

household by her parents and grandmothers. After the loss of her father, her mother and grandmother taught her the values of resilience, faith, and commitment to excellence. She carried these values throughout her life and career as a public servant.

Before her career with the government, Mrs. Hodges-Simons excelled academically. She earned a full academic scholarship to Vassar College and graduated with honors. Her passion for justice led her to earn her juris doctor at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law. Mrs. Hodges-Simons followed her pursuit for justice and practiced law as a clerk and as an attorney specializing in telecommunications law.

She continued to use her law degree as a public servant, serving our Nation through her positions at the Federal Communications Commission, the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority, the Federal Aviation Administration, the District of Columbia's Office of the People's Counsel, and the DC Department of the Environment. Mrs. Hodges-Simons was a champion for strengthening our environmental policies. As chief of the Office of Enforcement and Environmental Justice for the DC Department of the Environment, she advocated for better environmental policies to protect underserved communities.

Mrs. Hodges-Simons was committed to serving her local community as well. She dedicated herself to community service, made a lasting impact as the first PTA president of Ernest Everett Just Middle School, and was an active member of her church, the First Baptist Church of Glenarden.

Mrs. Hodges-Simons' memory is cherished by the many people whose lives she touched, but especially by her family. She is survived by her husband Don; her children Donielle and Kenneth, who is a treasured former member of my Senate staff; her mother Mary; and her sister Karin. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our appreciation to the late Mrs. Hodges-Simons and her family for all she has done for our community and country.

TRIBUTE TO MARK SWEENEY

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant and Marylander Mark Sweeney, Principal Deputy Librarian of Congress. With almost 40 years of unwavering service to the Library of Congress, Mr. Sweeney has faithfully served our Nation by preserving our knowledge, history, and culture.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Sweeney served the Library of Congress in multiple positions. He began his career at the Library in 1985 as a Library technician. His hard work, expertise, and dedication led to multiple promotions, including to Chief of the Preservation Reformatting Division, Chief of the Humanities and Social Sciences Division, and the Library's Director of Preservation.

Throughout his career, Mr. Sweeney's dedication to preserving and enhancing knowledge strengthened the experiences of visitors to the Library of Congress. As Principal Deputy Librarian of Congress, he envisioned the Library's first user-centered strategic plan and contributed to the implementation of the Visitor Experience Master Plan.

In addition, through Mr. Sweeney's leadership and support, access to our Nation's historical newspapers increased, conserving our history and culture. As the Library's technical adviser to the U.S. Newspaper Program, Mr. Sweeney contributed to the locating, preservation, cataloging, and dissemination of newspapers from the 18th century to the present that were published in the United States. In addition, Mr. Sweeney guided and supported the Library's team for the National Digital Newspaper Program to strengthen access to newspapers through technology. Mr. Sweeney's leadership also extends past the Library of Congress; his efforts to increase the accessibility of America's history and culture have been used as a model throughout our Nation to better the conservation of newspapers.

I commend Mr. Sweeney for his remarkable commitment to preserving our Nation's history and strengthening accessibility to sources of knowledge. His legacy is one of drive, passion, and encouragement of his colleagues and many others. I congratulate and thank Mr. Sweeney for his dedication to our Nation. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him and wishing him a well-earned, enjoyable, and fulfilling retirement.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, 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 and a withdrawal 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 DESIGNATION AS EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS 16 APPROPRIATIONS (INCLUDING THE TRANSFER AND REPURPOSING OF FUNDS) SO DESIGNATED BY THE CONGRESS IN THE FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTENSIONS ACT, 2025 ("THE ACT") PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(b)(2)(A) OF THE BALANCED BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL ACT OF 1985, AS OUTLINED IN THE ENCLOSED LIST OF ACCOUNTS, AND DOES NOT INCLUDE THE REMAINING 11 APPROPRIATIONS—PM 16

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 the Budget:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 1110 of the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (H.R. 1968; the "Act") and the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (BBEDCA), I hereby designate as emergency requirements 16 appropriations (including the transfer and repurposing of funds) so designated by the Congress in the Act pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of BBEDCA, as outlined in the enclosed list of accounts.

My designation does not include the remaining 11 appropriations—totaling nearly \$3 billion—that were improperly designated by the Congress as emergency in the Act that stem from the June 2023 side deal with the Democrats to evade the spending caps signed into law, and I do not concur that the added spending is truly for emergency needs.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed memorandum from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 24, 2025.

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-490. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, Department of Agriculture, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-491. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics, Department of

Agriculture, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-492. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation, Department of Agriculture, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-493. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Food Safety, Department of Agriculture, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-494. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, Department of Agriculture, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-495. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-496. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Agriculture, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-497. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-498. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Agriculture, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-499. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, Department of Agriculture, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-500. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of

Inspector General, Department of Agriculture, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-501. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-502. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-503. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of Agriculture, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-504. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Metamitron: Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 12591-01-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-505. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certain Existing Chemicals; Request to Submit Unpublished Health and Safety Data under the Toxic Substances Control Act; Extension of Submission Deadline" ((RIN2070-AL15) (FRL No. 11641-02-OCSPP)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-506. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Potassium Polyasparatate in Pesticide Formulations; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 12666-01-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-507. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyridate: Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 12388-01-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-508. A communication from the Equal Employment Opportunity Director, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Farm Credit Administration's fiscal year 2024 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-509. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Depart-

ment of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Israel in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 23-086) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-510. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Israel in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 23-077) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-511. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Israel in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 23-085) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-512. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services and the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad to the Republic of Korea in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-081) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-513. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Saudi Arabia in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-085) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-514. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Turkey in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 23-014) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-515. 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 13694 with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-516. A communication from the Major General, Air Force, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Joint Safety Council Chairman's Annual Statement of Compliance and Semi-Annual Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-517. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report that the national emergency with respect to the situation in

the West Bank established by Executive Order 14115 of February 1, 2024, was terminated by Executive Order 14148 of January 20, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-518. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report that Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001 (Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism), was amended by Executive Order 14157 of January 20, 2025 (Designating Cartels and Other Organizations as Foreign Terrorist Organizations and Specially Designated Global Terrorists); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-519. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Implementation of Executive Order 12938 Concerning the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction" received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-520. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Revisions" (RIN2529-AB08) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-521. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-522. 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-523. 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 during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-524. A communication from the Director of Public Affairs and Congressional Relations, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Comptroller's 2024 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of March 14, 2025, the following reports of committees were submitted on March 18, 2025:

By Mr. SCOTT, of South Carolina, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 875. A bill to curtail the political weaponization of Federal banking agencies by eliminating reputational risk as a component of the supervision of depository institutions.

S. 919. A bill to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes.

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 Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 1088. A bill to provide that the memorial to commemorate the sacrifice and service of the women who worked on the home front to support the efforts of the United States military during World War II may be located on the National Mall, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 1089. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to address disclosures by directors, officers, and principal stockholders of foreign private issuers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 1090. A bill to amend section 2284 of title 28, United States Code, to establish special procedures for civil actions seeking to restrain executive branch actions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1091. A bill to require certain public housing agencies to absorb port-in housing choice vouchers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. KING, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1092. A bill to require certain products to be labeled with 'Do Not Flush' labeling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1093. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to enhance the Office of Rural Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1094. A bill to establish a contracting preference for public buildings that use innovative wood products in the construction of those buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1095. A bill to enable the Federal Trade Commission to deter filing of sham citizen petitions to cover an attempt to interfere with approval of a competing generic drug or biosimilar, to foster competition, and facilitate the efficient review of petitions filed in good faith to raise legitimate public health concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. ERNST, Mr. WELCH, Mr. KELLY, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1096. A bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, and to prohibit biological product manufacturers from compensating biosimilar and interchangeable companies to delay the entry of biosimilar biological products and interchangeable biological products; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COONS, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 1097. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to establish an interagency task force between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Food and Drug Administration for purposes of sharing information and providing technical assistance with respect to patents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1098. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. SCHIFF):

S. Res. 132. A resolution designating March 24, 2025, as "National Women of Color in Tech Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PETERS, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. HEINRICH, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 133. A resolution expressing support for the local public K-12 schools of the United States and condemning any actions that would defund public education or weaken or dismantle the Department of Education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mrs. MOODY):

S. Res. 134. A resolution designating March 15, 2025, as "National Osceola Turkey Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 122

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 122, a bill to amend the Revised Statutes to codify the defense of qualified immunity in the case of any action under section 1979, and for other purposes.

S. 237

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 237, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act