

conflict, and war. By focusing on shared backgrounds and beliefs—and rededicating ourselves to religious understanding and tolerance—Qazi believes that people of diverse faiths can build a stronger, more peaceful, and more prosperous world. I couldn't agree with her more.

"I believe teaching our children the common origins and shared heritage of the Abrahamic faiths is key to future global unity, peace, and harmony," said Qazi. "Children of Abraham Day is about showing how we can come together, celebrate, and appreciate a common bond."

Farhat Qazi's belief in the power of Children of Abraham Day—and her tireless work to bring people of diverse religions together—deserves to be commended. It is my hope and prayer that this seed of understanding she has planted will continue to blossom and grow.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Swann, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 4303, and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Speaker appoints the following members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota and Mr. BUCSHON of Indiana.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 4088. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from lessening the stringency of, and to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from ceasing or lessening implementation of, the COVID-19 border health provisions through the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, 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-3712. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Sequestration Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2023"; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; Joint Committee on Taxation; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3713. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2023; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on the Budget; and Appropriations.

EC-3714. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Economic Report of the President together with the annual report of the Council of Economic Advisors; to the Joint Economic Committee.

EC-3715. A communication from the Assistant to the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustments; Annual Adjustments" (RIN1076-AF70) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2022; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3716. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus subtilis strain AFS032321; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8920-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3717. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Organic Program; Origin of Livestock" (RIN0581-AD89) (Docket No. AMS-NOP-11-0009) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3718. 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 "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: New Qualifying County-Lithuania (DFARS Case 2022-D012)" (RIN0750-AL48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2022; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3719. 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 "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Evaluation Factor for Employing or Subcontracting with Members of the Selected Reserve (DFARS Case 2021-D013)" (RIN0750-AL48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2022; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3720. 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 "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Postaward Debriefings (DFARS Case 2018-D009)" (RIN0750-AJ73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2022; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3721. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Department of Defense Annual Report on Audit for Fiscal Year 2021"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3722. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to specified harmful activities of the Government of the Russian Federation that was originally declared in Executive Order 14024 of April 15, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3723. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 14024 with respect to specified harmful foreign activities of the Government of the Russian Federation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3724. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13611 with respect to Yemen; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3725. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 14024 with respect to the Central African Republic; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3726. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13338 with respect to Syria; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3727. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Flood Insurance Program: Removal of Best's Financial Size Category From Write-Your-Own Participation Criteria" (RIN1660-AB13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2022; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3728. A communication from the Congressional Affairs Director, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of First Vice President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 6, 2022; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3729. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf—Adjustment of Service Fees" (RIN1014-AA54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2022; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3730. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Wisconsin; Redesignation of the Wisconsin Portion of the Chicago-Naperville, Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin Area to Attainment of the 2008 Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9523-02-R5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3731. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Montana; 2015 Ozone NAAQS Interstate Transport Requirements" (FRL No. 9299-02-R8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3732. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of 1-Bromopropane to the list of CERCLA Hazardous Substances; List of Hazardous Substances; Technical Corrections" (FRL No. 9335-01-OLEM) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3733. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement and Report Concerning Advance Pricing Agreements" (Announcement 2022-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2022; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3734. 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 2022-0052—2022-0069); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3735. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to emigration laws and policies of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3736. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. compliance with the authorization for use of military force in Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3737. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. compliance with the authorization for use of military force in Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3738. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to data mining activities by Federal Agencies; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3739. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Iran-related multilateral sanctions regime efforts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3740. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to observer status for Taiwan at the summit of the World Health Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. REED for the Committee on Armed Services.

Space Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Douglas A. Schiess, to be Major General.

Space Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Douglas A. Schiess, to be Brigadier General. Air Force nominations beginning with Col. Christopher M. Blomquist and ending with Col. Todd A. Wiles, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 31, 2022. (minus 2 nominees: Col. Daniel R. Fowler; Col. Michael E. Lockette)

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. Kirsten G. Aguilar and ending with Col. Michael J. Zuhlsdorf, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 28, 2022. (minus 2 nominees: Col. David C. Epperson; Col. Brian R. Moore)

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Rebecca R. Vernon, to be Major General.

\*Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Randy A. George, to be General.

\*Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Andrew P. Poppas, to be General.

\*Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Sean C. Bernabe, to be Lieutenant General.

\*Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Duke Z. Richardson, to be General.

\*Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Mary F. O'Brien, to be Lieutenant General.

\*Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Brian S. Robinson, to be Lieutenant General.

\*Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Randall Reed, to be Lieutenant General.

\*Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. David S. Nahom, to be Lieutenant General.

\*Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Tom D. Miller, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Amy D. Holbeck, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Col. David N. Unruh, to be Brigadier General.

\*Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Dimitri Henry, to be Lieutenant General.

Mr. REED, 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 Michael A. Armstrong and ending with John S. Wu, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 31, 2022.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jonathan P. Dietz and ending with Jordan C. Tremblay, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 4, 2022.

Air Force nominations beginning with Alan K. Chan and ending with Benjamin R. Pereus, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 4, 2022.

Air Force nomination of Alec S. Williams, to be Major.

Army nomination of Derwin Brayboy, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Yonatan S. Abebie and ending with D011475, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 4, 2022.

Army nominations beginning with David H. Aamidor and ending with D016442, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 4, 2022.

Army nominations beginning with Michael S. Abbott and ending with D015907, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 4, 2022.

Army nominations beginning with Rachell H. Baca and ending with D014087, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 4, 2022.

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

Army nomination of David L. Armeson, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Jeremy D. Adams and ending with Jonathan S. Zasadny, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 1, 2021.

Marine Corps nomination of Jon C. Peterson, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Andrew E. Cheatum, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Christopher J. Voss, to be Major.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Dustin E. Guerpo and ending with Steven A. Scott, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 5, 2022.

Navy nominations beginning with Joseph L. Campbell and ending with David J. Woods, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 4, 2022.

Space Force nominations beginning with Matthew B. Christensen and ending with David A. Heinz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 4, 2022.

\*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 Ms. BALDWIN:

S. 4081. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish a grant program to assist with the purchase, installation, and maintenance of point-of-entry and point-of-use drinking water quality improvement products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. HAGERTY, and Ms. ERNST):

S. 4082. A bill to prohibit the use by the Department of Veterans Affairs of funds to provide emergency assistance at the southern border of the United States resulting from the repeal of certain public health orders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. LUJÁN,