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#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, 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.

#### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

#### REPORT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT AMENDS EXECUTIVE ORDER 13761 OF JANUARY 13, 2017—PM 12

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:*

Consistent with subsection 401(b) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(b), and subsection 204(b) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(b), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order (the "order") that amends Executive Order 13761 of January 13, 2017, by changing certain effective dates and revokes a reporting requirement in that order.

The order changes the date by which the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of National Intelligence, and the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, is to provide a report to the President on the Government of Sudan's progress in sustaining the positive actions taken by the Government of Sudan that gave rise to Executive Order 13761, from July 12, 2017, to October 12, 2017. The order also changes from July 12, 2017, to October 12, 2017, the effective date for the revocation of sections 1 and 2 of Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, and the entirety of Executive Order 13412 of October 13, 2006, provided that the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of National Intelligence, and the Administrator of

the U.S. Agency for International Development, publishes on or before October 12, 2017, a notice in the *Federal Register* stating that the Government of Sudan has sustained the positive actions that gave rise to the order and has provided to the President the report described above.

The order revokes the requirement in Executive Order 13761 to provide an updated version of the report annually thereafter and, concurrent with those reports, to publish in the *Federal Register* a notice stating whether the Government of Sudan has sustained the positive actions that gave rise to Executive Order 13761.

The President issued Executive Orders 13067 and 13412, among other orders, to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the actions and policies of the Government of Sudan, including support for international terrorism; efforts to destabilize neighboring governments; and the prevalence of human rights violations.

In Executive Order 13761, the President determined that the situation that gave rise to the actions taken in Executive Order 13067 and Executive Order 13412 related to the policies and actions of the Government of Sudan had been altered by Sudan's positive actions over the prior 6 months. Executive Order 13761 directed the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of National Intelligence, and the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, and based on a consideration of relevant and credible information from available sources, including nongovernmental organizations, on or before July 12, 2017, to provide a report to the President on the Government of Sudan's progress in sustaining its positive actions that gave rise to Executive Order 13761. Executive Order 13761 further provided that if the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of National Intelligence, and the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, published on or before July 12, 2017, a notice in the *Federal Register* stating that the Government of Sudan had sustained the positive actions that gave rise to Executive Order 13761 and had provided to the President the report described above, the revocation of sections 1 and 2 of Executive Order 13067 and the revocation of Executive Order 13412 would become effective.

While the Government of Sudan has made some progress in areas identified in Executive Order 13761, I have decided that more time is needed for this review to establish that the Government of Sudan has demonstrated sufficient positive action across all of those areas.

For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to amend the effective date to October 12, 2017, to provide the report required by Executive Order

13761 and revoke sections 1 and 2 of Executive Order 13067 and Executive Order 13412, provided that further action is taken by the Secretary of State, as set forth in Executive Order 13761, and to revoke the subsequent annual reporting requirement in Executive Order 13761.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

DONALD J. TRUMP.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 11, 2017.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 955(b)), the Minority Leader reappoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the National Council on the Arts: Ms. Chellie Pingree of Maine.

The message further announced that pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2081, the Minority Leader reappoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Ms. Marcy Kaptur of Ohio.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 431(a)(3) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Public Law 115-31), the Minority Leader appoints the following individuals to serve as Commissioners to the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission: Ms. Nicola Miner of San Francisco, California and Ms. Jennifer Siebel Newsom of San Francisco, California.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 4 of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (Public Law 114-196), the Minority Leader appoints the following members to serve as Commissioners to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission, from private life: Mr. Grant Hill of Orlando, Florida, Ms. Amy Gutmann of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Mr. Noah Griffin of San Francisco, California.

