

But Amy, there is one more thing. Tonight, we have a very special surprise. I am thrilled to inform you that your husband is back from deployment, he is here with us tonight, and we could not keep him waiting any longer. America proudly welcomes home Sergeant Townsend Williams!

As the world bears witness tonight, America is a land of heroes. This is the place where greatness is born, where destinies are forged, and where legends come to life. This is the home of Thomas Edison and Teddy Roosevelt, of many great Generals, including Washington, Pershing, Patton, and MacArthur. This is the home of Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Amelia Earhart, Harriet Tubman, the Wright Brothers, Neil Armstrong, and so many more. This is the country where children learn names like Wyatt Earp, Davy Crockett, and Annie Oakley. This is the place where the pilgrims landed at Plymouth and where Texas patriots made their last stand at the Alamo.

The American Nation was carved out of the vast frontier by the toughest, strongest, fiercest, and most determined men and women ever to walk the face of the Earth. Our ancestors braved the unknown; tamed the wilderness; settled the Wild West; lifted millions from poverty, disease, and hunger; vanquished tyranny and fascism; ushered the world to new heights of science and medicine; laid down the railroads, dug out canals, raised up the skyscrapers—and, ladies and gentlemen, our ancestors built the most exceptional Republic ever to exist in all of human history. And we are making it greater than ever before!

This is our glorious and magnificent inheritance.

We are Americans. We are the pioneers. We are the pathfinders. We settled the new world, we built the modern world, and we changed history forever by embracing the eternal truth that everyone is made equal by the hand of Almighty God.

America is the place where anything can happen! America is the place where anyone can rise. And here, on this land, on this soil, on this continent, the most incredible dreams come true!

This Nation is our canvas, and this country is our masterpiece. We look at tomorrow and see unlimited frontiers just waiting to be explored. Our brightest discoveries are not yet known. Our most thrilling stories are not yet told. Our grandest journeys are not yet made. The American Age, the American Epic, the American Adventure, has only just begun!

Our spirit is still young; the sun is still rising; God's grace is still shining; and my fellow Americans, the best is yet to come!

Thank you. God Bless You. God Bless America.

DONALD J. TRUMP.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, February 4, 2020.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:57 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term ending on May 14, 2020, to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Dr. James W. Carr of Searcy, Arkansas, to succeed Ms. Kristina Arriaga of Alexandria, Virginia.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 7002, the Minority Leader appoints the following member to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Mr. Robert Borochoff of Houston, Texas.

The message also announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, the Minority Leader appoints the following member to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Mr. Gunter Waibel of Oakland, 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-3887. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acetamidiprid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 10004-12-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3888. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chlorfenapyr; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 10004-05-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3889. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyantraniliprole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 10004-23-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3890. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Difenoconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 10002-06-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3891. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ethylenebis(oxyethylene) Bis[3-(5-Tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-M-tolyl) propionate]; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 10002-96-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3892. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohexadione Calcium; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 10003-04-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3893. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Propanamide, 2-hydroxy-N, N-dimethyl-; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 10003-07-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3894. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flutrafol; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 10004-03-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3895. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Mali that was declared in Executive Order 13882 of July 26, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3896. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Fiscal Year 2020: Annual Performance Plan and Report, and Budget Overview"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3897. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was originally declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3898. 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; Connecticut; Transport State Implementation Plan for the 2008 Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 10004-95-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3899. 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; Prevention of Significant Deterioration Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule" (FRL No. 10005-04-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3900. 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; Texas; Houston-Galveston-Brazoria Area Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for Revoked Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Section 185 Fee Program" (FRL No. 10004-70-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3901. 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; Texas; Revisions

to Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Construction or Modification" (FRL No. 10004-67-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3902. 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; District of Columbia; Reasonably Available Control Technology State Implementation Plan for Nitrogen Oxides Under the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 10004-84-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3903. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Protection Agency Acquisition Regulation (EPAAR) Clause Update for Submission of Invoices; Final Rule; correction and republication" (FRL No. 10002-43-OMS) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 3, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3904. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2019 biennial report to Congress on the status of the Missouri River Bank Stabilization and Navigation Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3905. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Reservoir Sediment; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3906. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to United States Citizens detained in Iran and efforts to secure their release; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3907. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Government of Bangladesh's Support for Human Rights; Protection of Freedom of Expression, Association, and Religion, and Due Process of Law; and Ensuring Free, Fair, and Participatory Elections; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3908. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2020; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3909. A communication from the Secretary of the Board of Governors, U.S. Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3910. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2018 Annual Report to the President and Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3911. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inflation Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties" (RIN3072-AC79) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3912. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V-148, V-177, and V-345 in the Vicinity of Ely, MN, and Hayward, WI" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0476)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3913. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (53); Amendment No. 3888" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31293)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3914. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment, Revocation, and Establishment of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes; Western United States" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0221)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3915. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (103); Amendment No. 3887" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31292)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3916. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class C Airspace; Lansing, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0662)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3917. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Huntsville, AL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2019-1011)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3918. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Class D and Class E Airspace; Meridian, MS" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0598)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2020;

to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3919. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment and Establishment of Multiple Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes in the Vicinity of Houston, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0817)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3920. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of VHF Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal Airway V-369 Due to the Decommissioning of the Groesbeck, TX, VOR" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0542)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3921. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T-217 in the Vicinity of Springfield, OH" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2019-0998)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-179. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to a constitutional amendment and impeachment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 2750. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Operation Stonegarden grant program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-212).

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

H.R. 495. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require an annual report on the Office for State and Local Law Enforcement (Rept. No. 116-213).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. MORAN for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

\*Grant C. Jaquith, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to