

have the right concepts and equipment to prevail in future conflicts.

On behalf of the State of Alabama, the 116th Congress, and the United States of America, I thank COL Thomas von Eschenbach, U.S. Army, and his entire family for their commitment, sacrifice, and contributions to this great Nation. I join my colleagues in wishing Colonel von Eschenbach future success as he transitions to other opportunities to serve the Army and our country.●

#### 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

As 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 MESSAGE

#### REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SIGNIFICANT MALICIOUS CYBER-ENABLED ACTIVITIES THAT WAS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13694 ON APRIL 1, 2015—PM 7

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 before 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 declared in Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015, as amended by Executive Order 13757 of December 28, 2016, is to continue in effect beyond April 1, 2019.

Significant malicious cyber-enabled activities originating from or directed by persons located, in whole or in substantial part, outside the United States continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of

the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13694, as amended by Executive Order 13757, with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities.

DONALD J. TRUMP.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 26, 2019.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:49 p.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, without amendment:

S. 252. An act to authorize the honorary appointment of Robert J. Dole to the grade of colonel in the regular Army.

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

H.R. 854. An act to provide humanitarian assistance to the Venezuelan people, including Venezuelan migrants and refugees in the Americas and for other purposes.

H.R. 920. An act to restrict the transfer of defense articles, defense services, and crime control articles to any element of the security forces of Venezuela that is under the authority of a government of Venezuela that is not recognized as the legitimate government of Venezuela by the Government of the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1477. An act to require a threat assessment and strategy to counter Russian influence in Venezuela, an assessment of foreign acquisition of CITGO assets in the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1616. An act to prioritize the efforts of and enhance coordination among United States agencies to encourage countries in Europe and Eurasia to diversify their energy sources and supply routes, increase energy security in the region, and help the United States reach its global energy security goals, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1839. An act to amend title XIX to extend protection for Medicaid recipients of home and community-based services against spousal impoverishment, establish a State Medicaid option to provide coordinated care to children with complex medical conditions through health homes, prevent the misclassification of drugs for purposes of the Medicaid drug rebate program, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House of Representatives having proceeded to reconsider the resolution (H.J. Res. 46) relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019, returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, it was resolved, that the said resolution do not pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives not agreeing to pass the same.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 854. An act to provide humanitarian assistance to the Venezuelan people, including Venezuelan migrants and refugees in the

Americas and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Report to accompany S. 268, a bill to reauthorize the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and certain wildlife conservation funds, to establish prize competitions relating to the prevention of wildlife poaching and trafficking, wildlife conservation, the management of invasive species, and the protection of endangered species, to amend the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 to modify the protections provided by that Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-18).

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance:

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance During the 115th Congress” (Rept. No. 116-19).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE for the Committee on Armed Services.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Col. Leonard F. Anderson IV and ending with Col. William E. Souza III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 15, 2019.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Peter G. Stamatopoulos, to be Rear Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Gayle D. Shaffer, to be Rear Admiral.

Navy nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lh) Kelly A. Aeschbach and ending with Rear Adm. (lh) Frank D. Whitworth, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 30, 2019.

Navy nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lh) Blake L. Converse and ending with Rear Adm. (lh) Michael A. Wettklaufer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 30, 2019.

Navy nomination of Capt. Dean A. Vanderley, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Capt. Kenneth W. Epps, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Capt. Timothy H. Weber, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Capt. James L. Hancock, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nominations beginning with Capt. Nicholas M. Homan and ending with Capt. Michael J. Vernazza, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 30, 2019.

Navy nomination of Capt. Charles W. Brown, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. John B. Nowell, Jr., to be Vice Admiral.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Steven L. Basham, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Steven J. Butow, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Karen H. Gibson, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lh) James P. Downey and ending with Rear Adm. (lh) Francis D. Morley, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 25, 2019.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Ronald A. Boxall, to be Vice Admiral.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Thomas L. Solhjem, to be Major General.

Army nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Telita Crosland and ending with Brig. Gen. Dennis P. LeMaster, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 5, 2019.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Daniel R. Hokanson, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Leon N. Thurgood, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Walter E. Piatt, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. James C. Slife, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Paul E. Funk II, to be General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Dee L. Mewbourne, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Jon A. Hill, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Stuart B. Munsch, to be Vice Admiral.

**Mr. INHOFE.** Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

Air Force nominations beginning with Daniel M. Anderson and ending with Denise M. Zona, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 24, 2019.

Air Force nomination of Thomas D. Crimmins, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Shawn C. Bishop and ending with Christian L. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 25, 2019.

Air Force nominations beginning with Michell A. Archebelle and ending with Shelly A. Shelton, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 25, 2019.

Air Force nominations beginning with Peter N. Fischer and ending with Jonathan H. Wade, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 25, 2019.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brian M. Alexander and ending with Jason C. Zumwalt, which nominations were received

by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 25, 2019.

Air Force nomination of Latoya D. Smith, to be lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Lisa Marie Ahaesy, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Julie Huygen and ending with Tom Posch, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 6, 2019.

Army nomination of Matthew D. Colsia, to be Major.

Army nomination of Deven R. Gaston, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Adrian Acevedo and ending with G010477, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 6, 2019.

Army nominations beginning with Benjamin T. Abel and ending with G010598, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 6, 2019.

Army nominations beginning with Kwansah E. Ackah and ending with D014862, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 6, 2019.

Army nominations beginning with Alan Adame and ending with D013619, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 6, 2019.

Army nomination of Elizabeth A. Fields, to be Major.

Army nomination of P. J. Fox, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Nathan M. Clayton, to be Major.

Army nomination of Adam P. James, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Jason S. Baker and ending with Richard J. Zeigler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 25, 2019.

Army nomination of Shelia R. Day, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Robert D. Cope, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of William C. Mitchell, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Rubirosa B. Bago, to be Major.

Army nomination of Meghan C. Gerrity, to be Major.

Army nomination of Daniel M. Jansen, to be Major.

Army nomination of Randolph Powell, to be Major.

Army nomination of Michael J. Prokos, to be Major.

Army nomination of Anthony Bellofigueroa, to be Major.

Army nomination of Sean R. Richardson, to be Major.

Army nomination of Kahtonna C. Allen, to be Major.

Army nomination of Angelo N. Catalano, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Charles J. Calais, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Robert T. Evans, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Paula I. Schasberger and ending with Jan E. Aldykiewicz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 6, 2019.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Steven M. Angeline and ending with Curtis E. Borjas, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 24, 2019.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with David F. Hunley and ending with James P.

Stockwell, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 24, 2019.

Marine Corps nomination of John C. Jarvis, to be Major.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Nathanael J. Hart, Jr. and ending with Dustin R. Heffel, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 24, 2019.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Matthew J. Anderson and ending with Isaac K. Tibayan, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 24, 2019.

Navy nomination of Edward M. Prendergast, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Thomas L. Hinnant III, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Sanjay Sharma, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Angela Tang, to be Commander.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on Finance.

\*Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation for a term of five years.

\*Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2025.

\*Courtney Dunbar Jones, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

\*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.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

## 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. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 866. A bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 867. A bill to protect students of institutions of higher education and the taxpayer investment in institutions of higher education by improving oversight and accountability of institutions of higher education, particularly for-profit colleges, improving protections for students and borrowers, and ensuring the integrity of postsecondary education programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 868. A bill to address the disparate impact of climate change on women and support the efforts of women globally to address climate change, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. ERNST, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 869. A bill to affirm the authority of the President to require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.