz, Thomas R. Carper, Margaret Wood Hassan, Christopher Murphy, Tammy Duckworth,

Tina Smith, Jack Reed, Patty Murray, Amy Klobuchar.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to legislative session. The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 781.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BUTLER). The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Laura Margarete Provinzino, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 781, Laura Margarete Provinzino, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Sheldon Whitehouse, Laphonza R. Butler, Benjamin L. Cardin, Mazie Hirono, Chris Van Hollen, Ben Ray Lujan, Brian Schatz, Thomas R. Carper, Margaret Wood Hassan, Christopher Murphy, Tammy Duckworth, Tina Smith, Jack Reed, Patty Murray, Amy Klobuchar.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, September 9, be waived.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MORAN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

The Senator from Kansas.

NATIONAL INTEREST ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR

Mr. MORAN. Madam President, I, like many of my colleagues, spent a lot of time in our home States during the

month of August and early September, and I am ready to come back and go to work. I am pleased to report that I had a number of conversations about things that we are doing and not doing with the citizens of the State of Kansas.

I traveled from east to west and north to south, from Elwood in the northeast corner to Sedan in southeast Kansas, to St. Francis and Sharon Springs in the far western part of our State, southwest corner, to Liberal, KS.

And I rise today to speak on behalf of many Kansans on a couple of topics. I would tell my colleagues: Many of my constituents are angry and afraid of potentially losing their homes, farms, and businesses, and their land as a result of the Department of Energy's proposed National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor.

During August, Kansans from across the State—but particularly those who are in line for this corridor—raised their concerns with me about this proposal and that it would give way to a large-scale Federal Government intervention in rural America, in rural Kansas.

One woman in Downs, KS, shared how her home sits within the proposed corridor, and she is fearful of how the proposed transmission line would impact her family.

By designating this corridor, the Department of Energy opens up the door for potential officials from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to steamroll State regulators by overriding their decisions on whether or not to site electric transmission lines.

The Federal Government should not be in the business of condemning land for eminent domain, especially for a transmission project that was rejected by a State regulator.

Kansans know these decisions should not be made by folks in Washington, DC, who live hundreds and hundreds of miles away.

That is why I am introducing legislation with Congressman TRACEY MANN, my successor in the First District of Kansas, to prevent the Federal Government from possessing landowner's property without their consent for these transmission projects.

In addition to this legislation, I have also been engaged with the Department of Energy, who has assured me they will continue to accept comments and take them into consideration through the next phase of this proposal.

After an unacceptably short comment period, it is critical the Department of Energy fully understands the objections my constituents have with this proposal.

Protecting the Kansas way of life involves standing up for our smallest towns and for family farms, many of which have been passed down generation to generation.

As these proposals move forward, I will continue to work to defend Kansas agriculture, small businesses, and the rights of property owners across our State from Federal overreach.

We must—we must—make certain that the Federal taxpayer dollars are not used for eminent domain and that decisions about electrical transition siting be left in Kansas, not in Washington, DC.

FARM TO FLY ACT

Madam President, I also had the opportunity to see developments in our State regarding sustainable aviation fuel, or SAF. SAF has a threefold benefit: It provides a cleaner energy supply for the aviation industry, it diversifies and bolsters our American energy industry, and it provides farmers with new markets to sell their crops or the byproducts of their crops.

Sustainable aviation fuel is a biofuel made from products like corn, sorghum, and soybeans that can be used in aircraft and produces fewer greenhouse gas emissions than traditional fuels. It is a key component of decarbonizing aviation. Most airplanes flown by major airlines today are able to use SAF without any modifications to their aircraft, making SAF a great alternative to traditional jet fuel.

Southwest Airlines is making a significant investment in developing the technologies and infrastructure to produce SAF by building a plant in Kansas that will take corn stover—the stalks, leaves, and cobs leftover after harvest—and turning it into ethanol that will be used to fuel airplanes.

Widespread production of SAF will also add a new energy source to our Nation's repertoire of energy production. When it comes to energy production, I believe in an "all of the above" strategy. We need to be investing in all energy production—including wind, solar, fossil fuels, ethanol, and now SAF.

To help spur investment in SAF production, I introduced the Farm to Fly Act, which would help accelerate the production and development of SAF through existing U.S. Department of Agriculture programs.

Generating this new fuel source would not be possible without our producers. Agriculture is a critical industry but also a challenging industry. We need to make certain we are providing our farmers with every opportunity to sell their crops in a variety of markets.

To help spur on the development of SAF and other forms of sustainable aviation energy, I am launching the Senate Sustainable Aviation Caucus, with Senator BOOZMAN and Senator DUCKWORTH as cochairs.

The purpose of this caucus is simple: advance our Nation's biofuels, energy, and aviation industries in an effort to increase domestic competitiveness, promote national security, and bolster passenger safety. This caucus will work together to find ways to maximize the aviation industry's financial sustainability and increase its resiliency.

I come from a State that is known for both its aviation and its agriculture, and I love seeing the two come together in this circumstance. I encourage my colleagues to join our efforts in seeking innovative solutions to

create a sustainable aviation industry and increase our Nation's competitiveness in the domestic production of sustainable aviation fuel.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

NOMINATION OF ADAM B. ABELSON

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, I rise in strong support of the nomination of U.S. Magistrate Judge Adam Abelson to be elevated to become a U.S. district judge for the District of Maryland. I joined with Senator VAN HOLLEN to recommend this nominee to President Biden.

Judge Abelson, who lives in Baltimore and now serves as a U.S. magistrate judge in our Baltimore courthouse, has been nominated to fill the current vacancy that occurred due to former Chief Judge James Bedar recently taking senior status.

Senator VAN HOLLEN and I worked to establish a judicial selection committee in Maryland, including an open application process. In particular, we sought out a highly qualified and diverse applicant pool. Our committee interviewed numerous applicants. Senator VAN HOLLEN and I then personally interviewed several finalists before recommending names to the White House.

I want to tell you that this was an extremely competitive process. We had a very, very large number of well-qualified people who sought to serve as judge in our district court. Judge Abelson rose to the top, and we are very proud to make that recommendation.

Judge Abelson has been a U.S. magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland since September of 2023. Prior to his judicial service, Judge Abelson worked in private practice at Zuckerman Spaeder from 2012 to 2023, rising from associate to partner. He served as a law clerk for both Judge Andre Davis on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, as well as Judge Catherine Blake on the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

Judge Abelson received his J.D., magna cum laude, from the New York University School of Law and his B.A. from Princeton University. Before law school, Judge Abelson served in Santiago, Chile, as a research fellow for the Human Rights Watch.

In private practice, he has represented clients in complex civil litigation, white-collar criminal defense, and government investigations. He maintained an active pro bono practice and was deeply involved in the community and legal profession.

He served as chair of the American Bar Association's Working Group on Building Public Trust in the American Justice System, in which he worked to develop the ABA's "Ten Guidelines on Court Fines and Fees." He coordinated its development of the ABA's "Principles on Law Enforcement Body-Worn Camera Policies." He served on the board of the Job Opportunities Task

Force, including serving as the vice chair, and served as a board member and officer of the Maryland chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

I think you can see that Judge Abelson has been deeply involved in the legal community and in our community in order to be able to properly serve as a magistrate judge.

In September of 2023, Judge Abelson was appointed by the bench to serve as a U.S. magistrate judge for the District of Maryland, where he now sits in Baltimore. As a sitting Federal magistrate judge, Judge Abelson presides over preliminary criminal proceedings, including initial appearances, detention hearings, and arraignments. He handles Federal misdemeanor offenses and reviews applications for search and arrest warrants, pen registers, and trap and trace devices.

On the civil side, he presides over civil proceedings by consent of the parties, conducts settlement conferences in civil lawsuits, and decides discovery disputes and nondispositive motions.

If confirmed as a district judge, he would continue to serve in the same court where he now sits as a magistrate judge and where he has practiced for many years as a private law firm attorney.

I think you can see he is extremely well qualified for this position. He has the experience and he has the background to serve as a U.S. district court judge for Maryland.

I was delighted to recommend the nomination of Judge Abelson to President Biden, along with Senator VAN HOLLEN. Judicial nominees must meet the highest standards of integrity, competence, and temperament. I am confident that Judge Abelson will safeguard the rights of all Marylanders, uphold the Constitution and rule of law, and faithfully follow the judicial oath to "do equal right to the poor and to the rich."

Judge Abelson will serve the people of Maryland well if confirmed for this lifetime appointment. He has strong legal and judicial qualifications and demonstrates a track record of public service.

Let me just say that the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary gave Judge Abelson a rating, unanimously, of "well qualified," which, as you all know, is the highest possible rating. And the Judiciary Committee favorably reported Judge Abelson with a bipartisan vote in July of this year.

I know that public service is a family affair and sacrifice. I particularly want to thank Judge Abelson's family for agreeing to share him with the people of Maryland in the interest of public service.

I urge my colleagues in the Senate to confirm his nomination so he can continue to serve the public as a district court judge.

With that, I see my colleague Senator VAN HOLLEN is on the floor. Let me just comment that it has been a

real pleasure for me to work with Senator VAN HOLLEN as we have gone through the process of filling our judicial nominations in Maryland. And he has been an extremely valuable Member in recruiting and making sure we only recommend the very best to the Senate for confirmation.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam President, let me start by thanking my friend and the senior Senator from the great State of Maryland for putting together a process that does ensure that we recommend the very best to our colleagues. I join him in expressing my strong support for the confirmation of Adam Abelson of Maryland to serve as a U.S. district court judge for the District of Maryland. I was honored to recommend his confirmation to the Senate Judiciary Committee, along with Senator CARDIN, and very pleased to see the Senate Judiciary Committee support that nomination.

Judge Abelson's nomination was put forward by President Biden after Chief Judge James Bedar announced his decision to take senior status in May. Chief Judge Bedar served Marylanders on the district court with distinction for over 14 years, and I want to thank him for his excellent public service and unwavering commitment to the rule of law.

Judge Bedar left the Maryland District Court in the very capable hands of now-Chief Judge Russell, and we wish him all the best as he continues his leadership.

For Judge Abelson, this moment is the next step in a remarkable career shaped by dedication to his community, upholding equal justice under the law, and making a positive impact on the world. His experience is both wide and deep.

While in law school, he traveled abroad to promote human rights as a research fellow for Human Rights Watch, where he advocated for victims of the Pinochet regime in Chile and promoted freedom of the press in Argentina and Venezuela. As a fellow at the Department of Justice, he helped to prosecute the perpetrators of genocide in Bosnia and Rwanda.

He then clerked for Judge Andre Davis on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and for Judge Catherine Blake on the District Court for the District of Maryland—two judges known and respected for their stellar and distinguished service.

Following his clerkships, as Senator CARDIN indicated, he was in private practice. He was at the firm of Zuckerman Spaeder, where he rose to the rank of partner and became what some call a legal omnivore, meaning he covered a vast array of territory in the legal realm—working with plaintiffs and defendants in class actions, white-collar criminal cases, investigations—in every step of the trial process. He covered a range of topics, including

antitrust, legal ethics, consumer protection, family law, and even one memorable case regarding horseshoe crabs.

His diversity of experience is a testament to Judge Abelson's work ethic, which has allowed him to master one highly complex area of the law after another. His colleagues say he was gifted with "a special ability to explain complex legal matters in a way that is readily accessible" to everyone. And he fought to ensure that "neither lawyers nor judges lose sight of the humanity of every individual, without regard to their resources."

In addition to his early work fighting for human rights abroad, Adam has devoted himself to the same principles here at home through pro bono work. Again, his colleagues say he "regularly leapt at the chance to take on matters in furtherance of public good."

I do want to mention one important case: his work in *Wit v. United Behavioral Health*, which was a class-action lawsuit in which he took on a massive health insurance company on behalf of 100,000 patients with mental health and substance abuse disorders. These patients were being denied coverage and being forced to shoulder huge out-of-pocket costs for essential care. Adam Abelson helped win them relief, and former Congressman Patrick Kennedy called it the "Brown v. Board of Education for the mental health movement" case.

It is no surprise that, as Senator CARDIN said, the American Bar Association unanimously ruled that Judge Abelson is "well qualified" for the position to which he was nominated.

He has also been a devoted and outstanding member of the legal community, taking on responsibilities with the Maryland chapter of the Federal Bar Association and also having chaired the American Bar Association's Working Group on Building Public Trust in the American Justice System.

He has also been an indispensable citizen in the great city of Baltimore. He served on the board of the Job Opportunities Task Force, which works to eliminate educational and employment barriers for low-wage workers with job training, advocacy, and research. He is an active member of his synagogue, Beth El Congregation.

I want to end just by mentioning some of his family members to whom he would readily say he owes his good fortune in being nominated for this position. His grandmother Lois was a public school guidance counselor who counseled at-risk youth, taught adult education classes, and was involved in other community and civic activities—all into her nineties. In his application, Judge Abelson remembers that his grandmother helped put him on the path to public service. When she delivered meals for senior citizens in public housing, she took Adam and her other grandchildren along.

She died 10 years ago, but it is clear that her tenacious work ethic and her

devotion to justice live on in her grandson.

Like Senator CARDIN, I also want to acknowledge his immediate family members—his wife Laura Ginsberg Abelson, who is a former Federal public defender, an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland Law School, and a fellow at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School. It was Laura who grew up in Baltimore, and we have her to thank many years ago for poaching Adam from Ohio. They decided to raise their family in Baltimore City. Their sons Asher and Max are both currently attending Baltimore City public schools, and both Mom and Dad are very active in their children's educations.

We know our democracy depends on a strong, independent judiciary, and our judiciary depends on people like Judge Abelson—leaders with nimble minds and deep-rooted convictions. He has served with distinction as a magistrate judge, and he will make Maryland and America proud as a district judge. I strongly urge my colleagues to vote to confirm him.

I yield the floor.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 705, Adam B. Abelson, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Peter Welch, John W. Hickenlooper, Margaret Wood Hassan, Jack Reed, Laphonza R. Butler, Richard Blumenthal, Benjamin L. Cardin, Tammy Baldwin, Christopher Murphy, Chris Van Hollen, Catherine Cortez Masto, Tammy Duckworth, Christopher A. Coons, Brian Schatz, Sheldon Whitehouse.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Adam B. Abelson, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Sen-

ator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 50, nays 40, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 231 Ex.]

