

human trafficking. More than 900 of those victims were children. Abolishing ICE would mean that these people, these precious lives, would still be in grave peril. If we were to heed these extremist calls to abolish ICE, thousands of pounds of heroin, cocaine, and fentanyl would be in our schools and on the streets of our neighborhoods. We cannot ignore the role that ICE agents play in combatting terrorism, sex trafficking, child pornography, gang activity, labor exploitation, and the opioid crisis.

I want to make sure that our agents understand that the American people have their back. My resolution will honor the mission of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency and commend the bravery of these men and women who put their lives on the line every day to dismantle violent and dangerous gangs. I thank all my Republican colleagues who are joining with me on this crucial piece of legislation.

Although much of their work is thankless and goes sight unseen, I am grateful to the thousands of ICE agents who work around the clocks to keep our streets safe. Without them and their tireless service, I can only imagine what our headlines would look like, and I am ashamed of my colleagues on the radical left who are calling for the elimination of this vital agency. I know I speak for more than just myself when I say, simply, don't abolish ICE.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:57 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 488. An act to increase the threshold for disclosures required by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to compensation benefit plans, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 717. An act to promote pro bono legal services as a critical way in which to empower survivors of domestic violence.

The message further announced the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3030. An act to help prevent acts of genocide and other atrocity crimes, which threaten national and international security, by enhancing United States Government capacities to prevent, mitigate, and respond to such crises.

H.R. 3777. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land containing the Nephi Work Center in Juab County, Utah, to Juab County.

H.R. 4032. An act to confirm undocumented Federal rights-of-way or easements on the Gila River Indian Reservation, clarify the northern boundary of the Gila River Indian Community's Reservation, to take certain land located in Maricopa County and Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4645. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

H.R. 4819. An act to promote inclusive economic growth through conservation and biodiversity programs that facilitate transboundary cooperation, improve natural resource management, and build local capacity to protect and preserve threatened wildlife species in the greater Okavango River Basin of southern Africa.

H.R. 4989. An act to require the Department of State to establish a policy regarding the use of location-tracking consumer devices by employees at diplomatic and consular facilities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5105. An act to establish the United States International Development Finance Corporation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5480. An act to improve programs and activities relating to women's entrepreneurship and economic empowerment that are carried out by the United States Agency for International Development, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 490. An act to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam.

S. 931. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4910 Brighton Boulevard in Denver, Colorado, as the "George Sakato Post Office".

S. 2692. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4558 Broadway in New York, New York, as the "Stanley Michels Post Office Building".

S. 2734. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

At 5:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2) to provide for the reform

and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and that the following Members be the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. CONAWAY, THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, GOODLATTE, LUCAS, ROGERS of Alabama, AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, CRAWFORD, Mrs. HARTZLER, Messrs. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, YOHO, ROUZER, MARSHALL, ARRINGTON, PETERSON, DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, COSTA, WALZ, Ms. FUDGE, Messrs. MCGOVERN, VELA, Meses. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, KUSTER of New Hampshire, and Mr. O'HALLERAN.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of sections 4204, 4205, and 9131 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Ms. FOXX, Mr. ALLEN, and Ms. ADAMS.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of subtitles A and B of title VI, sections 6202, 6203, 6401, 6406, 6407, 6409, 6603, 7301, 7605, 8106, 8507, 9119, 9121, and 11101 of the House bill, and sections 6116, 6117, 6202, 6206-09, 6301, 6303, 7412, 9102, 9104, 9106, 9111-13, 12408, 12627, and 12628 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SHIMKUS, CRAMER, and TONKO.

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of section 12609 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HENSARLING, DUFFY, and Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California.

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of title III of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. ROYCE of California, CHABOT, and ENGEL.

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of sections 2802, 6408, 8104, 8107, 8109, subtitles B and C of title VIII, 8402, 8502, 8503, 8506, 8507, 8509, 8510, 9111, 11614, and 11615 of the House bill, and section 2425, subtitle D of title VIII, sections 8601, 8611, 8621-28, 8631, 8632, 12515, 12601, and 12602 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. BISHOP of Utah, WESTERMAN, and GRIJALVA.

From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of sections 1601, 4022, 4026, 8502, and 11609 of the House bill, and sections 3113, 7128, 8623, 8630, 8632, 12301, and 12407 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. WALKER, COMER, and Ms. PLASKETT.

From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of section 7509 of the House bill, and section 7409 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. ABRAHAM, DUNN, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 2404, 6223, 6224, 6503, 9117, and 9118 of the House bill, and sections 2415, 2416, 6124, 6304, and 7412 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. DENHAM, GIBBS, and Mrs. BUSTOS.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3777. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land containing the Nephi Work Center in Juab County, Utah, to Juab County; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4032. An act to confirm undocumented Federal rights-of-way or easements on the Gila River Indian Reservation, clarify the northern boundary of the Gila River Indian Community's Reservation, to take certain land located in Maricopa County and Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 4819. An act to promote inclusive economic growth through conservation and biodiversity programs that facilitate transboundary cooperation, improve natural resource management, and build local capacity to protect and preserve threatened wildlife species in the greater Okavango River Basin of southern Africa; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4989. An act to require the Department of State to establish a policy regarding the use of location-tracking consumer devices by employees at diplomatic and consular facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 5480. An act to improve programs and activities relating to women's entrepreneurship and economic empowerment that are carried out by the United States Agency for International Development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3030. An act to help prevent acts of genocide and other atrocity crimes, which threaten national and international security, by enhancing United States Government capacities to prevent, mitigate, and respond to such crises.

H.R. 5105. An act to establish the United States International Development Finance Corporation, 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-5966. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Mid-Session Review of the Budget of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2019"; to the Committees on Appropriations; and the Budget.

EC-5967. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Darren W. McDrew, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5968. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5969. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Interstate Transport Requirements for the 2012 Fine Particulate Matter Standard" (FRL No. 9980-68-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5970. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List: Partial Deletion of the Beloit Corporation Superfund Site" (FRL No. 9980-64-Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5971. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Partial Deletion of the Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant Superfund Site" (FRL No. 9980-71-Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5972. 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; Maryland; Emissions Statement Requirement for the 2008 Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9980-70-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5973. 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; Michigan; Revisions to Part 9 Miscellaneous Rules" (FRL No. 9980-94-Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5974. 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; Minnesota; Flint Hills Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) Revision" (FRL No. 9980-96-Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5975. 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; Ohio; Ohio NSR PM_{2.5} Precursors" (FRL No. 9980-92-Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5976. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Approval Plan; Tennessee; Revisions to Stage I and II Vapor Recovery Requirements" (FRL No. 9980-81-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5977. 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; Kentucky; 2008 Ozone NAAQS Interstate Transport SIP Requirements" (FRL No. 9980-57-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5978. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Setting Medicare Payment Rates for Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5979. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The MEDIC Produced Some Positive Results but More Could be Done to Enhance its Effectiveness"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5980. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-396, "Helicopter Landing Pad Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5981. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-398, "Student Fair Access to School Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5982. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Management Response for the period from October 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5983. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program: Expiration of Coverage of Children of Same-Sex Domestic Partners; Federal Flexible Benefits Plan: Pre-Tax Payment of Health Benefits Premiums: Conforming Amendments" (RIN3206-AN34) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5984. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Debt Collection Recovery Activities of the Department of Justice for Civil Debts Referred for Collection Annual Report"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5985. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of NM2201, 5F-AB-PINACA, 4-CN-CUMYL-BUTINACA, MMB-CHMICA and 5F-CUMYL-P7AICA Into Schedule I" ((21 CFR Part 1308) (Docket No. DEA-479)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2018; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5986. A communication from the Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled