

technologies, such as trenchless technologies, to install, repair, or replace pipes with minimal destruction.

In 2019, Bryce and Sarah helped found a software company Tractics to support contractors with asset tracking, project management, and timekeeping for civil construction projects.

Beyond their contributions to civil construction, the Ricklefs also focus on enhancing Anamosa's built infrastructure. In 2020, they purchased eight buildings in the downtown area that were in disrepair and rehabbed them to a usable condition. They donated one of the buildings to the city of Anamosa's police department, and it is still used today. Additionally, Bryce, the son of a home builder, recognized Anamosa's housing shortage and has personally committed to building over 60 houses in the community.

Boomerang Corporation is passionate about building up young Iowans and offers internships to local students. Demonstrating their commitment to the next generation, Boomerang Corporation partnered with the Anamosa Community School District and Kirkwood Community College to create an apprenticeship program. This initiative offers high school students the opportunity to graduate with both a high school diploma, as well as a certificate in a trade, such as welding. In September, Boomerang Corporation looks forward to celebrating its 27th business anniversary in Iowa.

Boomerang Corporation's commitment to designing and overseeing high-quality construction and infrastructure projects is clear. I want to congratulate Bryce and Sarah Ricklefs and the entire team at Boomerang Corporation for their immeasurable impact on the Anamosa community. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

TRIBUTE TO LINDA KAUFMAN

● Ms. WARREN. Madam President, I rise today to share a few words in honor of the 90th birthday of a dear friend Linda Kaufman. As she celebrates this impressive milestone, I extend my best wishes to Anne and her family for a happy celebration.

Ms. Kaufman was born in January of 1935 in Massachusetts. She attended Smith College and worked as a teacher for 40 years, 32 of those years spent teaching history at Buckingham Browne and Nichols School in Cambridge. She has also served as reader, table leader, and member of the test development committee for the Advanced Placement European History Examination of the College Board. Linda never stopped teaching and learning history; after retiring, she took many online courses at Harvard and mentored former students, always staying up to date with their many accomplishments.

Ms. Kaufman is married to her best friend Andrew Kaufman, a professor at Harvard Law School. Together, they

raised four children; Anne, David, Daniel, and Elizabeth. Outside of teaching, Linda was active in her community in Cambridge, dedicating free time to helping individuals prepare for the American citizenship exam and spending time with her grandchildren.

Linda Kaufman is a true lifelong learner and public servant. I am incredibly pleased to honor this momentous event in Linda's life and wish her joy in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

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

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED RESCISSION OF CUBA'S DESIGNATION AS A STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM—PM 3

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 Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith a report to the Congress with respect to the proposed rescission of Cuba's designation as a state sponsor of terrorism.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, January 14, 2025.

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 14115 OF FEBRUARY 1, 2024, WITH RESPECT TO THE SITUATION IN THE WEST BANK—PM 4

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 prior to 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 with respect to the situation in the West Bank declared in Executive Order 14115 of February 1, 2024, is to continue in effect beyond February 1, 2025.

The situation in the West Bank—in particular high levels of extremist settler violence, forced displacement of people and villages, and property destruction—has reached intolerable levels and constitutes a serious threat to the peace, security, and stability of the West Bank and Gaza, Israel, and the broader Middle East region. These actions undermine the foreign policy objectives of the United States, including the viability of a two-state solution and ensuring Israelis and Palestinians can attain equal measures of security, prosperity, and freedom. They also undermine the security of Israel and have the potential to lead to broader regional destabilization across the Middle East, threatening United States personnel and interests.

The situation in the West Bank continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14115 with respect to the situation in the West Bank.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, January 14, 2025.

TEXT OF AN AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND CONCERNING PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY—PM 5

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 Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit to the Congress, pursuant to subsections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2153(b), (d)) (the "Act"), the text of an Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy ("The Agreement").