YEAS—50

Baldwin	Graham	Peters
Bennet	Hassan	Reed
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Rosen
Booker	Helmy	Sanders
Brown	Hickenlooper	Schatz
Butler	Hirono	Schumer
Cantwell	Kaine	Shaheen
Cardin	Kelly	Smith
Carper	King	Stabenow
Casey	Klobuchar	Tester
Collins	Lujan	Van Hollen
Coons	Manchin	Warner
Cortez Masto	Markey	Warnock
Duckworth	Merkley	Warren
Durbin	Murphy	Welch
Fetterman	Murray	Wyden
Gillibrand	Ossoff	

NAYS—40

Barrasso	Ernst	Moran
Blackburn	Fischer	Mullin
Boozman	Grassley	Paul
Braun	Hagerty	Ricketts
Britt	Hawley	Romney
Budd	Hoeven	Schmitt
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Scott (FL)
Cassidy	Johnson	Thune
Cornyn	Kennedy	Tillis
Cotton	Lankford	Tuberville
Cramer	Lee	Wicker
Crapo	Lummis	Young
Cruz	Marshall	
Daines	McConnell	

NOT VOTING—10

Murkowski	Rubio	Vance
Padilla	Scott (SC)	Whitehouse
Risch	Sinema	
Rounds	Sullivan	

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH). On this vote, the yeas are 50, the nays are 40. The motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

REMEMBERING RICHARD STEELE

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I rise today to pay one final tribute to Richard Steele, a close friend and devoted public servant to our environment who passed away recently. He left behind a loving family, many friends—and a legacy that will be remembered and appreciated by countless generations in the form of the Hanford Reach National Monument, which exists today in no small part due to his tireless advocacy.

Rich dedicated decades of his life fighting to protect and preserve the

Hanford Reach, and he brought to that fight—along with his many other talents—a true fisherman's patience and persistence. Year after year, decade after decade, he never let up when it came to pushing for Federal protections to ensure the waters he loved, and that he loved to share with others, would remain wild, free, and beautiful for years to come.

One of his particular joys—and talents—was to bring locals, politicians, and dignitaries on his boat to tour the waters and to win them over to his cause. You see, Rich didn't just know how to fish for trout; he knew how to fish for support, and he knew a boat tour of the beautiful wilds of Washington State was pretty good bait. Once he had a live one on the line, reeling them in was always easy; he just let the river do its thing.

As he told a reporter once, "I always had an unfair advantage, how can you not want to protect this?"

Like so many others, I had the privilege of joining Rich on his boat, the *Can Do II*, for a tour of the mighty Columbia. The first time I floated down the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River, I was captivated by the beautiful landscape, the fish and the wildlife, and the reminders of the vibrant Tribal culture that abounds along the Hanford Reach.

As we floated along, we saw the reactors and discussed the role the Tri-Cities played in helping America win World War II, including my father's part in that important piece of history. And of course, Rich told his own stories of the river and shared his comprehensive knowledge of why it was such a valuable resource.

That trip is a cherished memory for me. And I know just about every person who took a trip with Rich—and there were many—walked away feeling the same way.

Now, I was already interested in saving the river before that tour, but I walked away more energized than ever. Plus, just to give you a sense of how shrewd of a political operator Rich was, he named a beach after me. How could I not fight to save Murray Beach?

I worked with Rich for many years afterwards as we pushed to protect Hanford Reach. I spoke of his advocacy here in the Senate before, including when he was awarded the Environmental Hero Award by the Washington Environmental Council.

I spoke with him in Washington State when we held a Senate hearing about the Hanford Reach in Mattawa. Rich once again made a powerful case with his characteristic clarity about why we needed to protect this river in the highest, most permanent way possible.

And I saw him, beaming ear-to-ear, the day he stepped off the *Can Do II* with Vice President Gore, who then announced that, earlier that morning, President Clinton had declared Hanford Reach a National Monument.

Now I have spoken a lot about Rich, but I know he would also want me to say a bit more about his legacy, about Hanford Reach. This 51-mile stretch remains the last free-flowing section of the Columbia River. It is a landscape that has some of the most dramatic views you can imagine and an incredible variety of wildlife.

On the river you can hear the splashing of salmon and steelhead trout which thrive there. In the skies, you might spot a bald eagle, a white pelican, or a blue heron. Hiking the wilds you will find mule deer, coyotes, elk herds, porcupines, and more. You can also see the vibrant colors of wildflowers and, of course, the pristine white of the bluffs—which Rich fought to ensure were included in the boundary.

There is so much more to be said about Rich, and his impact on his community, and in my State, but no words can speak as eloquently as a visit to the Hanford Reach, which is not just a National Monument, but to me and many others, it is also a personal testament to Rich's vision and dedication. So I will just close by encouraging everyone to visit this invaluable treasure, to take in the awe of the mighty Columbia, to take in the sights, sounds, and beauty of nature, and to remember my friend Rich who fought to keep that river running free.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE LEGAL OPINION

Mr. CRUZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the attached legal opinion of the Government Accountability Office, no. B-336512, titled "Office of Management and Budget—Applicability of the Congressional Review Act to Controller Alert CA-23-6, Enhancing Transparency Through Use of the Investing in America Emblem on Signs," issued on August 29, 2024, be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DECISION

Matter of: Office of Management and Budget—Applicability of the Congressional Review Act to Controller Alert CA-23-6, Enhancing Transparency Through Use of the Investing in America Emblem on Signs

File: B-336512

Date: August 29, 2024

DIGEST

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued an updated Controller Alert entitled CA-23-6, Enhancing Transparency Through Use of the Investing in America Emblem on Signs (UPDATED) (Controller Alert). The Controller Alert was directed to Chief Financial Officers across the federal government and recommended actions for agencies to take, such as adopting signage and public acknowledgement requirements in the terms and conditions of financial assistance awards, to promote openness and transparency of projects funded in whole or in part by specified pieces of legislation.

The Congressional Review Act (CRA) requires that before a rule can take effect, an

agency must submit the rule to both the House of Representatives and the Senate, as well as the Comptroller General. CRA incorporates the Administrative Procedure Act's (APA's) definition of a rule for this purpose, with three exceptions. We conclude that the Controller Alert is a rule for purposes of CRA because it meets the APA definition of a rule, and no CRA exception applies. Therefore, the Controller Alert is subject to CRA's submission requirements.

DECISION

On February 24, 2023, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published an updated Controller Alert entitled CA-23-6, Enhancing Transparency Through Use of the Investing in America Emblem on Signs (UPDATED) (Controller Alert).¹ We received a request for a decision as to whether the Controller Alert is a rule for purposes of the Congressional Review Act (CRA). Letter from Senator Ted Cruz to the Comptroller General (June 20, 2024). We also received a follow-up communication from Senator Cruz further explaining his views. Letter from Senator Ted Cruz to the Comptroller General (Aug. 1, 2024). As discussed below, we conclude that the Controller Alert is a rule subject to CRA's submission requirements.

Our practice when rendering decisions is to contact the relevant agencies to obtain their legal views on the subject of the request. GAO, GAO's Protocols for Legal Decisions and Opinions, GAO-24-107329 (Washington, D.C.: Feb. 2024), available at <https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-24-107329>. Accordingly, we reached out to OMB to obtain the agency's legal views. Letter from Assistant General Counsel, GAO, to General Counsel, OMB (July 9, 2024). We received a response from OMB on August 6, 2024. Letter from General Counsel, OMB to Assistant General Counsel, GAO (Response Letter).

BACKGROUND

Controller Alert

According to OMB, Controller Alerts are designed to inform Chief Financial Officers (CFOs) at agencies across the federal government of financial issues that may require attention, "but do not constitute official guidance or prescribe specific tasks for agencies beyond consideration of appropriate steps to address the issue." Controller Alert, at 1. The Controller Alert at issue here was intended to "suggest strategies, including the use of public signage, to increase the transparency of projects funded in whole or in part" by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), Pub. L. No. 117-2, 135 Stat. 4 (Mar. 11, 2021); the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L. No. 117-58, 135 Stat. 429 (Nov. 15, 2021); the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors and Science Act of 2022 (CHIPS and Science Act), Pub. L. No. 117-167, 136 Stat. 1366 (Aug. 9, 2022); the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA), Pub. L. No. 117-169, 136 Stat. 1818 (Aug. 16, 2022); and "other appropriations as appropriate." Controller Alert, at 1.

Among the strategies recommended, the Controller Alert encouraged agencies to develop signage and public acknowledgement requirements to be included in the terms and conditions of financial assistance awards provided through the specified legislation, to develop public outreach campaigns to communicate progress on projects funded through the legislation, and to incorporate statements of acknowledgement in published materials that cover activities funded through the legislation. Id. at 2. For example, the Controller Alert states that "award terms and conditions requirements should specify guidelines for use of the official Investing in America emblem," "should specify guidelines for signage and communications materials to identify the project as a

‘project funded by [Insert name of the law],’ and ‘should stipulate that costs associated with signage must be reasonable and limited, and that recipients are encouraged to use recycled or recovered materials when procuring signs.’ Id. at 2 (brackets in original). Further, the Controller Alert notes that ‘[s]igns should not be produced or displayed if doing so results in unreasonable cost, expense, or recipient burden.’ Id.

Additionally, the Controller Alert states that ‘[w]hile specific requirements regarding usage of signage must be applied on an agency-by-agency and program-by-program basis, Federal awarding agencies are strongly encouraged to seek opportunities to employ’ the strategies explained in the Controller Alert ‘to the extent possible. . . .’ Id. (footnote omitted).

The Controller Alert updated a previous Controller Alert issued by OMB on August 22, 2022.² According to OMB, the 2022 Controller Alert contained ‘materially identical’ recommendations for agencies, but was only directed at projects funded under IIJA. Response Letter, at 2.

The Congressional Review Act

CRA, enacted in 1996 to strengthen congressional oversight of agency rulemaking, requires federal agencies to submit a report on each new rule to both houses of Congress and to the Comptroller General for review before a rule can take effect. 5 U.S.C. §801(a)(1)(A). The report must contain a copy of the rule, ‘a concise general statement relating to the rule,’ and the rule’s proposed effective date. Id. CRA allows Congress to review and disapprove of federal agency rules for a period of 60 days using special procedures. See 5 U.S.C. §802. If a resolution of disapproval is enacted, then the new rule has no force or effect. 5 U.S.C. §801(b)(1).

CRA adopts the definition of rule under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), 5 U.S.C. §551(4), which states that a rule is ‘the whole or a part of an agency statement of general or particular applicability and future effect designed to implement, interpret, or prescribe law or policy or describing the organization, procedure, or practice requirements of an agency.’ 5 U.S.C. §804(3). However, CRA excludes three categories of rules from coverage: (1) rules of particular applicability; (2) rules relating to agency management or personnel; and (3) rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice that do not substantially affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties. Id.

OMB did not submit a CRA report to Congress or the Comptroller General on the Controller Alert. In its response to us, OMB stated that the Controller Alert was not a rule for several reasons. First, OMB stated that the Controller Alert does not satisfy the APA definition of rule. Response Letter, at 3–6. Further, OMB stated that even if the Controller Alert were a rule, it falls within two CRA exceptions and is not subject to its submission requirements. Id., at 6–9.

DISCUSSION

An agency action is subject to CRA if it meets the APA definition of rule and no CRA exception applies. For the reasons discussed below, we find that the Controller Alert as a whole meets the APA definition of a rule and that no exception applies. Therefore, it is subject to CRA’s submission requirements.

The Controller Alert Is a Rule as Defined by APA

The Controller Alert meets the APA definition of a rule. First, the Controller Alert is an agency statement because it is an announcement by OMB to agency CFOs across the government. Controller Alert, at 1. We note that we have previously found that OMB does not act as an agency where it

steps into the President’s shoes in exercise of delegated authority. B–333725, Mar. 17, 2022. However, when issuing the Controller Alert, OMB was acting under its own authority, not an authority delegated to it by the President. See also B–335142, May 1, 2024 (finding that a joint memorandum issued by the Department of Labor (DOL) and OMB was issued in their respective capacities as agencies as defined by APA). Therefore, OMB was acting as an agency subject to CRA when it issued the Controller Alert.

Second, the Controller Alert is of future effect, as it suggests prospective changes for agencies to make with respect to federal funding agreements under the specified legislation. Controller Alert, at 1. While the Controller Alert does not have a stated effective date, it seeks to ‘inform the [CFO] community of key issues where [OMB] believes further action may be warranted. . . .’ Id. (emphasis added). Additionally, the Controller Alert suggests actions for agencies to take with respect to future funding agreements through forward-looking recommendations to ‘develop’ and ‘incorporate’ certain terms into those agreements. Id. at 2.

Finally, the Controller Alert implements, interprets, or prescribes policy and describes the organization, procedure, or practice requirements of an agency. OMB argues that the Controller Alert does not reflect a change in agency discretion, and does not change official policy because it replaced a similar alert issued in August 2022. Response Letter, at 4. We have recognized that ‘a statement by an agency that simply restates an established interpretation ‘tread[s] no new ground’ and ‘leaves the world just as it found it, and thus cannot be fairly described as implementing, interpreting, or prescribing law or policy.’ B–336217, Aug. 6, 2024 (quoting *Golden & Zimmerman, LLC v. Domenech*, 599 F.3d 426, 432 (4th Cir. 2010) (alterations in original)). In that decision, we determined that part of Supervision and Regulation Letter 23–8 (SR 23–8) issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (FRB) restated established FRB policy regarding FRB’s supervisory nonobjection process. Id. However, SR 23–8 also contained statements that went beyond what was in FRB’s earlier policy statements, including expanding the scope of which entities were subject to its supervisory nonobjection process and clarification of the process through more detailed description of existing policy. Id. While we determined that the portions of SR 23–8 that largely restated existing policy would not satisfy this element of the APA definition because they did not prescribe new policy, the letter taken as a whole did implement, interpret, or prescribe law or policy given that there were additional provisions of SR 23–8 that went beyond restating existing policy decisions. Id.

Similarly in this case, both the Controller Alert at issue here and the 2022 Controller Alert apply to funding agreements under IIJA. 2022 Controller Alert, at 1; Controller Alert, at 1. With respect to IIJA, both Controller Alerts contain many of the same recommendations relating to signage, public acknowledgement, and communications initiatives. For example, both ‘strongly encourage[]’ agencies to develop ‘signage and public acknowledgement requirements’ ‘for inclusion in the terms and conditions of award agreements between agencies and recipients of’ awards funded under the applicable legislation. Compare 2022 Controller Alert, at 1, with, Controller Alert, at 1–2. Additionally, both state that ‘[t]erms and conditions should stipulate that costs associated with signage must be reasonable and limited, and that recipients are encouraged to use recycled or recovered materials when procuring signs.’ Compare 2022 Controller Alert,

at 2, with, Controller Alert, at 2. While the Controller Alert includes some additional suggestions, with respect to the recommended actions for funding agreements under IIJA, it largely restates established OMB policy. For these recommendations under IIJA, the Controller Alert does not satisfy the APA definition of rule.

However, the updated Controller Alert is broader in its coverage than the 2022 Controller Alert. While the 2022 Controller Alert applied only to IIJA, the Controller Alert at issue here applies to several additional pieces of legislation, including ARPA, the CHIPS and Science Act, and IRA. Controller Alert, at 1. Though many of the provisions contained within the Controller Alert mirror those in the 2022 Controller Alert, it expands the coverage to projects funded under other significant pieces of legislation and announces recommendations for a larger number of funding agreements. As a result, these new recommendations do more than merely restate existing policy.

As such, we must evaluate whether the recommendations for agreements under statutes other than IIJA prescribe or implement policy or describe agency procedure and practice requirements. OMB stated in its response to us that the Controller Alert does not satisfy this element of the APA definition because in addition to merely restating existing policy, it is also informational rather than prescriptive, giving agencies ‘complete discretion’ as to whether they choose to adopt the recommendations. Response Letter, at 4–5. We disagree.

While the Controller Alert states that it ‘do[es] not constitute official guidance or prescribe specific tasks for agencies beyond consideration of appropriate steps to address the issue,’ the Controller Alert urges agencies to change their existing practices, both with respect to signage and public acknowledgement requirements as well as for public affairs and communications strategies, beyond what is required by the underlying program laws. Controller Alert, at 1. The Controller Alert notes that ‘[f]ederal awarding agencies are strongly encouraged to seek opportunities to employ the following strategies, to the extent possible. . . .’ Id. (emphasis added). With respect to the signage and public acknowledgement recommendations, the Controller Alert provides new recommendations in terms that are more prescriptive than informative. For example, the Controller Alert makes the following recommendations: ‘Federal award terms and conditions requirements should specify guidelines for use of the official Investing in America emblem,’ ‘[t]erms and conditions should stipulate that costs associated with signage must be reasonable and limited, and that recipients are encouraged to use recycled or recovered materials when procuring signs,’ and ‘a project award funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law *should* include an acknowledgement that it is ‘funded by President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.’’ Id. at 2 (emphasis added). With respect to the public affairs and communications recommendations, the Controller Alert strongly encourages agencies to ‘[e]ngage agency public affairs and communications offices to . . . develop public outreach campaigns’ and ‘incorporate statements of acknowledgement in all published materials covering activities funded by these laws.’ Controller Alert, at 2. These new agency procedure and practice recommendations are similarly prescriptive.

Taken together, we conclude that the Controller Alert’s recommendations for agreements under statutes other than IIJA prescribe or implement policy and describe agency procedure and practice requirements. These recommendations encourage agencies

to change their existing practices by prescribing requirements for the terms and conditions of federal awards funded by legislation, such as ARPA, the CHIPS and Science Act, and IRA, as well as for public relations and communications strategies with regard to projects funded by such legislation. See B-335115, Sept. 26, 2023 (finding that memoranda satisfied this element of the definition by establishing new policies and procedures that did not exist prior to the memoranda).³ Accordingly, we conclude that the Controller Alert meets the APA definition of a rule.

CRA Exceptions

After determining that the Controller Alert satisfies the APA definition of a rule, we must next determine whether any of CRA's three exceptions apply. For the reasons described below, we determine that part of the Controller Alert satisfies the exception for rules relating to agency management or personnel, but other parts do not satisfy any of the exceptions. As a result, the Controller Alert as a whole is subject to CRA's submission requirements.

Rule of Particular Applicability

The Controller Alert is not a rule of particular applicability. Rules of particular applicability are "those rules that are addressed to an identified entity and also address actions that entity may or may not take, taking into account facts and circumstances specific to the entity." B-334995, July 6, 2023. See also B-335781, Feb. 27, 2024; B-330843, Oct. 22, 2019. Here, the Controller Alert applies generally to agencies across the federal government⁴ without individualized requirements accounting for differences in the facts or circumstances of agencies or program applicants. Therefore, the Controller Alert is not a rule of particular applicability.

Rule of Agency Management or Personnel

Second, the Controller Alert's recommendations for public affairs and communications initiatives satisfy the exception for rules relating to agency management or personnel, but the recommendations for signage and public acknowledgement do not.

We have previously held that CRA's exception for rules of agency management or personnel applies to rules relating to "purely internal agency matters." B-335142, May 1, 2024. In reaching that conclusion, we have relied on cases interpreting a similar APA exception that exempts matters relating to agency management or personnel from notice and comment rulemaking. See 5 U.S.C. § 553(a)(2). In addition, we've relied on the description of rules of personnel in Attorney General's Manual on the Administrative Procedure Act as those that describe matters relating to agency personnel as including "rules as to leaves of absence, vacation, travel, etc." U.S. Department of Justice, Attorney General's Manual on the Administrative Procedure Act (Manual), at 18 (1947).

We relied on the Manual in B-335115, Sept. 26, 2023, to find that three Department of Defense (DOD) memoranda dealing with notification requirements for pregnant service members, leave to access reproductive care, and travel and transportation allowances to access reproductive care fell into the exception for rules relating to management or personnel. We determined that the memoranda clearly and directly implicated agency personnel matters such as communications between employees and managers, leave, and benefits. Id. We also noted that courts have held this exemption applies even if the agency action has an effect on the outside public when agency management or personnel issues are clearly and directly implicated Id. (citing *Stewart v. Smith*, 673 F.2d 485, 496-97 (D.C. Cir. 1982)).

Neither APA nor CRA define "management" within the context of the exception, nor have courts interpreted such term. However, we note that "management" is defined as "the conducting or supervising of something." Merriam-Webster, Management, available at <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/management> (last visited Aug. 26, 2024). See also Dictionary.com, Management, available at <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/management> (last visited Aug. 26, 2024) (defining management as "the act or manner of managing; handling, direction, or control"). Therefore, rules relating to management include those related to controlling, directing, or supervising internal management issues.

Many of the functions OMB carries out for the government fall into the category of agency management. See B-334221, Feb. 9, 2023 (noting that APA's analogous exception relating to internal management of an agency "should not be construed as intra-agency only; it includes functions of internal Federal management, such as most of the functions of the Bureau of the Budget [now OMB]" (citing Manual, at 18)). Here, the Controller Alert's suggestions relate primarily to two categories of actions: (1) public affairs and communications initiatives, and (2) public signage and acknowledgement requirements.

With respect to the first category, the public affairs and communications initiatives fall under the exception. The suggestions for these initiatives recommend that agencies "engage agency public affairs and communications offices to . . . develop public outreach campaigns" and "incorporate statements of acknowledgement in all published materials covering activities funded by these laws." Controller Alert, at 2. The Controller Alert notes that examples of these materials include press releases, project fact sheets, reports, agency-developed project websites, flyers, brochures, blogs, and editorials. Id.

Like our decision in B-334221, Feb. 9, 2023, the Controller Alert contemplates the direction of internal communications staff by recommending particular job tasks and allocation of resources. While it is possible that a third-party may eventually receive agency communications adopting these suggestions, an agency's communications strategy regarding the programs it implements is a purely internal matter. Similarly, as the definition of management suggests, the direction of agency communications personnel squarely falls within the conducting or supervising of interagency business. As a result, the portions of the Controller Alert recommending public affairs and communications strategies under the applicable laws satisfy this exception.

With respect to the second category of recommendations, the Controller Alert's suggestions relating to signage and public acknowledgement requirements do not satisfy the requirements of this exception. Unlike the recommendations relating to public affairs and communications, the Controller Alert's recommendations regarding signage and public acknowledgement do not primarily relate to agency management or personnel; instead, they implicate requirements that would be imposed on program grantees or recipients beyond what is required by law. As a result, the Controller Alert as a whole does not fall into this exception.

Rule of Agency Organization, Procedure, or Practice With No Substitutional Non-Agency Parties

Finally, the Controller Alert does not satisfy the exception for rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice with no substantial effect on the rights or obligations of non-agency parties. This exception was mod-

eled off the APA exception to notice-and-comment requirements for rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice. 5 U.S.C. § 553(b)(A). Some courts have limited this exception only to rules that do not have a substantial impact on non-agency parties. See e.g., B-336217, Aug. 6, 2024; B-330190, Dec. 19, 2018 (citing *Brown Express, Inc., v. United States*, 607 F.2d 695, 702 (5th Cir. 1979)). The text of the CRA exception adopts this limitation. 5 U.S.C. § 804(3)(C).

First, we must determine whether the Controller Alert is a rule of agency organization, procedure, or practice. Rules that satisfy this requirement are "limited to an agency's methods of operation or how the agency organizes its internal operations." B-336217, Aug. 6, 2024. Like with rules relating to agency management or personnel, this exception also applies to interagency rules. B-334221, Feb. 9, 2023 (concluding, in part, that nothing in the text of CRA suggests that CRA's exception for rules of agency management or personnel applies only to intra-agency rules and that the exception is couched to include any rule relating to agency management or personnel). Here, the Controller Alert provides recommendations for agencies on the implementation of funding agreements under the specified statutes. Controller Alert, at 1-2. These determinations regarding the contents of funding agreements describe the agency's procedures and practices for carrying out their programs.

Next, we look at whether the Controller Alert substantially affects the rights or obligations of non-agency parties. We have previously said that with respect to this prong of the exception, "the critical question is whether the agency action alters the rights or interests of the regulated entities." B-329926, Sept. 10, 2018. Similarly, courts have determined that "[a]n agency rule that modifies substantive rights and interests can only be nominally procedural, and the exemption for such rules of agency procedure cannot apply." *United States Department of Labor v. Kast Metals Corp.*, 744 F.2d 1145, 1153 (5th Cir. 1984).

OMB stated in its response to us that the Controller Alert does not substantially affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties because it is directed only at agencies and their internal decisions, rather than funding recipients or third parties. Response Letter, at 8. OMB noted that any potential downstream effects on non-agency parties did not change the underlying legal rights or obligations of those parties. Id., at 9.

We agree that the Controller Alert differs from other federal funding requirements we have analyzed under this exception because it directs these recommendations to other agencies, rather than directly imposing new conditions of federal funding on recipients or applicants. See, e.g., B-334032, Dec. 15, 2022 (finding that a non-binding Federal Highway Administration memorandum setting out preferred projects for federal funding had the substantial effect of directing non-agency parties' behavior). Nonetheless, the legislative history of CRA instructs us to consider both the direct and indirect effects of a given action when assessing its impacts. 142 Cong. Rec. H3005 (daily ed. Mar. 28, 1996) (statement of Rep. McIntosh) ("A statement of agency procedure or practice with a truly minor, incidental effect on non-agency parties is excluded from the definition of a rule. Any other effect, whether direct or indirect, on the rights or obligations of non-agency parties is a substantial effect within the meaning of the exception. Thus, this exception should be read narrowly and resolved in favor of non-agency parties who can demonstrate that the rule will have a nontrivial effect on their rights or obligations"); see also *Batterton v. Marshall*, 648 F.2d 694, n.58

(D.C. Cir. 1980) (“Where necessary, the court will look behind the particular label applied by the agency to challenge action in order to discern its real intent and effect”). Therefore, we must look at the effects of the Controller Alert.

When an agency’s actions “directly determine whether and in what amount an entity may receive funding under the program,” that action has a substantial effect on the rights or obligations of those non-agency parties. B-334146, June 5, 2023. In that decision, we examined documents from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) implementing four new financial assistance programs. *Id.* The documents, which included notices of funding opportunities, a request for applications, and a policy memorandum, established eligibility and application requirements for the new programs, defined selection criteria, imposed reporting requirements, and set funding ranges, among other things. *Id.* There, we determined that the documents failed to satisfy this exception because they each had a substantial effect on non-agency parties. *Id.* We had previously concluded that agency rules amending or clarifying the requirements of financial assistance programs had a substantial effect on non-agency parties. See B-333732, July 28, 2022. Because the USDA documents went even further than amending or clarifying existing requirements in establishing new programs, the documents clearly had a substantial effect on the rights or obligations of non-agency parties. B-334146, June 5, 2023.

Here, the Controller Alert does not establish federal funding programs under any of the statutes it covers. However, by “strongly” encouraging agencies to adopt the recommendations in the Controller Alert, it is intended to and has led agencies to incorporate new signage and public acknowledgment requirements into the terms and conditions of federal funding agreements beyond what is required by law. Controller Alert, at 1. Following issuance of the Controller Alert, several agencies implemented terms and conditions of their funding agreements that directly adopted its language.⁵ For example, a notice of funding opportunity issued by the Federal Railroad Administration contains the following language recommended by the Controller Alert: “In addition, recipients employing project signage are required to use the official Investing in America emblem in accordance with the Official Investing in America Emblem Style Guide. Costs associated with signage and public acknowledgements must be reasonable and limited. Signs or public acknowledgements should not be produced, displayed, or published if doing so results in unreasonable cost, expense, or recipient burden. Recipients are encouraged to use recycled or recovered materials when procuring signs.” Compare 89 Fed. Reg. 42594 (May 15, 2024), with, Controller Alert, at 2.⁶

The adoption of the recommendations in the Controller Alert, in turn, results in the imposition of additional requirements on recipients of federal funding under the specified legislation. The Controller Alert has a substantial effect on the rights or interests of non-agency parties by providing new criteria for the receipt of federal funding. See B-334146, June 5, 2023; B-333732, July 28, 2022. Where agencies adopt the Controller Alert’s recommendations, such recommendations have a substantial effect on non-agency parties. See B-275178, July 3, 1997 (finding that the Forest Service’s Tongass National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan had a substantial impact on non-agency parties even though there were two layers of implementation involved before the Plan affected any given area of the forest).