#### 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-2040. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Livestock, Poultry, and Seed Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Beef Promotion and Research; Reapportionment" (Docket No. AMS-LPS-16-0071) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2041. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Fresh Pitahaya Fruit From Ecuador

into the Continental United States” (RIN0579-AE12) (Docket No. APHIS-2014-00095) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2042. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of nine (9) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2043. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Michelle D. Johnson, United States Air Force, and her advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2044. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Joseph W. Rixey, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2045. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Thomas J. Trask, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2046. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of two (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half), in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2047. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Commission Delegated Authority Provisions and Technical Amendments” (RIN3038-AE42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2048. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2049. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Russian Sanctions: Addition of Certain Entities to the Entity List” (RIN0694-AH39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2050. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Bureau for the period from October 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2051. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak, transmitting, pursuant to law, Amtrak’s fiscal year 2018 General and Legislative Annual Report; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2052. 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 Haz-

ardous Air Pollutants From the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry: Alternative Monitoring Method” (FRL No. 9964-14-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2053. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Correction to Incorporations by Reference” (FRL No. 9963-67-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2054. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, Western Mojave Desert, Rate of Progress Demonstration” (FRL No. 9963-86-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2055. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District and the Town of Mammoth Lakes” (FRL No. 9955-67-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2056. 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; Indiana; CFR Update” (FRL No. 9963-70-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2057. 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 Limited Approval and Limited Disapproval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; Mendocino County Air Quality Management District; Stationary Source Permits” (FRL No. 9960-08-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2058. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment to Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquiries Under CERCLA” (FRL No. 9958-47-OLEM) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2059. 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; VT; Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Requirements” (FRL No. 9963-88-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2060. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval of Section 112(I) Authority for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Equivalency by Permit Provisions; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants;

Plating and Polishing Operations” (FRL No. 9964-32-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2061. 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 Implementation Plans; New Jersey; Revised Format of 40 CFR Part 52 for Materials Being Incorporated by Reference” (FRL No. 9955-06-Region 2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2062. 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; Rhode Island; Reasonably Available Control Technology for US Watercraft, LLC” (FRL No. 9964-26-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2063. 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; Illinois; Revised Format for Materials Incorporated by Reference” (FRL No. 9963-76-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2064. 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; FL; Revisions to New Source Review, Definitions and Small Business Assistance Programs” (FRL No. 9964-35-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2065. 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; FL; Hillsborough and Nassau Areas; SO2 Attainment Demonstration” (FRL No. 9964-39-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2066. 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 Designation of Areas; KY; Redesignation of the Kentucky Portion of the Cincinnati-Hamilton 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment” (FRL No. 9964-41-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2067. 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; Georgia; Permit Exemptions and Definitions” (FRL No. 9964-06-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2068. 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; Texas; Redesignation of the Collin County Area to Attainment the 2008 Lead Standard” (FRL No.

9963-47-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2069. 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 Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Albuquerque/Bernalillo County; New Source Review (NSR) Preconstruction Permitting Program" (FRL No. 9963-41-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2070. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Missouri's Air Quality Implementation Plans; Reporting Emission Date, Emission Fees and Process Information" (FRL No. 9964-04-Region 7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2071. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fees for Water Infrastructure Project Applications under WIFIA" ((RIN2040-AF64) (FRL No. 9964-19-OW)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2072. 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; GA and SC: Changes to Ambient Air Standards and Definitions" (FRL No. 9964-09-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2073. A communication from the Senior Official performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Encinitas-Solana Beach Shoreline Coastal Storm Damage Reduction, San Diego County, California, project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2074. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the Congress: Medicare and the Health Care Delivery System"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2075. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Canada and Saudi Arabia to support the design, development, modification, and integration of Enhanced Situational Awareness systems into armored vehicles in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 16-064); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2076. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services for the sale of one modified G550 aircraft to the government of Israel in the amount of \$50,000,000

or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 16-106); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2077. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Israel for the manufacture of F-15 aircraft structural components in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 16-122); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2078. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to the United Kingdom for the manufacture of Joint Strike Fighter subassemblies, components, parts, and associated tooling of the aft fuselage and empennage in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 16-132); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2079. A communication from the Bureau of 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 accessories abroad controlled under Category I of the United States Munitions List in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 16-138); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2080. A communication from the Bureau of 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 various calibers of firearms ammunition to Saudi Arabia in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-003); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2081. A communication from the Bureau of 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 M400 semi-automatic rifles and P320 semi-automatic pistols and accessories to Jordan in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-004); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2082. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to the United Arab Emirates to support the maintenance, testing, support, field engineering services, logistics management assistance, training, repair, and calibration for three (3) sets of AN/TPS-78 Radar Systems, two (2) sets of TPS-70 Radar Systems, a command, control, and communications system known as the Emirates Air Defense Ground Environment (EADGE), and a low altitude surveillance system known as the Emirates Low Altitude Surveillance System (ELASS) in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-007); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2083. A communication from the Bureau of 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 M400 5.56 mm rifles and associated parts and components to Jordan in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-011); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2084. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of

