

that while Members of Congress spend lots of our time playing pundit, sadly, Governors actually lead. They manage budgets; they make decisions; they lead departments; and they engage their community in the actual private sector, not just hire lobbyists who work for the private sector. They are physically on the ground with the people they serve. That means they know a thing or two about the businesses in their community. It means they know a thing or two about the industries that are rising and falling in their cities and in their rural areas. They have a kind of decentralized knowledge about this crisis and what is needed at this moment that people in Washington, DC, lack.

Cable news is focused on Wall Street, but here is the deal: Main Street is going to be the place where lots of the pain is ultimately shouldered from this crisis, and when Wall Street needs something, Wall Street hires K Street, and Congress is told by K Street what they want, and that is usually what ends up in the bill.

When Main Street needs something, they drive to Lincoln; they drive to Indianapolis and Nashville and Columbus and Albany and Sacramento; and the granular understanding of their particular problems is almost always more nuanced than is understood here.

That is why, as long as Congress is debating this spending this week, I am going to be fighting to make sure that we give more than half of all this money to our Governors to distribute. They know how to spend this money better than this DC-centric House of Representatives bill. That is the way we can actually get this done and help our people grit through this time of unprecedented economic uncertainty.

#### RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:51 p.m., recessed subject to the call of the Chair and reassembled at 9:13 p.m. when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Ms. MCSALLY).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Dakota.

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020

Mr. ROUNDS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 18; further that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceeding be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; finally, following leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business with Senators per-

mitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 6201. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, 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-4290. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyazofamid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 10005-85-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4291. A communication from the Administrator 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.; Decreased Assessment Rate" ((7 CFR Part 930) (Docket No. AMS-SC-19-0091; SC19-930-3 FR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4292. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Management Division, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Servicing of Telecommunications Programs Loans for Financially Distressed Borrowers" (RIN0572-AC41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4293. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Darrell K. Williams, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4294. 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 "TRICARE; Addition of Physical Therapist Assistants and Occupational Therapy Assistants as TRICARE - Authorized Providers" (RIN0720-AB72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2020; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4295. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the mobilizations of selected reserve units, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2020; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4296. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Af-

fairs), transmitting additional legislative proposals relative to the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4297. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Y and LL: Control and Divestiture Proceedings" (RIN7100-AF49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4298. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule - Securitization Safe Harbor Rule" (RIN3064-AF09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4299. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4300. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Stress Testing of Regulated Entities" (RIN2590-AB05) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4301. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the threat of foreign interference in United States elections that was declared in Executive Order 13848 of September 12, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4302. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security Annual Report for fiscal year 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4303. 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; Alabama; Revisions to Cross-State Air Pollution Rule" (FRL No. 10006-31-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4304. 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; Alabama; 2010 1-Hour SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS Transport" (FRL No. 10006-25-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4305. 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 and North Carolina; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2015 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 10006-32-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4306. 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; Revisions to Aerospace VOC Rule" (FRL No.

10006-21-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4307. 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; Tennessee; Open Burning and Definitions Revisions for Chattanooga" (FRL No. 10006-33-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4308. 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; Virginia; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 10006-19-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4309. 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 Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Boat Manufacturing and Reinforced Plastic Composites Production Residual Risk and Technology Review" (FRL No. 10006-04-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4310. 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; Municipal Solid Waste Landfills Residual Risk and Technology Review" (FRL No. 10006-05-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4311. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Revisions to the Refrigerant Management Program's Extension to Substitutes" (FRL No. 10006-10-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4312. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "West Virginia State Implementation Plan Revision for Clean Air Act Section 110(a) (2) (A)-(M) Requirements for 2015 9-Hour Ozone NAAQS - Request for Approval" (FRL No. 10006-20-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4313. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Microorganisms; General Exemptions from Reporting Requirements; Revisions to Recipient Organisms Eligible for Tier I and Tier II Exemptions" (FRL No. 9991-60-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4314. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regu-

latory Guide (RG) 1.167, 'Restart of a Nuclear Power Plant Shut Down by an Earthquake'" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4315. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.166, 'Pre-Earthquake Planning, Shutdown, and Restart of a Nuclear Power Plant Following an Earthquake'" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4316. 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; California; Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District; Stationary Source Permits and Exemptions" (FRL No. 10005-66-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4317. 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; Asphalt Processing and Asphalt Roofing Manufacturing Residual Risk and Technology Review" (FRL No. 10005-06-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4318. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities (RM05-5-025, et al.)" ((RIN1902-AF65) (Docket Nos. RM05-5-025, RM05-5-026, and RM05-5-027)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2020; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4319. 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 "2020 Cumulative List of Changes in Plan Qualification Requirements for Pre-Approved Defined Benefit Plans" (Notice 2020-14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4320. 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 "(RP-121424-19) Revenue Procedure" (Rev. Proc. 2020-03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4321. A communication from the Chair, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "March 2020 Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4322. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Medicare and Medicaid Integrity Programs for Fiscal Year 2018"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4323. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of the Treasury, received in the Office