Because this exception requires us to consider both the direct and indirect effects of

an agency action, and because the imposition of new conditions on the receipt of federal funding has a substantial effect on the rights or obligations of non-agency parties, the Controller Alert fails to satisfy the exception.

Based on the foregoing, we conclude that the Controller Alert is a rule of agency organization, procedure, or practice, but that it does not satisfy the exception because it has a substantial effect on the rights or obligations of non-agency parties. Therefore, no CRA exception applies.

CONCLUSION

The Controller Alert meets the APA definition of a rule and no exception applies. Therefore, the Controller Alert is subject to CRA’s requirement that it be submitted to Congress before it can take effect.

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ENDNOTES

1. The Controller Alert is available at <https://www.cfo.gov/assets/files/CA-23-06Enhancing%20Transparency%20Through%20Use%20of%20the%20Investing%20in%20America%20Emblem%20on%20Signs.pdf> (last visited Aug. 26, 2024).

2. The original Controller Alert, OMB, Enhancing Transparency Through Use of the Building a Better America Emblem on Construction Signs (Aug. 22, 2022)(2022 Controller Alert), is available at <https://www.cfo.gov/assets/files/Controller%20Alert%20EnhancingTransparencyBipartisanInfrastructureLaw.pdf> (last visited Aug. 26, 2024).

3. The legislative history of CRA is also instructive when evaluating what actions are intended to be covered by the Act. It states: “The committees intend this chapter to be interpreted broadly with regard to the type and scope of rules that are subject to congressional review.” 142 Cong. Rec. E571, E578 (daily ed. Apr. 19, 1996) (statement of Rep. Hyde). The legislative history also notes that the committees were concerned, in particular, with “general statements of policy, ‘guidelines,’ and agency policy and procedure manuals” being given legal effect without review. *Id.*

4. The Controller Alert is directed to agency CFOs. Controller Alert, at 1. Twenty-four federal agencies across the government currently have CFOs designated under the Chief Financial Officers Act. 31 U.S.C. §901(b).

5. Although here we cite the impact of the Controller Alert on non-agency behavior, such evidence is not necessary to determine that an agency action has a substantial effect on non-agency parties for purposes of the third exception. For example, we have previously held that “[w]hen an agency rule actively attempts to induce the regulated community to take preferred steps, the rule has a substantial impact on the regulated community and does not qualify for the third CRA exception.” B-334032, Dec. 15, 2022. Moreover, in many instances, the type of direct evidence that we have here will not be readily available at the time of our review.

6. Other agencies have also adopted provisions of the Controller Alert. For example, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that “[f]or construction projects funded in whole or in part by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law or Inflation Reduction Act through [EPA], recipients must place a sign at construction sites that display the Investing in America emblem and identify the project as a ‘project funded by President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law’ or ‘project funded by President Biden’s Infla-

tion Reduction Act.’” Compare EPA, Investing in America Signage, available at <https://www.epa.gov/invest/investing-america-signage> (last visited Aug. 26, 2024), with, Controller Alert, at 2.

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I join in acknowledging National POW/MIA Recognition Day this September 20, 2024, in heartfelt memory of Idaho’s and all of America’s prisoners of war (POWs) and missing in action (MIA).

In August, Idaho welcomed home Lieutenant Allan Wesley Knepper. He was finally laid to rest at home in Lewiston, ID, on August 2, 2024, after making the ultimate sacrifice in service to our great Nation during World War II. The airplane he was piloting was shot down on July 10, 1943, and he was listed as MIA for decades. He was brought home because of the love and respect of his family and people who knew him and many others who worked together to share information, find him, and return him home. This included the diligent research of his friend’s son and work of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) the Agency primarily responsible for recovering America’s servicemembers.

Lieutenant Knepper’s return and the steady return of other veterans across our country is encouraging as they show what can be achieved when relatives, friends, and investigators are able to share knowledge and work together. That is one of the reasons I continue to press for the enactment of the Bring Our Heroes Home Act, which I joined Senator JEANNE SHAHEEN, in re-introducing this Congress. This legislation would help eliminate obstacles preventing families and caseworkers from accessing the records needed for recovering America’s POWs and MIA.

Thank you to the POW/MIA families and veterans who keep the pursuit of facts at the forefront of our national conscience. I commend the individuals and groups, such as the POW/MIA Awareness Rally Corp. of Pocatello, ID, and across our country who keep a steady spotlight where it needs to be, on pressing forward until every American servicemember is brought home.

Idahoan Lieutenant Knepper’s service and return were highlighted at the June unveiling of the DPAA’s 2024 POW/MIA Recognition Day Poster. This year’s poster features the words “Honoring their sacrifice. Earnestly searching for those still missing.” In honor of their sacrifice and POW/MIA Recognition Day and with a heavy but hopeful heart, I join our grateful country in praying for all those who await answers about lost servicemembers and thanking America’s servicemembers,

veterans, and their families for their extraordinary commitment to our country. May our country continue to earnestly search for those still missing until they are all at last returned home.

TRIBUTE TO BOB NEWHART

Mr. WELCH. Mr. President, in late July, Vermonters and Americans mourned the passing of Bob Newhart, a talented and award-winning actor who changed the history of comedy forever. His celebrated television show, "Newhart," aired on CBS from 1982 to 1990 and gave the United States a window into dreamy, rural Vermont's picturesque Green Mountain view. As Dick Loudon, Mr. Newhart brought laughter and Vermont Values into the living rooms of millions of Americans.

In "Newhart," Dick and his wife escape New York City and buy the Stratford Inn, better known by the real-world residents of Middlebury, VT, as the Waybury Inn. The production crew saw the Waybury Inn while scouting locations and knew it was the perfect location. The inn still has props from the show on display, and the 214-year-old inn hosts travelers and diners to this day. Over the show's 184 episodes, Mr. Newhart and his cast centered their show around the fictional Stratford Inn, capturing the very real spirit and beauty of Vermont and the hard-working people that make it home.

Television and the arts play the important role in our lives and culture, bringing together friends and families, bridging cultural divides, and helping heal during times of difficulty. Mr. Newhart's Grammy and Emmy award winning performances and countless television shows and movies exemplify the power of comedy—and the essential role the arts play in our social fabric.

Mr. Newhart was an icon of comedy and Hollywood, but Vermonters will always remember his time as our favorite innkeeper.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO BAYARD TRACY

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Bayard Tracy of Spofford as August's Granite Stater of the Month. For almost 20 years, Bayard has volunteered with the Spofford Lake Association, helping to ensure that the community can use the lake for generations to come.

Shortly after he moved to Spofford in 2006, Bayard got involved with the Spofford Lake Association, first by helping with water testing and then with obtaining grants and conducting studies to understand and improve the lake's water quality. The studies showed that stormwater runoff is the largest source of phosphorus and other pollutants entering the lake—and this can create an unsafe environment for fish and wildlife. Using the information from the studies, Bayard and his fellow association volunteers worked with the State, the town of Chesterfield, and

property owners to develop a multiyear water management plan to improve Spofford Lake's water quality. As part of this plan, the town's select board established a watershed committee and created a wastewater management ordinance for the lake district. Additionally, they created a fund to help protect the lake in case of an invasive species infestation. All of these efforts will help make safe swimming, boating, and fishing on the lake.

Bayard has also led efforts to raise awareness among Spofford residents about the importance of protecting Spofford Lake and to increase the role of the community in the stewardship of the lake. Understanding that everyone needs to have a stake in maintaining the water quality of the lake so that people can continue to enjoy it for years to come, Bayard has encouraged individual landowners to take steps to stop erosion and runoff from their property—which can lead to increased pollution in the lake—and has worked to inform the community about other steps that individuals can take in order to keep the lake clean.

Bayard's commitment to protecting Spofford Lake by volunteering directly at the lake and by increasing community involvement in lake conservation efforts is a great example of the Granite State spirit of environmental stewardship and civic engagement. I am honored to name him August's Granite Stater of the Month. •

RECOGNIZING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE

• Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 70th anniversary of Macomb Community College. Over the last 70 years, Macomb Community College (MCC) has become a significant partner for local industry, providing high-quality, accessible, and affordable education opportunities to the residents of Macomb County and Southeast Michigan. It is an honor to recognize Macomb Community College's 70th anniversary on September 13, 2024.

Founded in 1954, Macomb Community College was created in response to the Macomb community's growing need for advanced educational opportunities and skilled labor for the growing workforce. A passionate group of educators from the Van Dyke School District came together to form the "South Macomb Community College," which would later be changed to "Macomb Community College." The first classes were held after hours in Van Dyke School District's Lincoln High School for just 84 students.

By 1962, the number of enrolled students at MCC had grown to 3,000, prompting Macomb County to advance a millage with voters and create the Community College District of Macomb. Since then, the college has kept pace with the growing needs of Macomb County and currently operates the Center and East Campus locations in Clinton Township, as well as the South Campus and Michigan Technical

Education Center (M-TEC) locations in the city of Warren.

Today, MCC serves over 28,000 students annually. The programs and courses at Macomb Community College aim to empower students and prepare them for future careers and continued education. With more than 170 degree and certificate programs, in addition to workforce and continuing education (WCE) courses and diverse apprenticeship opportunities, MCC helps prepare its students for a variety of careers and futures. MCC's nationally acclaimed University Center, opened in 1991, was among the first of its kind in the U.S. and, through partnerships with Michigan colleges, offers students the opportunity to attend classes locally and work towards completing a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree from the partner school. Graduates from MCC's academic and workforce programs go on to support Macomb County's workforce in critical areas such as healthcare, public safety, education, and more.

MCC continues to be a key partner in the region that delivers on workforce development needs through continual innovation and investment in their students' success. They further enrich the cultural fabric of the Macomb community by fostering a diverse and inclusive environment across their campuses, supporting the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts and the Lorenzo Cultural Center, and by demonstrating a steadfast philanthropic spirit by hosting annual campaigns and events, such as the annual MCC Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. Alma mater to current leaders in Macomb, including Macomb County Drain Commissioner Candice Miller and Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel, and future leaders of tomorrow, MCC continues to deliver on its mission to transform lives and communities through the power of education, enrichment, and economic development.

Macomb Community College has greatly and positively impacted the lives of generations of students and has helped to shape Macomb County and Southeast Michigan as we know it. I ask you to join me in recognizing Macomb Community College as they celebrate their 70th anniversary. •

REMEMBERING JOSEPH W. KITTINGER, JR.

• Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise to honor the life of Air Force Col. Joseph Kittinger. Joe Kittinger was born in 1928 in Tampa, FL, and today, his service and life were honored at Arlington National Cemetery. Kittinger's incredible story includes setting a world record by skydiving from a height of over 19 miles and serving three combat tours as a fighter pilot in Vietnam, among many more achievements. His record-setting experiments helped American's human space exploration. I had the honor of meeting Joe a few years before he passed away in 2022 at the age of 94. It was a great joy to hear his story firsthand. He was a true American hero, and we are forever

thankful for his service and contributions to our country.●

TRIBUTE TO JORJA WHEMPNER

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Jorja Whempner, an intern in my Aberdeen, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Jorja is a graduate of Summit High School in Summit, SD. Currently, she is attending Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD, where she is pursuing a degree in history education. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Jorja for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR KEVIN HARKEY

● Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, our veterans embody the ideals of “team” and “family” that they learn in the military. For CSM Kevin Harkey, he shares this sense of family with those who need it most in his community. A Huntsville native, Kevin enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1990, at the beginning of the Gulf War. He started out as a mechanic, where he helped maintain our missile launchers. He later retrained as a nurse, serving as an EMT on the frontlines of the Iraq War.

Kevin received numerous medals for his efficiency and devotion, including being named as the 101st Airborne Division’s NCO of the Year in 1999. His passion for mentoring the next generation prompted him to draft a “study guide” for upcoming soldiers on the 30th anniversary of his enlistment. In the guide, he reminds NCOs to “Lead from the front.” Another principle he teaches is the importance of “being present” for those you are leading.

It is no surprise that Kevin still demonstrates these leadership qualities, even since his retirement from the military. In his free time, you can find him mentoring students at local community centers with his Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He serves as a consistent role model for teenagers ages 10–17, many of whom come from single-parent homes. Additionally, Kevin is a proud father of three and grandfather of seven. Alabama is grateful for Kevin’s investment in our next generation of leaders. It is my honor to recognize him as the August Veteran of the Month.●

TRIBUTE TO MASTER SERGEANT JERRY WHEAT

● Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, there is no doubt that our veterans inspire us to see the very best of America. They remind us of the sacrifices

made for our country to be the best in the world. And their patriotism is the reason why the American dream continues to exist for future generations. MSgt Jerry Wheat of Wetumpka is one such example of patriotism.

Jerry joined the Air Force right after graduating high school in 1957, doing more than 40 combat missions during the Vietnam war. He flew more than 5,000 hours total during his three tours of service. Jerry was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his flying missions over enemy territory.

After retiring out of Maxwell Air Force Base, Jerry and his wife decided to make the River Region their permanent home. But Jerry couldn’t stay away from serving our military. He joined the Civil Air Patrol, where he worked for another 20 years at Maxwell, all while going back to college and becoming the first in his family to obtain a college degree.

Despite facing multiple health challenges from exposure to Agent Orange, he doesn’t hesitate to say he would do it all over again. His influence is evident in the impact it has had on his family, including his granddaughter, who nominated him for this recognition. Jerry’s story reminds us of the high price paid for us to have the opportunity to achieve more than those who came before us. It is my honor to recognize him as the September Veteran of the Month.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13848 OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2018, WITH RESPECT TO THE THREAT OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN UNITED STATES ELECTIONS—PM 60

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register*, and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register*, for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the threat of foreign interference in or undermining public confidence in United States elections declared in Executive Order 13848 of September 12, 2018, is to continue in effect beyond September 12, 2024.

Although there has been no evidence of a foreign power altering the outcomes or vote tabulation in any United States election, foreign powers have historically sought to exploit America’s free and open political system. In recent years, the proliferation of digital devices and internet-based communications has created significant vulnerabilities and magnified the scope and intensity of the threat of foreign interference. The ability of persons located, in whole or in substantial part, outside the United States to interfere in or undermine public confidence in United States elections, including through the unauthorized accessing of election and campaign infrastructure or the covert distribution of propaganda and disinformation, continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13848 with respect to the threat of foreign interference in or undermining public confidence in United States elections.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 9, 2024.