State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Japan for the sale and support of AAV7A1 RAM/RS Amphibious Assault Vehicles in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-019); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2085. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to India to support the integration, assembly, and maintenance of M777A2 155mm Lightweight Howitzers in support of an existing Foreign Military Sales Contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-023); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2086. A communication from the Bureau of 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 5.56mm and 7.62mm carbines, associated training and parts, and accessories to Sweden in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-034); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2087. A communication from the Bureau of 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 5.56mm semi-automatic rifles, 9mm caliber rifles, 9mm pistols, silencers, and accessories to Indonesia in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-013); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2088. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to the Republic of Korea for the manufacture, assembly, inspection, and testing of F404-GE-102 engines for the T-50, TA-50, and FA-50 aircraft series for end-use by various countries in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 16-044); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2089. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Australia, the United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates to support the marketing, sale, and on-going support of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and for future Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) requirements for the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 16-128); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2090. A communication from the Bureau of 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 semi-automatic 9mm pistols with extra magazines to Thailand in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-024); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2091. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Germany to support the manufacture, integration, installation, operation, training, testing, maintenance, and repair of the TYTON

line of laser rangefinder targeting devices and component modules (Transmittal No. DDTC 16-060); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2092. A communication from the Bureau of 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 semi-automatic 9mm pistols with extra magazines and ammunition to Thailand in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-025); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2093. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Taiwan for the MK41 Vertical Launching System in the amount of \$14,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 16-071); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2094. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Canada to support the manufacture of Precision Optical Subsystems, Optomechanical Major Assemblies, and Optical Components for the AIM-9X Sidewinder Missile in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-036); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2095. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2017; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2096. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2017-0113—2017-0122); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 696. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to Federal employees (Rept. No. 115-127).

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

S. 829. A bill to reauthorize the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program, the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants program, and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-128).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1099. A bill to provide for the identification and prevention of improper payments and the identification of strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing the use of Federal agency charge cards (Rept. No. 115-129).

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

\*Claire M. Grady, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security.

\*Henry Kerner, of California, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years.

By Mr. BURR for the Select Committee on Intelligence.

\*David James Glawe, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

## 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. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. HARRIS):

S. 1524. A bill to improve the treatment of Federal prisoners who are primary caretaker parents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MANCHIN:

S. 1525. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to review and score TRIO applications with minor budgeting errors; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Ms. BALDWIN, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 1526. A bill to appropriate amounts to the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve the provision of health care to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 1527. A bill to appropriate amounts to the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve the provision of health care to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1528. A bill to amend the market name of genetically altered salmon in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. KING):

S. 1529. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand eligibility for the refundable credit for coverage under a qualified health plan; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1530. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to encourage Medicare beneficiaries to voluntarily adopt advance directives guiding the medical care they receive; to the Committee on Finance.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COONS, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 217. A resolution welcoming Prime Minister Youssef Chahed of the Tunisian Republic on his first official visit to the United States, congratulating the people of the Tunisian Republic on their embrace of democracy after decades of dictatorship, and encouraging future reforms; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. Res. 218. A resolution celebrating and reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Romania on the twentieth anniversary of its inception; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 200

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 200, a bill to prohibit the conduct of a first-use nuclear strike absent a declaration of war by Congress.

S. 253

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 253, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 266

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 266, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Anwar Sadat in recognition of his heroic achievements and courageous contributions to peace in the Middle East.

S. 372

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 372, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to ensure that merchandise arriving through the mail shall be subject to review by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and to require the provision of advance electronic information on shipments of mail to U.S. Customs and Border Protection and for other purposes.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

S. 756

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr.