

bravely stepping up to the fight against COVID-19 for the past several months, and I pray that he may be granted safety and good health as he continues to serve others. He is a hero in our Brookhaven community, and I am grateful for what he has meant to so many during the pandemic.●

TRIBUTE TO TAMMY LIVINGSTON

• Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, I would like to commend a friend and frontline healthcare worker, Tammy Livingston, who is a nurse at Kings Daughters Medical Center in my hometown of Brookhaven, MS. Rural hospitals like this one, along with their brave staff, are the backbone of healthcare in Mississippi.

Tammy has worked at Kings Daughters Medical Center for over 20 years. While she has served in many positions within the hospital, she is currently the patient care coordinator. In her role, she cares for some of the sickest patients in the hospital by assisting her colleagues with patients in the ICU. Within the dedicated medical unit for COVID patients at Kings Daughters, Tammy monitors patients daily, making sure they are comfortable and cared for at such a difficult time.

Tammy is invaluable to the Kings Daughters Medical Center. Tammy is put in situations every day where she endures heavy stress, heart-wrenching situations, and puts herself in harm's way to care for patients and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic. She is a lifesaver and best friend to all of her patients. Tammy is a healthcare hero. I am thankful for our fighters like Tammy and pray that she may be kept safe while she serves her friends, family, and community through this pandemic.●

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINA MILLER

• Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, I commend Christina Miller, a healthcare hero and someone who puts her life in danger every day to help save lives. Christina is an emergency room nurse at Kings Daughters Medical Center in Brookhaven, MS.

Christina demonstrates a remarkable selflessness and level of compassion for her patients and coworkers. As more Americans became infected with COVID-19, hospitals began to fill up and staffing became a challenge. Christina immediately stepped up and volunteered to orient on the ICU floor to help with staffing needs to help care and treat the sickest patients.

Not only does Christina give the utmost care to her patients, she also realizes the physical and emotional strain all healthcare workers are feeling during these unprecedented times. Christina wanted to help encourage her colleagues, so she began an employee appreciation program among the emergency room nurses. This gave the nurses something to look forward to when they arrived at work.

Throughout our Nation's history, everyday Americans bravely emerge in times of turmoil to aid their neighbors. In the case of Christina, she has fought on the frontlines as a nurse by stepping into harm's way to provide care for patients affected by the virus.

Mississippi first responders and healthcare providers have experienced a drastic change not only in their professional life but also in their home life. The COVID-19 pandemic has been demanding of their time, taken them away from their loved ones, and caused their worlds to totally change. These heroes, such as Christina, are walking examples of what selfless service looks like.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. JEFFREY ROSS

• Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Dr. Jeffrey Ross of Kings Daughters Medical Center in Brookhaven. Dr. Ross has both served and cared for his community since he first started practicing medicine in Brookhaven in 1990 and has risen to the challenge of COVID-19 with great distinction. Doctors like Dr. Jeff Ross are working through both physical and mental exhaustion during this pandemic. They have the burden of having the "final say" and a team of healthcare providers relying on their instruction daily. The stress presented in these situations is not something healthcare providers can simply turn off when they go off the clock. Despite all of this pressure, these doctors continue to do their job, selflessly managing the care of their fellow Mississippians.

Originally from Whitfield, MS, Dr. Ross earned his medical degree in Jackson before pursuing his residency in Kentucky. He returned to Mississippi, where he has dedicated nearly all of his adult life to serving his neighbors. Dr. Ross and his wife, Susan, have raised three children in the Brookhaven community.

I commend Dr. Jeffrey Ross for his personal sacrifice, dedication to his community, and his leadership. My State is fortunate to have doctors such as him who are focused on the health and wellness of all Mississippians.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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

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

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A NATIONAL EMERGENCY TO DEAL WITH THE THREAT POSED BY OUR NATION'S UNDUE RELIANCE ON CRITICAL MINERALS, IN PROCESSED OR UNPROCESSED FORM, FROM FOREIGN ADVERSARIES—PM 59

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 Energy and Natural Resources:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) (IEEPA), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order declaring a national emergency to deal with the threat posed by our Nation's undue reliance on critical minerals, in processed or unprocessed form, from foreign adversaries.

A strong America cannot be dependent on imports from foreign adversaries for the critical minerals that are increasingly necessary to maintain our economic and military strength in the 21st century. Because of the national importance of reliable access to critical minerals, I signed Executive Order 13817 of December 20, 2017 (A Federal Strategy To Ensure Secure and Reliable Supplies of Critical Minerals), which required the Secretary of the Interior to identify critical minerals and made it the policy of the Federal Government "to reduce the Nation's vulnerability to disruptions in the supply of critical minerals." The critical minerals identified by the Secretary of the Interior are necessary inputs for the products our military, national infrastructure, and economy depend on the most. Our country needs critical minerals to make airplanes, computers, cell phones, electricity generation and transmission systems, and advanced electronics.