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS DECLARED IN PROCLAMATION 7463 OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2001, WITH RESPECT TO THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001—PM 61

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d), provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to

the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. Consistent with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency declared in Proclamation 7463 with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001, is to continue in effect for an additional year.

The terrorist threat that led to the declaration on September 14, 2001, of a national emergency continues. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect after September 14, 2024, the national emergency with respect to the terrorist threat.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, September 9, 2024.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4763. An act to provide for a system of regulation of digital assets by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities Exchange Commission, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 124. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medals awarded under the Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act.

H. Con. Res. 126. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal in commemoration to the servicemembers who perished in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021, during the evacuation of citizens of the United States and Afghan allies at Hamid Karzai International Airport.

The message also announced that the Speaker and Minority Leader announces their joint appointment, pursuant to section 103(c) of the Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 50313), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: Mr. Mike Thompson of St. Helena, California.

The message further announced that the Speaker and Minority Leader announces their joint appointment, pursuant to section 203(c) of the Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 50323), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: Mr. Stephen Wayne Prator of Shreveport, Louisiana.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4 of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (Public Law 114-196), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Mr. James W. Rane of Abbeville, Alabama.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4763. An act to provide for a system of regulation of digital assets by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 4973. A bill to reassert the constitutional authority of Congress to determine the general applicability of the criminal laws of the United States, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5558. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Boards of Trade" (RIN3038-AF37) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5559. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kasugamycin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 12005-01-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5560. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indoxacarb; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 11964-01-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5561. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ophioglossum pendulum IPD079Ea Protein; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 11911-01-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2024; to the

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5562. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus subtilis strain CH4000; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 10390-01-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5563. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus paralicheniformis strain CH0273; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 10389-01-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5564. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777a; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5565. A communication from the Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of vice admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777a; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5566. A communication from the Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777a; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5567. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001, in light of the expiration of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5568. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 14046 with respect to Ethiopia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5569. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 14064 with respect to the widespread humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and the potential for a deepening economic collapse in Afghanistan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5570. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 14014 with respect to the situation in and in relation to Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5571. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13848 with respect to the threat of foreign interference in or undermining public confidence in United States

elections; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5572. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fair Hiring in Banking Act” (RIN3064-AF92) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5573. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modernization of Engagement with Mortgagors in Default” (RIN2502-AJ66) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5574. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Interagency Guidance on Third-Party Relationships: Risk Management” received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 7, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5575. A communication from the Principal Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Kentucky Regulatory Program [KY-264-FOR]” (Docket ID OSM-2022-0008) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5576. A communication from the Principal Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pennsylvania Regulatory Program [PA-167-FOR]” (Docket ID OSM-2017-0009) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5577. A communication from the Principal Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pennsylvania Regulatory Program [PA-170-FOR]” (Docket ID OSM-2018-0007) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5578. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Procedures for Determining Eligibility for Access to Classified Matter or Special Nuclear Material” (RIN1992-AA64) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5579. A communication from the Departmental Privacy Officer, Office of Law Enforcement and Security, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Privacy Act Regulations; Exemption for the DOI Law Enforcement Records Management System” (RIN1090-AB28) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President

of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5580. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs and Directives, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Temporary Closure and Restriction Orders” (RIN1004-AE89) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5581. A communication from the Biologist of the Branch of Domestic Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife: Updating Entries for Five Coral Species and Adding Three Nonessential Experimental Populations of Chinook Salmon” (RIN1018-BH93) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5582. A communication from the Biologist of the Branch of Domestic Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for the San Francisco Bay-Delta Distinct Population Segment of the Longfin Smelt” (RIN1018-BG07) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5583. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Announcement of the Delegation of Partial Administrative Authority to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for Implementation of the Clean Air Act Federal Minor New Source Review Program in Indian Country and the Indian Country Minor Source Oil and Gas Federal Implementation Plan” (FRL No. 11993-01-R8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5584. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Revisions; Arizona; Maricopa County Air Quality Department” (FRL No. 11882-02-R9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5585. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Findings of Failure to Submit State Implementation Plan Revisions for Nonattainment Areas of the 2010 1-Hour Primary Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard” (FRL No. 11815-01-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5586. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Nebraska; Revisions to Title 129 of the Nebraska Administrative Code; Nebraska Air Quality Regulations” (FRL No. 11676-02-R7)

received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5587. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; California; Ventura County Air Pollution Control District” (FRL No. 11173-02-R9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5588. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval of Air Quality State Implementation Plans; New Jersey; 2015 Ozone Infrastructure” (FRL No. 10786-02-R2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5589. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval of Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Arizona; 2015 Ozone Infrastructure Requirements” (FRL No. 9693-02-R9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5590. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Modifications to the Safer Choice Standard and a Provision for a Safer Choice Cleaning Service Certification Program; Notice of Availability” received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5591. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Indiana; Ozone SIP Modifications due to the Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Update” (FRL No. 12117-02-R5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5592. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval and Disapproval; Pennsylvania; Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Under the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)” (FRL No. 11960-02-R3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5593. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New York; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan for the Second Implementation Period” (FRL No. 11807-02-R2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5594. A communication from the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Good Neighbor Environmental Boards' report on drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure in the U.S.-Mexico border region, and the Council's response to the report; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5595. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Administration, Cost, and Impact of the Quality Improvement Organization Program for Medicare Beneficiaries for Fiscal Year 2023"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5596. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Plan-Specific Substitute Mortality Tables for Determining Present Value" (RIN1545-BQ67) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5597. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Required Procedures to Claim a Section 45Q Credit for Utilization of Carbon Oxide" (Notice 2024-60) received during adjournment in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5598. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the Office of the Inspector General (Tax Administration), Department of Treasury received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5599. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Open Payments Program"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5600. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, the text of an Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Singapore Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5601. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Management, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "USAID Assistance Regulation: Plain Language and Conforming Revisions" (RIN0412-AB12) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5602. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the intent to exercise under section 506(a) (1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, to provide assistance to Ukraine, including for self-defense and border security operations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5603. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms,

parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Kosovo in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-028); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5604. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Germany and Norway in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-044); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5605. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Israel in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-041); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5606. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Germany in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-015); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5607. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad to Israel (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-017); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5608. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad to Poland and the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-025); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5609. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Ukraine and the Netherlands in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-045); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5610. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Canada in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more and the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-032); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5611. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Financial Resources, Department of Health and Human Services,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustment" (RIN0991-AC34) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5612. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supporting the Head Start Workforce and Consistent Quality Programming" (RIN0970-AD01) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5613. A communication from the Director of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2024-06, Introduction" (FAC 2024-06) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5614. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5615. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application Period Extension" (RIN1660-AB15) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5616. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2015-038, Reverse Auction Guidance" (RIN9000-AN31) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5617. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-530, "Fiscal Year 2024 Revised Local Budget Adjustment Temporary Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5618. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-531, "Voluntary Agreement Moratorium Temporary Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5619. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-532, "Tenant Payment Plan Phasing Continuation Temporary Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5620. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-533, "Foreclosure Moratorium and Homeowner Assistance Fund Coordination Temporary Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5621. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report

on D.C. Act 25-534, “Green Housing Coordination Temporary Amendment Act of 2024”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5622. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-535, “Migrant Services and Supports Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2024”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5623. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-536, “Short-Term Disability Insurance Benefit Protection Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2024”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5624. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-550, “Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Support Act of 2024”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5625. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Secure Gun Storage and Definition of ‘Antique Firearm’” (RIN1140-AA10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2024; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5626. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu National Blue Alert Act”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5627. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Bacillus Licheniformis Strain 414-01; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL-12119-01-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5628. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Ethaboxam; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL-12119-01-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5629. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Pseudomonas Chlororaphis IPD072Aa Protein; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL-12149-01-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5630. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Oxirane, phenyl-, polymer With oxirane, mono(dihydrogen phosphate), decyl ether In Pesticide Formulations; Tolerance Exemption” (FRL-12156-01-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5631. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Tetraacetylenethylenediamine (TAED) and Its Metabolite Diacetylenethylenediamine (DAED); Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL-12187-01-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5632. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Lactic Acid and L-lactic Acid; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL-12194-01-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5633. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Phenol; Revoking Exemption from the Requirement of a Pesticide Tolerance” (FRL-12214-01-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5634. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2023-24 Crop Year” ((7 CFR Part 930) (Docket No. AMS-SC-23-0074)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5635. A communication from the Director of the Transparency and Accountability Reporting Division, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “USDA Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards” (RIN0505-AA18) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5636. A communication from the Program Analyst, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Tribe or Tribal Organization Sponsor Option for Watershed Projects” (RIN0578-AA72) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5637. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Onions Grown in South Texas; Increased Assessment Rule” ((7 CFR Part 959) (Docket No. AMS-SC-23-0086)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5638. A communication from the Program Analyst, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan program Changes Related to Special Servicing Options” (RIN0575-AD28) received dur-

ing adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5639. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Onions Grown in South Texas; Redistributing and Reappointing of Committee Membership” ((7 CFR Part 959) (Docket No. AMS-SC-23-0040)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5640. A communication from the Program Analyst, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Enhancing Program Access and Delivery for Farm Loans” (RIN0560-AI61) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5641. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5642. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5643. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5644. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Prompt Payment of Contractors” (RIN0750-AL27) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2024; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5645. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Source Restrictions on Auxiliary Ship Components” (RIN0750-AL03) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2024; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5646. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Commercial Item Determinations” (RIN0750-AL19) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2024; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5647. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Exception to Competition for Follow-On Production Contracts” (RIN0750-AK67) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2024; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5648. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office

EC-5672. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on

the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 14105 of August 9, 2023 with respect to the advancement by countries of concern in sensitive technologies and products critical to the military, intelligence, surveillance, or cyber-enabled capabilities of such countries; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5673. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 14105 of August 9, 2023, with respect to the advancement by countries of concern in sensitive technologies and products critical to the military, intelligence, surveillance, or cyber-enabled capabilities of such countries; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5674. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011 with respect to Libya; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5675. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001 with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5676. A communication from the Chair and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Iraq; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5677. A communication from the Chair and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Malaysia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5678. A communication from the Chair and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to South Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5679. A communication from the Chair and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to India; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5680. A communication from the Chair and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Morocco; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5681. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of Deposit Insurance Coverage for Legacy Branches of U.S. Banks in the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau" (RIN3064-AG06) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5682. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quality Control Standards for Automated Valuation Models" (RIN3064-AE68) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5683. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "U.S. Treasury Securities—State and Local Government Series" (RIN1530-AA25) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5684. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quality Control Standards for Automated Valuation Models" (RIN1557-AD87) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5685. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualifying Venture Capital Funds Inflation Adjustment" (RIN3235-AN33) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5686. A communication from the Principal Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Utah Regulatory Program [UT-048-FOR]" (Docket ID OSM-2012-0011) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5687. A communication from the Principal Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kentucky Regulatory Program [KY-260-FOR]" (Docket ID OSM-2018-0008) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5688. A communication from the Principal Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania AMLR Program [PA-165-FOR]" (Docket ID OSM-2016-0013) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5689. A communication from the Principal Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania Regulatory Program [PA-175-FOR]" (Docket ID OSM-2022-0003) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5690. A communication from the Principal Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "West Virginia Regulatory Program [WV-127-FOR]" (Docket ID OSM-2020-0003) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5691. A communication from the Program Analyst, Bureau of Ocean Energy Man-

agement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of Service Fees for Outer Continental Shelf Activities" (RIN1010-AE23) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5692. A communication from the Program Analyst, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Marine Archaeological Resources" (RIN1010-AE11) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5693. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines and New Source Performance Standards: Internal Combustion Engines; Electronic Reporting" ((RIN2060-AV40) (FRL No. 8899-02-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5694. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule: Revisions and Confidentiality Determinations for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems; Correction" ((RIN2060-AV49) (FRL No. 10246-03-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5695. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rhode Island: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program; Revisions and Corrections" (FRL No. 116919-02-R1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5696. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Herbicide Strategy to Reduce Exposure of Federally Listed Endangered and Threatened Species and Designated Critical Habitats from the Use of Conventional Agricultural Herbicides [Note: EPA disagrees with GAO's broader reading of the Congressional Review Act and does not believe that the enclosed actions is a 'rule' within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 804(3). Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, EPA is voluntarily submitting this action 'to each House of the Congress and the Comptroller General,' for their review under 5 U.S.C. 801(a)]" ((RIN2060-AV40) (FRL No. 8899-02-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5697. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Revisions; California; Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program" (FRL No. 11999-02-R9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5698. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Wisconsin; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2015 Ozone NAAQS" (FRL No. 12010-01-R5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5699. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; New Jersey; Elements of the 2008 and 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 12038-02-R2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5700. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; New Jersey; Interstate Transport Requirements for the 2010 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide Standard" (FRL No. 12057-02-R2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5701. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; New Jersey; NOx SIP Call and Removal of CAIR" (FRL No. 12093-02-R2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5702. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report to advise that he is exercising his authority to designate an Acting Inspector General of the Social Security Administration; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5703. A communication from the Senior Regulations Writer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to the Administrative Rules for Claimant Representation and Provisions for Direct Payment to Entities" (RIN0960-AI60) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5704. A communication from the Regulations Writer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Setting the Manner of Appearance of Parties and Witnesses at Hearings" (RIN0960-AI71) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5705. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the text of an Agreement Among the Government of the United States of America, the Government of Australia, and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation Related to Naval Nuclear Propulsion; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5706. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Termination Under Section 506(a) (1) of the

Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (FAA) to Provide Military Assistance to Ukraine"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5707. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Exemption for Defense Trade and Cooperation Among Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States" (RIN1400-AF84) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5708. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Amendments to the Definition of Activities That Are Not Exports, Reexports, Retransfers, or Temporary Imports" (RIN1400-AF26) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5709. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Exemption for Defense Trade and Cooperation Among Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States; Correction" (RIN1400-AF84) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5710. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Fermented Ammoniated Condensed Whey" (Docket No. FDA-2024-F-3879) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5711. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability; Accessibility of Medical Diagnostic Equipment of State and Local Government Entities" (RIN1190-AA78) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5712. A communication from the Senior Program Manager, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of Labor Acquisition Regulations" (RIN1291-AA43) received during adjournment of the Senate in the office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5713. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an alternative plan for pay adjustments for civilian Federal employees covered by the General Schedule and certain other pay systems in January 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5714. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Time-Limited Promotions" (RIN3206-AO52) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President

of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5715. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund" (RIN0917-AA10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2024; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5716. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a compilation and summary of reports received from chief district judges detailing each public event conducted in accordance with the Pro bono Work to Empower and Represent Act of 2018's requirements during the previous fiscal year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5717. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States" for the March 2024 calendar session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5718. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Visa Ineligibility" (RIN1400-AF77) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5719. A communication from the Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Grant Program" (RIN2900-AR16(F)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5720. A communication from the Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Center for Innovation for Care and Payment Update" (RIN2900-AR18(FF)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5721. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Ethiopia that was declared in Executive Order 14046 of September 17, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5722. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the President's intent to exempt all military personnel accounts, including Coast Guard military personnel accounts, from any discretionary cap sequestration in fiscal year 2025, if a sequestration is necessary; to the Committees on Appropriations; Armed Services; and the Budget.