of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4324. 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 2020-0038 - 2020-0042); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4325. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Acquisition and Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Agency for International Development Acquisition Regulation (AIDAR): Designations of Personal Services Contractors (PSCs) as Contracting Officers and Agreement Officers" (RIN0412-AA94) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2020; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4326. A communication from the Division Director for Policy, Legislation, and Regulation, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apprenticeship Programs, Labor Standards for Registration, Amendment of Regulations" (RIN1205-AB85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2020; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4327. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Banned Devices; Electrical Stimulation Devices for Self-Injurious or Aggressive Behavior" (RIN0910-AI22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2020; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4328. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, 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; Chromium Propionate" ((21 CFR Part 573) (Docket No. FDA-2018-F-3347)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2020; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4329. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2008 Clean Energy Law Spurs Progress But District Can Do More to Cut Emissions"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4330. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Housing Administration's fiscal year 2019 Annual Management Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4331. A communication from the Director, Office of Information Policy, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "DNA-Sample Collection From Immigration Detainees" (RIN1105-AB56) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2020; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4332. A joint communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Joint Executive Committee

Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## 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. DAINES (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3504. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to extend, until not earlier than September 30, 2021, the requirement that State-issued identification must be compliant with the REAL ID Act of 2005 to be accepted by Federal agencies for certain purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. JONES (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 3505. A bill to require private health insurance to rapidly cover preventive services and vaccines related to the coronavirus; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LANKFORD:

S. 3506. A bill to extend the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. BALDWIN:

S. 3507. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to make testing for the coronavirus disease 19 available to all members of the Armed Forces deployed to an area in which the United States Central Command has responsibility; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 3508. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide for disaster protection for workers' credit; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 3509. A bill to provide borrowers the right to request forbearance on mortgage loan payments due to a declared disaster, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. WARREN:

S. 3510. A bill to transfer all border wall funding to the Department of Health and Human Services and USAID to combat coronavirus; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SMITH:

S. 3511. A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for nutrition and supportive services for older Native Americans under the Older Americans Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 3512. A bill to clarify the authority for regulating laboratory-developed testing procedures; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 3513. A bill to provide Americans with paid sick time and paid leave so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. UDALL):

S. 3514. A bill to ensure that facilities of the Indian Health Service, facilities operated by an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or inter-tribal consortium, and facilities operated by an urban Indian organization receive items from the strategic national stockpile and qualified pandemic or epidemic products directly from the Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. Res. 545. A resolution commemorating March 17, 2020, as the 40th anniversary of the Refugee Act of 1980, including the amendments made by that Act, at a time when the need for bipartisan support of the refugee resettlement program of the United States is critical to the survival of the program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2446

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2446, a bill to provide certain coverage of audiologist services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2661

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, her name and the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 2661, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to designate 9-8-8 as the universal telephone number for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and through the Veterans Crisis Line, and for other purposes.

S. 3486

At the request of Ms. SMITH, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3486, a bill to improve State, local, and tribal public health security.

S. 3497

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. CORTEZ MASTO) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 3497, a bill to provide unemployment assistance to individuals affected by COVID-19, and for other purposes.

S. 3499

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) were added as cosponsors of S. 3499, a bill to amend coverage requirements to ensure that no person incurs cost-sharing when receiving a test to confirm a COVID-19 infection.

S. 3503

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.

3503, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to treat certain programs of education converted to distance learning by reason of emergencies and health-related situations in the same manner as programs of education pursued at educational institutions, and for other purposes.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 545—COMMEMORATING MARCH 17, 2020, AS THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFUGEE ACT OF 1980, INCLUDING THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THAT ACT, AT A TIME WHEN THE NEED FOR BIPARTISAN SUPPORT OF THE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM OF THE UNITED STATES IS CRITICAL TO THE SURVIVAL OF THE PROGRAM

Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 545

Whereas, after receiving bipartisan support in both the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Refugee Act of 1980, S. 643 (96th Congress), including the amendments made by that Act, was signed into law on March 17, 1980, to provide a domestic framework for the United States to align with the international obligations of the United States, including under—

(1) the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at Geneva July 28, 1951 (as made applicable by the Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, done at New York January 31, 1967 (19 U.S.T. 6223), to which the United States is a party);

(2) the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, done at New York December 10, 1984, to which the United States is a party;

(3) the Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, done at New York September 28, 1954; and

(4) the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, done at New York August 30, 1961;

Whereas the humanitarian protection provided by the Refugee Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-212; 94 Stat. 102), including the amendments made by that Act, is consistent with the best values of the United States, such as judging people not "by the color of their skin but by the content of their character", championing religious liberty, standing up for one's beliefs, standing up for those who are being mistreated, championing democracy, and upholding the rights and practices of self-governance and free speech regardless of race, ethnicity, or nationality;

Whereas refugees are courageous, hard-working people of conviction and values, defenders of democracy and faith, and people who face persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion, and in some cases, face persecution because they allied with the United States in crucial missions, such as in Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Iraq, and Afghanistan;

Whereas the refugee resettlement program of the United States authorized under the Refugee Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-212; 94 Stat. 102), including the amendments made