Though these minerals are indispensable to our country, we presently lack the capacity to produce them in processed form in the quantities we need. American producers depend on foreign countries to supply and process them. Whereas the United States recognizes the continued importance of cooperation on supply chain issues with international partners and allies, in many cases, the aggressive economic practices of certain non-market foreign producers of critical minerals have destroyed vital mining and manufacturing jobs in the United States. We must reduce our vulnerability to adverse foreign government action, natural disaster, or other supply disruptions. Our national security, foreign

policy, and economy require a consistent supply of each of these minerals.

Using the authority vested in me by IEEPA, the Executive Order requires the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Commerce, and the heads of other executive departments and agencies, as appropriate, to investigate our Nation's undue reliance on critical minerals, in processed or unprocessed form, from foreign adversaries. Following this investigation, the Executive Order requires the Secretary of the Interior to submit a report to the President recommending additional executive action.

The Executive Order also declares that it is the policy of the United States to protect and expand the domestic supply chain for minerals. Specific executive department and agency heads, including the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Energy, are directed to take various actions to protect and expand the domestic supply chain for minerals, consistent with applicable law, such as the publication of guidance, the revision of regulations, and the acceleration of the issuance of permits.

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

DONALD J. TRUMP.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 30, 2020.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:03 p.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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 359. An act to provide for certain programs and developments in the Department of Energy concerning the cybersecurity and vulnerabilities of, and physical threats to, the electric grid, and for other purposes.

H.R. 360. An act to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a voluntary Cyber Sense program to test the cybersecurity of products and technologies intended for use in the bulk-power system, and for other purposes.

H.R. 362. An act to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act with respect to functions assigned to Assistant Secretaries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1109. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

H.R. 1289. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for a moratorium on number reassignment after a disaster declaration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1754. An act to improve the integrity and safety of horseracing by requiring a uniform anti-doping and medication control program to be developed and enforced by an independent Horseracing Anti-Doping and Medication Control Authority.

H.R. 2075. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize schoolbased health centers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2468. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain allergies

and asthma-related grants, to States that require certain public schools to have allergies and asthma management programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2519. An act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Center for Mental Health Services of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to award grants to implement innovative approaches to securing prompt access to appropriate follow-on care for individuals who experience an acute mental health episode and for other purposes.

H.R. 3131. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research and improvement of cardiovascular health among the South Asian population of the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3539. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop best practices for the establishment and use of behavioral intervention teams at schools, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4078. An act to reauthorize the Young Women's Breast Health Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act of 2009.

H.R. 4439. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue priority review vouchers to encourage treatments for rare pediatric diseases.

H.R. 4861. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to improve the identification, assessment, and treatment of patients in the emergency department who are at risk of suicide, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4996. An act to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for a State option under the Medicaid program to provide for and extend continuous coverage for certain individuals, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5373. An act to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5469. An act to address mental health issues for youth, particularly youth of color, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5760. An act to provide for a comprehensive interdisciplinary research, development, and demonstration initiative to strengthen the capacity of the energy sector to prepare for and withstand cyber and physical attacks, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7293. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide best practices on student suicide awareness and prevention training and condition State educational agencies, local educational agencies, and tribal educational agencies receiving funds under section 520A of such Act to establish and implement a school-based student suicide awareness and prevention training policy.

H.R. 7948. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the collection and availability of health data with respect to Indian Tribes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8128. An act to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to establish a pilot program to explore the use of artificial intelligence in support of the mission of the Commission and direct the Secretary of Commerce and the Federal Trade Commission to study and report on the use of blockchain technology and digital tokens, respectively.

H.R. 8132. An act to require the Federal Trade Commission and the Secretary of Commerce to conduct studies and submit reports on the impact of artificial intelligence and other technologies on United States

businesses conducting interstate commerce, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8134. An act to support the Consumer Product Safety Commission's capability to protect consumers from unsafe consumer products, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 227. An act to direct the Attorney General to review, revise, and develop law enforcement and justice protocols appropriate to address missing and murdered Indians, and for other purposes.

S. 982. An act to increase intergovernmental coordination to identify and combat violent crime within Indian lands and of Indians.

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

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 8:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 8337. An act making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. HOEVEN).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 360. An act to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a voluntary Cyber Sense program to test the cybersecurity of products and technologies intended for use in the bulk-power system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 362. An act to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act with respect to functions assigned to Assistant Secretaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1109. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 1289. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for a moratorium on number reassignment after a disaster declaration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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