EC-5723. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes; Amendment 39-22733" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2023-2395)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5745. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 4123" (RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31557)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5746. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 4121” ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31555)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5747. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 4122” ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31556)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5748. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment and Amendment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes; Eastern United States; Correction” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2023-2198)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5749. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment and Amendment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes; Eastern United States” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2023-2198)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5750. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace; Reidsville, NC” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-0319)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5751. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Jet Route J-89 and VOR Federal Airway V-161, and Establishment of Canadian RNAV Route Q-834; Northcentral United States” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2023-2493)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5752. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace; Llano and Mason, TX” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1123)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5753. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revocation of Class E Airspace; Gibson City, IL” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1147)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5754. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace; Hastings, NE” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1121)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5755. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace; Thomaston, GA” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1235)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5756. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace; Festus, MO” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1146)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5757. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class D Airspace; Dallas, TX” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2023-2362)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5758. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace; Chanute, KS” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1120)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5759. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace; Brenham, TX” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1392)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5760. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace; Lubbock, TX” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-0775)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5761. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class D Airspace; Fort Liberty, NC” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-0383)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5762. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace; Greenville, NC” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2023-2198)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5763. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment, Amendment, and Revocation of Multiple Air Traffic Service Routes; Eastern United States” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2023-2315)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5764. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Robinson Helicopter R-22 and R-44 Special Training and Experience Requirements” ((RIN2120-AL89) (Docket No. FAA-2023-2083)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5765. A communication from the Management Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Prohibition Against Certain Flights in the Kabul Flight Information Region” ((RIN2120-AL99) (Docket No. FAA-2023-1415)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5766. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Exemption for Active-Duty Uniformed Service Members From Merchant Mariner Credentialing Fees” ((RIN1625-AC83) (Docket No. USCG-2021-0288)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5767. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Kentucky River, Frankfort, KY” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2024-0093)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5768. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Okeechobee Waterway, Stuart, FL” ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0222)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office

of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5769. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Green River, Calhoun, KY” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2024-0708)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5770. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Upper Mississippi River, Mile Marker 497.6–497.2 LeClaire, IA and Port Byron, IL” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2024-0695)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5771. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 65” (RIN0648-BL95) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5772. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Program; Service Provider Revisions; Correction” (RIN0648-BM29) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5773. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan; Rulemaking To Modify the 2023–2027 Halibut Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Vessel Harvest Limitations in IFQ Regulatory Areas 4A, 4B, 4C, and 4D” (RIN0648-BM18) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5774. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan” (RIN0648-BI55) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5775. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modification of the West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions #51–#52” (RIN0648-XC983) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5776. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications; 2022–2023 Annual Specifications and Management Measures for Pacific Sardine” (RIN0648-XB877) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5777. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; Inseason Action for 2024 Commercial Pacific Bluefin Tuna Annual Catch Limit in the Eastern Pacific Ocean” (RIN0648-XD737) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5778. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; General Category and Harpoon Category Retention Limit Adjustments” (RIN0648-XD944) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5779. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Harpoon Category Retention Limit Adjustment” (RIN0648-XD158) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5780. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2023 Recreational Closure for Golden Tilefish in the South Atlantic” (RIN0648-XD155) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5781. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2023 Commercial Closure for Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack” (RIN0648-XD065) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5782. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Groupers Fishery of the South Atlantic; Amendment 53” (RIN0648-BM27) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5783. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of

Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico; Commercial Trip Limit for Gray Triggerfish” (RIN0648-BM13) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5784. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2024 Recreational Closure for Golden Tilefish in the South Atlantic” (RIN0648-XD672) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5785. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XD069) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5786. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XD208) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5787. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Central Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XD231) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5788. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XD250) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5789. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, Alaska Plaice, and Other Flatfish in the Herring Savings Areas of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XC988) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5790. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Sablefish in the Bering Sea

Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XD117) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5791. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XD678) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5792. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XD651) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5793. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XD162) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5794. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Blackspotted and Rougheye Rockfish in the Central Aleutian and Western Aleutian Districts of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XD147) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5795. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XD061) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5796. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands; Revised Final 2023 and 2024 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish” (RIN0648-XC365) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5797. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfers From VA and DE to NC” (RIN0648-

XD447) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5798. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfers From NC and VA to NJ” (RIN0648-XD599) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5799. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Improvement and Modernization of Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Vessel Reporting Regulations” (RIN0648-XD447) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5800. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer From NC to RI” (RIN0648-XD123) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5801. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Fishing Year 2023 Recreational Management Measures” (RIN0648-BM22) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5802. A communication from the Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Recreational Management Measures for the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; Fishing Year 2023” (RIN0648-BM09) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5803. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region; Golden Crab Fishery of the South Atlantic Region; Dolphin and Wahoo Fishery of the Atlantic; Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rules” (RIN0648-BL98) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5804. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pacific Island Fisheries; Annual Catch Limit and Accountability Measure for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Bottomfish in 2024-2025” (RIN0648-BM76) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29,

2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5805. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Pacific Fishery Management Plan; Amendment 28; Correction” (RIN0648-BI89) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5806. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Tribal Usual and Accustomed Fishing Areas” (RIN0648-BN09) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5807. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reel Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico; Partial Holdback of Commercial Quota for Gag in the Gulf of Mexico” (RIN0648-XD523) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5808. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; Amendment 52” (RIN0648-BM12) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5809. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2024 Commercial Accountability Measure and Catch Limit Reduction for Gag in the South Atlantic” (RIN0648-XD760) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5810. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries Off West Coast States; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Federal Salmon Regulations for Overfished Species Rebuilding Plans” (RIN0648-BM53) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5811. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries Off West Coast States; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; 2024 Specifications and Management Measures; Correction” (RIN0648-BM47) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5812. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modification of the West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions #32 Through #35” (RIN0648-XD952) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5813. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Closure of the General Category January Through March Fishery for 2024” (RIN0648-XD658) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5814. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Bluefin Tuna General Category Effort Controls and Related Regulations” (RIN0648-BM66) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5815. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Dusky Rockfish in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XE006) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5816. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Cook Inlet Salmon; Amendment 16; Correction” (RIN0648-BM42) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5817. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XY071) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5818. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Cook Inlet Salmon; Amendment 16; Correction” (RIN0648-BM42) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5819. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Com-

merce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XE004) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5820. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer From Virginia to Massachusetts” (RIN0648-XE107) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5821. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer From MA to RI” (RIN0648-XD611) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5822. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer From NC to NY” (RIN0648-XD616) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5823. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer from North Carolina to Connecticut” (RIN0648-XD631) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5824. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Fishing Year 2024 Recreational Management Measures” (RIN0648-BM90) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5825. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer From Virginia to Massachusetts” (RIN0648-XE107) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5826. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer From North

Carolina to New Jersey” (RIN0648-XE011) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5827. A communication from the Chief of Performance and Program Management, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “The Emergency Alert System and Wireless Emergency Alerts” ((FCC24-83) (PS Docket Nos. 15-91 and 15-94)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5828. A communication from the Supervisory Program Analyst, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Canadian, Texas)” (MB Docket No. 24-111) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5829. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Television Broadcasting Services; Jacksonville, Florida” (MB Docket No. 24-112) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5830. A communication from the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Addressing the Homework Gap through the E-Rate Program” ((RIN3060-AK57) (FCC 24-76) (WC Docket No. 21-31)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5831. A communication from the Senior Trial Attorney, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Refunds and Other Consumer Protections (2024 FAA Reauthorization)” (RIN2105-AF04) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5832. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Standard or Infant and Cradle Swings” (Docket No. CPSC-2013-0025) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5833. A communication from the Supervisory Program Analyst, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service Compensation; Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; Misuse of Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone” ((FCC 24-81) (CG Docket Nos. 22-408, 03-123, and 13-24)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5834. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled "Agency Seal" (RIN3072-AD01) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5835. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Location-Based Routing for Wireless 911 Calls Report and Order" ((FCC 24-78) (PS Docket Nos. 21-479 and 18-64)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5836. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Secretariat Division, Office of the General Counsel, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR); Federal Supply Schedule Economic Price Adjustment" (RIN3090-AK20) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5837. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program" (RIN2132-AB43) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5838. A communication from the Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Water Reuse Interagency Working Group"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5839. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, transmitting a legislative proposal entitled "United States International Development Finance Corporation Amendments Act of 2024" received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5840. A communication from the Deputy Undersecretary for International Affairs, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Strengthening Workers' Rights in Malaysia's Electronic Supply Chain" (FOA-ILAB-24-31) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5841. A communication from the Deputy Undersecretary for International Affairs, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increasing Responsiveness of Cambodian Organizations of Persons with Disabilities and their Key Stakeholders to Labor Exploitation and Barriers that Impede Access to Decent Work" (FOA-ILAB-24-30) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5842. A communication from the Deputy Undersecretary for International Affairs, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reducing Barriers that Impede Access to Education and Decent Work for LGBTQ+ Youth in Brazil and the Latin American and Caribbean Region" (FOA-ILAB-24-32) received

during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5843. A communication from the Deputy Undersecretary for International Affairs, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Project to Combat Child Labor and Promote Acceptable Conditions of Work in Tanzania's Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining Sector" (FOA-ILAB-24-29) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 26, 2024; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5844. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Sequestration Update Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2025"; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; Joint Committee on Taxation; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CASEY, from the Special Committee on Aging:

Special Report entitled "Fighting Fraud: Scams to Watch Out For" (Rept. No. 118-209).

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

S. 3664. A bill to require executive branch employees to report certain royalties, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-210).

By Mr. SCHATZ, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2796. A bill to provide for the equitable settlement of certain Indian land disputes regarding land in Illinois, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-211).

S. 2868. A bill to accept the request to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota at the request of that Community, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-212).

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

S. 3594. A bill to require governmentwide source code sharing, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-213).

S. 4305. A bill to improve the effectiveness of body armor issued to female agents and officers of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-214).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 4698. A bill to authorize the Joint Task Forces of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-215).

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. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 4992. A bill to promote peace, stability, and recovery in Ukraine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 4993. A bill to immediately halt investment by United States persons in the energy sector of Venezuela until the legitimate results of the July 28, 2024, election are respected; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WICKER:

S. 4994. A bill to modify the boundary of the Vicksburg National Military Park in the State of Mississippi, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 4995. A bill to provide for the establishment of a Water Project Navigators Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 4996. A bill to amend Public Law 89-108 to modify the authorization of appropriations for State and Tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. TESTER, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MORAN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 4997. A bill making supplemental appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. LUJÁN):

S. 4998. A bill to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Navajo Nation in the Rio San Jose Stream System in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 91

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 91, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to 60 diplomats, in recognition of their bravery and heroism during the Holocaust.

S. 173

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 173, a bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to require the safe storage of firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 242

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 242, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and title 5, United States Code, to permit leave to care for a domestic partner, parent-in-law, or adult child, or another related individual, who has a serious health condition, and to allow employees to

take, as additional leave, parental involvement and family wellness leave to participate in or attend their children's and grandchildren's educational and extracurricular activities or meet family care needs.

S. 428

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) were added as cosponsors of S. 428, a bill to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit the Federal Government from entering into contracts with an entity that discriminates against firearm or ammunition industries, and for other purposes.

S. 663

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 663, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the waiting periods for disability insurance benefits and Medicare coverage for individuals with metastatic breast cancer, and for other purposes.

S. 1028

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1028, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand health care and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 1185

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1185, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

S. 1706

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1706, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction for qualified business income.

S. 2001

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2001, a bill to require certain flags of the United States to be made in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2138

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2138, a bill to require the Secretary of Labor to take initiatives to measure the impact of automation on the work-

force in order to inform workforce development strategies, and for other purposes.

S. 2176

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2176, a bill to prohibit commercial sexual orientation conversion therapy, and for other purposes.

S. 2372

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2372, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to streamline enrollment under the Medicaid program of certain providers across State lines, and for other purposes.

S. 2405

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2405, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure pharmacy access and choice for Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 2888

At the request of Mr. KING, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 2888, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize representatives of veterans service organizations to participate in presentations to promote certain benefits available to veterans during preseparation counseling under the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 3180

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3180, a bill to establish a working waterfronts grant program.

S. 3197

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3197, a bill to establish and authorize funding for an Iranian Sanctions Enforcement Fund to enforce United States sanctions with respect to Iran and its proxies and pay off the United States public debt and to codify the Export Enforcement Coordination Center.

S. 3297

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3297, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the availability of medical nutrition therapy services under the Medicare program.

S. 3381

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3381, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow intan-

gible drilling and development costs to be taken into account when computing adjusted financial statement income.

S. 3491

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3491, a bill to prohibit United States contributions to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the Green Climate Fund.

S. 3519

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3519, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue guidance on whether hospital emergency departments should implement fentanyl testing as a routine procedure for patients experiencing an overdose, and for other purposes.

S. 3740

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3740, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize the residential substance use disorder treatment program, and for other purposes.

S. 3812

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 3812, a bill to provide firearm licensees an opportunity to correct statutory and regulatory violations, and for other purposes.

S. 3825

At the request of Mr. ROMNEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3825, a bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to establish a State innovation demonstration authority.

S. 4004

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4004, 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. 4075

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD), the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) were added as cosponsors of S. 4075, a bill to prohibit payment card networks and covered entities from requiring the use of or assigning merchant category codes that distinguish a firearms retailer from a general merchandise retailer or sporting goods retailer, and for other purposes.

S. 4100

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4100, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the National Cemeteries Foundation to support the educational outreach activities of the Veterans Legacy Program, and for other purposes.