I am also pleased to transmit my written approval, authorization, and determination concerning the Agreement and an unclassified Nuclear Proliferation Assessment Statement (NPAS) concerning the Agreement. In accordance with section 123 of the Act, a classified annex to the NPAS, prepared by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Director of National

Intelligence, summarizing relevant classified information, will be submitted to the Congress separately. The joint memorandum submitted to me by the Secretaries of State and Energy and a letter from the Chair of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission stating the views of the Commission are also enclosed. An addendum to the NPAS containing a comprehensive analysis of the export control system of the Kingdom of Thailand with respect to nuclear-related matters, including interactions with other countries of proliferation concern and the actual or suspected nuclear, dual-use, or missile-related transfers to such countries, pursuant to section 102A(w) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3024(w)), is being submitted separately by the Director of National Intelligence.

The Agreement has been negotiated in accordance with the Act and other applicable law. In my judgment, it meets all applicable statutory requirements and will advance the non-proliferation and other foreign policy interests of the United States of America.

The Agreement contains all of the provisions required by subsection 123 a. of the Act. It provides a comprehensive framework for peaceful nuclear cooperation with the Kingdom of Thailand based on a mutual commitment to nuclear nonproliferation. It would permit the transfer of material, equipment (including reactors), components, and information for peaceful nuclear purposes. It would not permit the transfer of Restricted Data or sensitive nuclear technology. Any special fissionable material transferred to the Kingdom of Thailand could only be in the form of low enriched uranium, with the exception of small quantities of special fissionable material for use as samples, standards, detectors, or targets, or for such other purposes as the parties may agree.

Through the Agreement, the Kingdom of Thailand would affirm its intent to rely on existing international markets for nuclear fuel services rather than acquiring sensitive nuclear technology (i.e., for enrichment and reprocessing), and the United States would affirm its intent to support these international markets to ensure nuclear fuel supply for the Kingdom of Thailand.

The Agreement has a term of 30 years, although it can be terminated at any time by either party on 1 year's advance written notice to the other party. In the event of termination or expiration of the Agreement, key non-proliferation conditions and controls will continue in effect as long as any material, equipment, or components, subject to the Agreement remains in the territory of the party concerned or under its jurisdiction or control anywhere, or until such time as the parties agree that such material, equipment, or components are no longer usable for any nuclear activity relevant from the point of view of safeguards.

The Kingdom of Thailand is a party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and has concluded a Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and Additional Protocol thereto with the International Atomic Energy Agency. The Kingdom of Thailand was also among the early sponsors of and is a State Party to the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone. A more detailed discussion of the Kingdom of Thailand's domestic civil nuclear activities and its nuclear non-proliferation policies and practices is provided in the NPAS and its classified annex.

I have considered the views and recommendations of the interested departments and agencies in reviewing the Agreement and have determined that its performance will promote, and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to, the common defense and security. Accordingly, I have approved the Agreement and authorized its execution and urge that the Congress give it favorable consideration.

This transmission shall constitute a submittal for purposes of both subsections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Act. My Administration is prepared to immediately begin the consultations with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee as provided in subsection 123 b. Upon completion of the 30 days of continuous session review provided for in subsection 123 b., the 60 days of continuous session review provided for in subsection 123 d. shall commence.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.

THE WHITE HOUSE, January 14, 2025.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, 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. 152. An act to amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to develop a study regarding streamlining and consolidating information collection and preliminary damage assessments, and for other purposes.

H.R. 189. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to eliminate the leasing authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 192. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to require Amtrak to include information on base pay and bonus compensation of certain Amtrak executives, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 152. An act to amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to develop a study regarding streamlining and consolidating information collection and preliminary damage assessments, and for other purposes; to

the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 189. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to eliminate the leasing authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 192. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to require Amtrak to include information on base pay and bonus compensation of certain Amtrak executives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BUDD, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 83. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide enhanced penalties for convicted murderers who kill or target America's public safety officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MULLIN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 84. A bill to require U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to take into custody certain aliens who have been charged in the United States with a crime that resulted in the death or serious bodily injury of another person, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 85. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to partner and collaborate with the Secretary of Agriculture and the State of Hawaii to address Rapid Ohia Death, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 86. A bill to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 87. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to modify work requirements under the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. SCHMITT):

S. 88. A bill to provide that Members of Congress may not receive pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which Congress has not approved a concurrent resolution on the budget and passed the regular appropriations bills; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. SHEEHY,