S. 4186

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4186, a bill to eliminate toxic substances in beverage containers, and for other purposes.

S. 4280

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 4280, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for the intellectually disabled, and inpatient rehabilitation facilities to permit essential caregivers access during any period in which regular visitation is restricted.

S. 4437

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4437, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to coordinate, navigate, and manage care and benefits for veterans enrolled in both the Medicare program and the system of annual patient enrollment of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 4440

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4440, a bill to authorize additional monies to the Public Housing Capital Fund of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes.

S. 4528

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4528, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Marshall Walter "Major" Taylor in recognition of his significance to the nation as an athlete, trailblazer, role model, and equal rights advocate.

S. 4539

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 4539, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make certain provisions with respect to qualified ABLE programs permanent.

S. 4569

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4569, a bill to require covered platforms to remove nonconsensual intimate visual depictions, and for other purposes.

S. 4687

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4687, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to wildland firefighters in recognition of their strength, resiliency, sacrifice, and service to protect the forests, grasslands, and communities of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 4698

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4698, a bill to authorize the Joint Task Forces of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

S. 4727

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4727, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify the nature of judicial review of agency interpretations of statutory and regulatory provisions.

S. 4730

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4730, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the energy credit with respect to electrochromic glass.

S. 4832

At the request of Mrs. BRITT, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4832, a bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to amend the rules of the Commission to include a shark attack as an event for which a wireless emergency alert may be transmitted, and for other purposes.

S. 4868

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4868, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to eliminate the use of official time by Federal employees.

S. 4891

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4891, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Defense to limit copayments for outpatient visits for mental health or behavioral health under the TRICARE program, and for other purposes.

S. 4892

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4892, a bill to amend the Omnibus

Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a grant program for first responder mental health and wellness, and for other purposes.

S. 4932

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4932, a bill to amend the National Quantum Initiative Act to provide for a research, development, and demonstration program, and for other purposes.

S. 4933

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4933, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the tax-exempt controlled entity rules with respect to certain stock of government-sponsored enterprises.

S.J. RES. 45

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 45, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

S.J. RES. 96

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 96, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance".

S.J. RES. 108

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 108, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to reaffirm the principle that no person is above the law.

S. RES. 599

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 599, a resolution protecting the Iranian political refugees, including female former political prisoners, in Ashraf-3 in Albania.

S. RES. 669

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 669, a resolution designating October 10, 2024, as "American Girls in Sports Day".

S. RES. 684

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 684, a resolution supporting the role of the United States in

helping save the lives of children and protecting the health of people in low-income countries with vaccines and immunization through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance ("Gavi").

S. RES. 740

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 740, a resolution acknowledging and apologizing for the mistreatment of, and discrimination against, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals who served the United States in the uniformed services, the Foreign Services, and the Federal civil service.

S. RES. 802

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 802, a resolution designating August 2024 as "National Catfish Month".

AMENDMENT NO. 2903

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2903 intended to be proposed to S. 4638, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 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. DURBIN:

S. 4993. A bill to immediately halt investment by United States persons in the energy sector of Venezuela until the legitimate results of the July 28, 2024, election are respected; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

Their being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 4993

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 "Halt All United States Investments in Venezuela's Energy Sector Act of 2024".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) On July 28, 2024, more than 10,000,000 citizens of Venezuela voted in a presidential election in which meticulously documented and publicized data from credible election monitors clearly and convincingly showed that opposition candidate Edmundo Gonzalez received more than two-thirds of the votes against the regime of Nicolas Maduro.

(2) The Maduro regime has refused to respect the overwhelming choice of the people of Venezuela and subsequently arrested and abused thousands of innocent citizens of Venezuela, including children, for peaceful political participation.

SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON INVESTMENT BY UNITED STATES PERSONS IN ENERGY SECTOR OF VENEZUELA UNTIL THE LEGITIMATE RESULTS OF THE JULY 28, 2024, ELECTION ARE RESPECTED.

(a) PROHIBITION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the following transactions are prohibited:

(A) Any transaction by a United States person, or an entity owned or controlled by a United States person, to invest, trade, or operate within the energy sector of Venezuela, including the provision of goods, services, or finance to—

(i) Petroleos de Venezuela, S.A., or subsidiaries, representatives, or related companies of Petroleos de Venezuela, S.A.; or

(ii) the regime of Nicolas Maduro or any nondemocratic successor government in Venezuela.

(B) Any transaction that evades or avoids, has the purpose of evading or avoiding, causes a violation of, or attempts to violate the prohibition under subparagraph (A).

(2) APPLICABILITY.—The prohibitions under paragraph (1) shall apply—

(A) to the extent provided by law and regulations, orders, directives, or licenses that may be issued pursuant to this section; and

(B) notwithstanding any contract entered into or any license or permit granted before the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—

(1) IMPLEMENTATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, may take such actions, including prescribing regulations, as are necessary to implement this section.

(B) IEEPA AUTHORITIES.—The Secretary of the Treasury may exercise the authorities provided to the President under sections 203 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to the extent necessary to carry out this section.

(2) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of subsection (a) or any regulation, license, directive, or order issued to carry out that subsection shall be subject to the penalties set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as a person that commits an unlawful act described in subsection (a) of that section.

(c) RESPONSIBILITY OF OTHER AGENCIES.—All agencies of the United States Government shall take all appropriate measures within their authority to carry out the provisions of this section.

(d) TERMINATION OF PROHIBITION.—The prohibitions under subsection (a) shall terminate on the date on which the President submits to Congress a determination that the regime of Nicolas Maduro has recognized the July 28, 2024, electoral victory of Edmundo Gonzalez and relinquished power to the legitimately democratically elected government in Venezuela.

(e) UNITED STATES PERSON DEFINED.—In this section, the term "United States person" means—

(1) a United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence to the United States;

(2) any entity organized under the laws of the United States or any jurisdiction within the United States (including a foreign branch of any such entity); and

(3) any person physically located in the United States.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H. Con. Res. 126, which was received from the House and is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 126) authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal in commemoration to the servicemembers who perished in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021, during the evacuation of citizens of the United States and Afghan allies at Hamid Karzai International Airport.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 126) was agreed to.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 4973

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4973) to reassert the constitutional authority of Congress to determine the general applicability of the criminal laws of the United States, and for other purposes.

Mr. SCHUMER. In order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I would object to further proceeding.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it

stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 10; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that following the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Abelson nomination postcloture; further, that all time be considered expired at 11:30 a.m. and that following the cloture vote on the Vargas nomination, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings; that if cloture has been invoked on the Vargas nomination, all time be considered expired at 2:15 p.m.; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Tuesday's session, the motions 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.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

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

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

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Georgia.

APALACHEE SCHOOL SHOOTING

Mr. WARNOCK. Mr. President, I rise today carrying the grief of all Georgians after a school shooting in the small town of Winder, GA, claimed the lives of two children and two educators just 5 days ago.

I have been in the U.S. Senate a little over 3 years, and I have stood here three times to lament yet another tragic mass shooting in my State alone that has taken innocent lives. That is as unsurprising as it is tragic since we endure, in this country, about two mass shootings a day.

So here we are again. I stand here not just as a Senator but as a father of two young children. I can tell you that as a dad, that time in the morning when you get your kids ready for school and you put them in the car and you drive them to school—that is precious time. All of us parents, when we drop our kids off—we drive them to school or walk them to school or walk them to the schoolbus—we want to know that we are going to pick them up just a few hours later. It is a ritual played out in small towns and big cities all across America, and it is something we take for granted. But increasingly in the United States of America, we cannot take for granted that when we drop our kids off in the morning, we

will pick them up at 3 o'clock. That is every parents' nightmare regardless of your politics.

Only weeks into the new school year, this nightmare again became a reality in Georgia. With four dead, others injured, and an entire community traumatized, Apalachee High School joins a grim and growing procession of schools where our children are dying from gun violence.

We cannot easily pass this over. We must never forget their names: two dedicated educators, Cristina Irimie and Richard—or Coach Ricky, as he was called—Aspinwall, and then two young students, Mason Schermerhorn and Christian Angulo.

On Friday night, this past Friday night, I went to Winder to join Apalachee students, families, and community members as they came together to mourn these precious souls. It was a Friday night in smalltown Georgia. The truth is, we should have been there for a football game—how I remember those nights as a high school student—but instead of cheering on their classmates, they were mourning their classmates.

One student came up to me with pain in her eyes, and she said, "I don't want to go back to school." Then there were these girls, these 15-year-old girls, who surrounded me, because I spent some time there, and they began to talk to me. One of them talked about hearing the noise of someone banging on the door, of huddling and wondering what would come next.

Coach Ricky, who was beloved, was also a math teacher, and one of the girls said: This was my math teacher. Imagine that. You go to school one day, and the biggest thing you are concerned about is understanding the math problem, and you come to school the next day, the next week, and your math teacher is dead—another victim of a mass shooting in your school.

I remember talking also to the family of Christian, and the father shared with me that they had moved from California to a small town in Georgia looking for a quiet and peaceful life. Sad irony. Tragic irony.

One of my colleagues suggested over the weekend—one of my Senate colleagues—that this kind of violence is a fact of life. That is what he said. He said it is a fact of life.

No. This is a fact of life in America. In no other country that is not at war is this kind of random violence routine. This is a tragic form of American exceptionalism.

As we wrestle with this trauma, I think we are all called as a country to ask ourselves, what trauma do we visit upon our children if we say that the only thing we can do for you in the midst of all of this is to teach you how to hide?

That same colleague, by the way, suggested that what we ought to do is harden the schools because these are soft targets. Well, apply that logic. So are we going to harden every school in

America, harden every grocery store in America? What about shopping malls? What about spas? What about the medical clinics? What about the houses of worship? Is that the answer? Are we going to turn the whole country into a fort just so 14-year-olds can have AR-15s? So I know that we may not all agree on what to do, but surely we can do better than that. We don't have to live this way. We don't have to accept this as a fact of life.

So in the midst of all of this, we hear often the words, you know, "We are sending our thoughts and our prayers." Let me say as a man of faith that to say that you are praying while refusing to act is to make a mockery of faith. We must pray with our lips, and we must pray by taking action.

I do not believe that mass shootings as routine are the cost of freedom; I believe that they are the cost of blind obstinance. They are the cost of greed.

So we must start and see through a serious, bipartisan conversation right here in Washington and in State capitals all over this country about how to better protect our children and communities across the country from the scourge of gun violence.

I was proud that a few years ago, just a couple years ago, we did make progress right here in this Chamber, and we passed commonsense gun safety reforms in the wake of yet another tragic school shooting. While that bill was modest, it was meaningful. We made progress. Right now, that law is saving lives but, as we were reminded just a few days ago, not enough. So there is still work for us to do.

For me, this is not a political issue; it is a moral issue. The glimmer of hope is that most American families feel the same way. According to a FOX News poll, about 87 percent of Americans believe that Congress ought to pass universal background checks. That is Democrats and Republicans—87 percent agreement. Still we can't have a serious conversation about that here in this Chamber. Why? Because politicians have put their own political ambitions—their own fears in some cases—ahead of the people we were sent here to represent. It is just another sign of the growing chasm between what the people want and what they can get out of their government. In that sense, it is a democracy problem.

So we have to save the American people from this carnage, and we have to redeem the democracy. We must do more, and I believe in our ability to do more because I believe in the American people. The American people are calling for change—Democrats and Republicans, folks in rural spaces and in urban spaces. It is the gun lobby that wants to turn this into a culture war because they know that is in their best interest.

This is a public safety issue, and the American people are calling out for action, they are calling for sanity, and I believe it is high time that we do that work.

As I close, I just want to thank our law enforcement officers. I want to thank our first responders and our healthcare workers. May we thank our educators, our teachers, our coaches. May we remember the people of Winder and Apalachee High School and small towns all across our country. They all stood up the other day, shining bright in a dark moment. I pray for the day when I will be able to say the same thing about the U.S. Congress. It is past time.

As dark as this moment is, may we be encouraged by the words of Scripture:

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:56 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LANHEE J. CHEN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE JEFFREY R. MORELAND, TERM EXPIRED.

UNITED NATIONS

BEN CARDIN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SEVENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

TANYA LEIGH FLORES, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SEVENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

DAN SULLIVAN, OF ALASKA, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SEVENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

MICHAEL TRAGER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SEVENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ADAM GAMORAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION SCIENCE, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS, VICE MARK SCHNEIDER, TERM EXPIRED.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

GORDON HARTOGENSIS, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE A GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 8, 2031, VICE ROMAN MARTINEZ IV, TERM EXPIRING.

THE JUDICIARY

ELIZABETH C. COOMBE, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, VICE GLENN T. SUDDABY, RETIRED.

SARAH MORGAN DAVENPORT, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO, VICE WILLIAM P. JOHNSON, RETIRING.

SHARAD HARSHAD DESAI, OF ARIZONA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA, VICE G. MURRAY SNOW, RETIRING.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

LT. GEN. XAVIER T. BRUNSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. RICHARD E. ANGLE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. GARY A. ROPERS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be brigadier general

COL. THERESA K. COGSWELL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. LANCE A. OKAMURA

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. SCOTT W. HUPAKKA

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. PAUL L. KUETTNER

COL. SANDRA K. MARTIN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JOHNNY K. DAVIS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. ALLAN M. PEPIN

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

JUSTIN S. ALBERICO

TERRANCE S. ALLEN

MATTHEW M. ANDREWS

MATTHEW R. ARNOLD

NICHOLAS D. ARTHUR

KEATON B. ASKEW

BRYSON STEPHEN AYERS

JONATHAN N. BALL

EDMUND A. BALLEW

JUSTIN D. BANEZ

WILLIAM S. BARKSDALE

LINDSEY A. BAUER

BRIAN D. BEEARS

MARK W. BERTHELOTTE

BRETT W. BLACK

IVAN L. BLACKWELL

KRISTEN ALYCE BONEBERG

ASCENZO J. BONITATI

WILLIAM F. BOOTH II

ADAM R. BOYD

MARC R. BRADLE

EDWARD A. BRAHMBHATT

JESE D. BREAU

PAUL J. BREHM

MIKITA R. BROWN

STANLEY C. BROWN, JR.

JULIANA T. BRUNS

STEVEN JAMES CAIN

ELLEN MARIE GETZ CANUP

SHAWN M. CHAMBERLIN

SHAWN R. CHANEY

MICHAEL S. CHMIELEWSKI

JONATHAN TREVOR CICHOWSKI

MARY F. CLARK

DAVID R. CLEMENTI

STEVEN M. COOPER

KEVIN D. COUGHLIN

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL COVILLE

RICHARD S. CRAMER, JR.

JOHN ALBERT CUMMINGS, JR.

BROOKS M. DANIEL

BRADLEY W. DAVIES

CHAD M. DAVIES

JONATHAN R. DEDIC

AARON M. DEVAN

BRIAN R. DICKS

SCOTT D. DIEHL

STEVEN E. DOVE

SARAH M. DOWD

JOHN DAVID DURAY

LAURA B. EASTON

JOSHUA J. EDGINGTON

JASON M. EGGER

DANIEL J. ETUE

JASON B. EVANS

JOSEPH N. FARAONE
GREGORY R. FARRELL
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JORDAN MATTHEW HRUPEK
GREGORY ANDREW HUNGER
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AARON JOHN LIPPY
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NICOLA C. POLIDOR
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ALEXANDER J. REICH
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SAMUEL P. ROBINO
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KYLE J. RYKACZEWSKI
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ERIN MAUREEN TEDESCO
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WILLIAM B. BURROUS
BRIAN E. CAMPBELL
JOHN JOSEPH CASEY
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MICHAEL J. CHEATHAM
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ROSS MICHAEL DAVIS
GREGORY A. DEGRUCHY
ODI H. DIAMBRA
COREY S. EVERAGE
MITCHELL K. FOY
RICARDO R. GARCIA
JAMIE S. GEGG
CRYSTAL A. GLASTER
AMBER L. GOODWIN
CODY L. GRAVITT
MARJORIE HALL BARNUM
RACHEL M. HAMLYN
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JOHN J. HARDING
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MARK A. HELL
SETH HERNANDEZ
NATHAN R. HIER
KATHRYN L. HINDS
JON LELAND HOBART
RYAN A. HOWELL

CHRISTOPHER E. JONES
MICHAEL DAVID KENNEDY
BENJAMIN R. KNOST
KIMBERLY J. LICHT
ALEXANDER R. LIGGETT
BJ LIM
JASON S. LONG
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MARY ELIZABETH MANGUM
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DANIEL P. MCGUIRE
HEATH AARON MCKIM
BRANDON S. MCKINNON
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JONATHON M. MURRAY
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STEPHANIE ANN MYERS
RYAN A. NATALINI
JAMES J. NELSON
MARC ANTHONY C. ORTIZ
CASEY L. PEASE
MARTIN L. PEREZ
REDAHLIA S. PERSON
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BENJAMIN J. SCHNEIDER
BRIAN H. SHEEHAN
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LEE EDMOND AKERS
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CONNOR W. BENEDICT
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MATTHEW W. BUCHHOLZ
BENJAMIN GARY CALIFF
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NICHOLAS RYAN COLEMAN
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ERIC R. DITTMAN
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THEODORE J. ERICKSON
JAVIER A. ESCOBAR
KRISTINA LECHNER ESPOSITO
KENTON A. FELDMAN
ANDREW CAIRL FRAZIER
JASON R. FUHRER
DAVID RAY GALBREATH
AMY M. HALLOCK
LANE C. HAUBELT
TIMOTHY MATTHEW HIGLEY
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ROBINSON CHARLES L. HUGHES
JEREMY DOUGLAS JOHNSON
STEVEN P. JORDAN
JUAN D. JURADO
MARSHA ROSA KARLAN
JESSICA LYNN KASHKA
MATTHEW KAUFFMANN
HOPE MARIE KLUKOVICH
JOSEPH B. KOLESKI
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JOHN D. MCSHANE
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ELBERT G. MOSE
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STARCELL A. MOSLEY
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KATRINA L. SCHWEIKER
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JAMES A. SCOVILLE
LADY NOREEN SANTOS SIMMONS
JESSE PAUL SOMANN
WILLIAM JAMES STEPHENSON
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ERIC M. ASHE
SEAN A. ATKINS
THOMAS L. AUERS
CHARLES A. BARTON III
RYAN DALLAS BATCHELOR
KATHERINE A. BATTERTON
DAVID J. BENSON
JOHN H. BERGMANS
BRANDON J. BERNARDONI
DANIEL IAN BLACKLEDGE
ELIZABETH C. BLAKEMAN
MORONI CRAIG BOOTH
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BRYON C. BUZAN
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THOMAS J. GRANT
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BILLY R. HUFFMAN
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JAMES JOHNSON
BRIAN P. KIRCHNER
SHERYLL I. KLINKEL
TRAVIS D. KORNAHRENS
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CAMERON J. LEE
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MARCUS E. MCNABB
ERIC J. MEHRTEENS
BRIAN EDWARD MILLER
MELISSA JANE MILNER
ZALINA RADHIYA MIMS
JOHN MARTIN MINER
PAVITRA P. MUTHY
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TODD JOSEPH PACIENCIA
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DEAN A. SMITH
ZACHARY M. SMITH
JEREMY L. SPARKS
JOSHUA IAN TOLK
TIMOTHY A. TURNER
JOSHUA MICHAEL TYSON
PHILLIP WILLIAM VENTURA
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OMAR VILLARREAL
DANIEL EARL WAD
KURT WEISSGERBER
GREGORY C. WHITE
CHRISTOPHER GLEN WILEY
ADAM M. WILLIAMS
TYLER J. WINTERMOTE
STANLEY Y. WONG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

ERIC STARR BUSS
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NIGEL H. CRISP
SAMUEL A. GRAHAM III
BRIAN B. LANE
ROBERT J. MACK
BURDETTE O. MILLEN
CHRISTIAM E. ORMAZA
CHRISTOPHER M. PUGH
DANIEL WESLEY SHIMONSKY
JONATHAN M. WALKER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

STEPHEN V. S. ALEXANDER
GEORGE AMBELANG
BRIAN S. BARBA
JULIAN L. BENTON
DAVID JASON BEWLEY
KEVIN M. BOURNE
JEREMY W. COLE
DAVID MATTHEW COX
WILLIAM JAMES HERBERT
KENNETH R. HERRINGDINE, JR.
BRANDON E. JOHNSON
JUAN R. MATIAS
SERGEI ALEXANDER MEDVEDEV
TERRY J. NAIL
MICHAEL J. NISHIMURA
ADRIAN CIPRIAN PATRASCU
ERIC GUY RABARIJAONA
SEAN CHRISTOPHE REYNOLDS
TIMOTHY C. ROLLING
PHILEMON SAKAMOTO
BRYAN P. SHOUBE
ROBERT A. SMITH
MATTHEW STINES
MAUREEN E. TANNER
TERRA S. VERBIK
TREVOR R. WEINERT
YESUN YOON

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR ARMY DENTAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531, 716, AND 7064:

To be lieutenant colonel

WESLEY S. SHUTE

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 8286:

To be captain

ROBERT J. COATS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be commander

CHRISTOPHER H. ANSCHUETZ
TYSON M. BIDDLE
EVAN R. BLOXHAM
MARIO D. P. BROOKS
CHRISTOPHER J. BROWN
CALVIN T. H. CHU
WANDA I. COLN
AARON B. H. DEANON
MADELEINE PUENTES
ARASH HAGUE
NAJIB HAMDOUNI
WESLEY Y. HAN
BLAKE M. HARPEL
DANIEL S. HATTING
JONATHAN A. HERRICK
ANTHONY L. HINDS
DANIEL F. HINKLEY
JUSTIN M. H. HUNNELL
PETER W. JACQUES
SAMUEL E. MACAVOY
SEAN P. MERCIER
ANTHONY F. MEYER
SAND D. MILLER
JASON R. MORLAN
GARRY W. NATALE
MATTHEW M. NECHAK
BRYAN H. ORTIZ
DESSISLAVA I. RABELL
CHRISTY F. RIEGER
GAMALIER RIVERAFONTAN
BRET M. ROBERTS
GREGORY P. SCEVIOUR
JEFFREY L. SCHOFF
ANALEE H. SEILER
PATRICK C. SHANE
TAYLOR A. SHIPLEY
JORDAN T. STEPHENS
JASON L. STORY
PHUONG A. C. TA
DAVID J. UYAN
TIMOTHY P. VADALA
ERIN C. WALSH
MICHAEL A. WIESMAN
RICHARD J. WILSON

LIN L. ZHENG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be commander

ANDREW J. BROD
SAUL L. BURLESON
LARA C. BYRD
TRAVIS E. COFFEY
MATTHEW C. FORE
ANDREW M. FRANCIS
MATTHEW A. HARRIS
STEVEN G. HERVEY
BRIAN J. KIRSCHENBAUM
KEITH J. LIGHTNER
EAMON A. MCGRAW
MARIO K. MURPHY
JASON D. OWEN
FLOURNOY C. PHELPS
JASON T. PORTER
ROBERT C. PRICE
NATHAN N. RICE
MATTHEW A. RILEY
PAUL B. RODGERS
NASHAUNNA S. SANDERS
PAUL A. SCHUMANN
MATTHEW D. SHEPARD
JOSHUA A. SHERWIN
SCOT E. SROKA
JOHN W. TARR
MARK A. TORRES
JONATHAN D. UYBOCO
STEVEN M. WALKER
YONATAN M. WARREN
KEVIN S. WILKINSON
DAVID R. WILLIAMS
ROILYNN K. WILLIAMS
MARK J. WON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be commander

CHRISTOPHER S. WALTON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be commander

RAMON ACOSTA
CHRISTOPHER L. ADCOCK
ANDREW B. ANDERSON
RYAN C. BARRETT
JONATHAN P. BERUBE
JOSHUA S. BETTIS
JOSEPH P. BLAUWIEKEL
TRAVIS O. BOLES
CHRISTIAN J. CAPRON
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PATRICK E. DURNAN
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ANDRES ESPINOSA FELICIANO
WILLIAM T. FLETCHER
RICHARD K. FORNEY
DENQUA S. FREDDIE
JUSTIN T. GREUNKE
ERIC R. HOWER
ELIZABETH A. HUBER
JOHN M. KAISER
MARCUS F. KNOLL
AARON R. KOTLARZ
RONALD B. LAYCOCK
JONATHAN D. MCGUIRE
MICHAEL G. MITSCH
ETHAN T. MOECKL
KEVIN T. PAINTER
MATTHEW A. PINE
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CELESTE D. RENOEWICK
MARK Z. ROUSSEL
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GREGORY M. SHULTZ
CORINNE A. SIMS
THOMAS R. STOCK
KYLE P. STRAUSBAUGH
CHRISTOPHER A. THOMAS
VINCENT TREJO
RONALD J. UGLOW
LAUREN N. WAKEFIELD
SAMUEL D. WEBB
MORGAN C. WEBER
CASIE M. WHITE
RYAN M. WHITE
SEN F. YU

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant commander

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DOUGLAS K. ANDERSON
MICHAEL C. ANDERSON
RICARDO H. ATILES
SALEEMA I. BAKSH
DONALD W. BARNARD III
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SEAN S. BIAN
CLARA D. BLACKSCOTT
JONATHON C. BRACE
NICHOLAS P. BUTLER

LUFORD C. CAMPBELL
KYLE R. CASMEY
NIA S. CHANDLER
JACOB E. CHIVERS
TAYLOR A. DEEGAN
MYDA A. DELACRUZ
CHRISTOPHER C. DELLIPAOLI
DUY A. DO
TREY D. DUNCAN
JOSHUA C. ELLIOTT
DEREK E. FLEMING
ALLAN D. FLORES
CATHERINE L. FREITAG
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KRISTIN A. FULK
JAMES D. GLORIA
ANDREW J. GOMEZ
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JASMINE D. GUERRERO
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KRISTINA M. HOGANS
EVAN A. HUGHES
MICHELOT JOSEPH
GRACE E. KIM
IZAH M. LAMA
MICHAEL J. MACE
DANIELLE S. MALLORY
KEVIN T. MARVEL
TAKUYA MATSUDA
JASMINE R. MAUPIN
MATTHEW D. MCINTYRE
MATHEW J. MILLER
TYLER M. MURPHY
KURT V. MYNSTER
NGOC T. T. NGUYEN
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RAMON OLIVERSANCHEZ
STEVEN H. OLSHENSKE
WILLIAMS A. OREDOLA
JOY L. PEACE
SHANE J. PHILLIPS
BRYAN S. PROHASKA
JENNIFER E. PRY
SINDY D. RAMIREZ
MELISSA R. RIZZO
JESSE R. ROUTSONG
CHELSEA M. ROWAN
MARC E. SANTOS
STEVEN W. SHIVER
STEFAN D. SOOKOO
TYLER G. STERK
MEGAN C. STEVENSON
MARGARET R. STRAW
ANDREW A. SUTTON
STEVEN T. UNPINGCO
PAMELA A. VELEZ
PRISCILLA M. WEAVER
ANTHONY D. WEBB, JR.
ADAM J. WEISGERBER
DILLON G. WEST
DENNIS S. WILLIAMS, JR.
ERIC A. WILLIAMS
KESHIA V. WILLIAMS
SHANITA T. WILLIAMS
TYRELL T. YORKE
NICHOLAS S. ZIMMER

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NAHLA N. Z. ALAZZEH
JEREMIAH D. ALLEN
TAQUITA L. ARDAN
NATHACHA AVRIL
KARRIE M. BARBEE
RANDALL J. BARLOW
NICOLE M. BARTHELME
MATTHEW R. BASKWELL
MICHAEL B. BEALL
COREY D. BEGGS
MELISSA A. BENSON
MEGAN L. BESS
THOMAS J. BOLSEGA
MARK R. BOYD
AMANDA J. BROCK
ALECIA A. M. BROWN
ELENA M. BROWN
LISA M. BRUSCATO
MELISSA A. CAMPBELL
STACEY J. CAMPBELL
JUAN F. CANCHON
RAUL E. CARDONA
ELIZABETH D. CASEY
ALAN M. CHAMBERS
ANDREW J. CHAMBERS
LIZA M. CHARNOKI
JOSHUA A. CHATMAN
SANDY CHOI
SOAH CHON
ALYSSA E. CLARK
AMBER E. COLLINS
SIMON F. CONRAD
MICHAEL P. COUGHLIN
MICHELLE A. COY
CASSANDRA CRUSOE
SARAH A. CRUZ
NICOLE E. CUIRAN
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