

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 47.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Harmeet Dhillon, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 47, Harmeet Dhillon, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

John Thune, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Mike Crapo, Lindsey Graham, Tim Sheehy, John Kennedy, John Barrasso, Markwayne Mullin, Roger Marshall, Rick Scott of Florida, Mike Rounds, Tommy Tuberville, Steve Daines, Bernie Moreno, Eric Schmitt, Jon A. Husted, Roger F. Wicker.

MORNING BUSINESS

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ETTA SMITH PERKINS

• Mrs. BRITT. Mr. President, I wish to honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Etta Smith Perkins, an extraordinary Alabamian who has helped shape our State with courage and conviction.

Mrs. Perkins moved to Selma, AL, at the age of 4, and grew up on Selma University's campus where she attended elementary and secondary school through 12th grade. She was the fourth of ten children born to Henry Daniel Smith, Sr., and Rebecca Sanders Smith.

As a young child, she was baptized at West Trinity Baptist Church, where she developed her love for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, serving others, and congregational singing. It was in church where she met the love of her life, James Perkins, Sr. Together, they shared an extraordinary 71 years of marriage, 4 children, 7 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and several godchildren who affectionately called her "Momma." Her favorite scripture, Proverbs 3:5, guided her extraordinary life of faith and service.

She began her professional nursing career at the Good Samaritan Hospital School of Practical Nurses. Her dedica-

tion to caring for others led her to further her education at Wallace Community College-Selma, where she graduated as a registered nurse in 1973. As a nurse during the civil rights movement, she fought to integrate waiting rooms in the segregated doctors' offices. Her efforts were later documented in the documentary film "Sisters of Selma: Bearing Witness for Change," which was broadcast nationwide.

Her commitment to service was not limited to her professional career. Mrs. Perkins truly inspired future generations of leaders when she became Selma-Dallas County's first African-American Girl Scout troop leader. She was also appointed as the first African-American board member of the Selma-Dallas County Public Library and a charter member of the National Council of Negro Women. Her leadership also extended to organizations like the American Red Cross, Head Start, the Vaughan Home Health Boards, and the Selma-Dallas County AARP.

Mrs. Perkins' remarkable contributions have been memorialized across the State of Alabama. Her story has been written in numerous publications, including "The Alabama Nurse" and "Advances of Nursing Science." Her 35 years of outstanding service were forever cemented in history when she was featured as one of four inaugural nurses in the book "Alabama Notable Nurses."

This Women's History Month, I am honored to recognize Mrs. Perkins on behalf of the people of Alabama as a truly trailblazing woman who made significant contributions to her community and our state. Her legacy serves as a powerful reminder that Alabama women don't just witness history; they make it.●

RECOGNIZING J&S FARM SUPPLY

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize J&S Farm Supply of Williamsburg, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1955, Leighton Jones founded Jones Fertilizer with a mission to support local growers by providing farming services including shelling corn, filling silos, and making hay. In 1962, legendary corn seed grower Roland Holden, the founder of Holden Foundation Seeds—formerly the largest independent producer of foundation seed in the United States—approached the family business for help with fertilizing his crops. At that time, Leighton did not own a truck capable of helping fertilize Roland's farm, so an agreement was made to exchange work for a 1962 Chevy truck. Leighton not only paid Roland back but also established connections with local farmers

to expand his fertilizing business. Over time, Jones Fertilizer became a comprehensive resource for community members seeking to buy fertilizers, seeking crop input, or in need of agricultural services.

By 1972, Dick Schaefer joined the team, and J&S Farm Supply was born. More than two decades later, in 1999, Leighton's son Tim Jones, Sr., joined the business. After nearly 50 years of growing the business, Leighton passed in 2004, which marked a new chapter as Tim took on full ownership of the family business.

Today, Tim still leads J&S Farm Supply and has spearheaded transformative changes, expanding the company's reach and service offerings. Under Tim's leadership, the business has evolved into a full-service agricultural hub offering advanced agronomy services, expert soil consulting, and sustainable farming strategies. The company's team of eight community employees help Iowa growers with every step of the agriculture process, from maintaining soil quality to hauling grain. Tim's son Tim Jones, Jr.—a certified crop adviser and a graduate of Iowa State University—joined the J&S Farm Supply team, bringing cutting-edge agronomy perspectives to the company. Additionally, Tim's sons-in-law Ryan Sauser and Luke Williams have further grown the company's offerings by expanding the turf and fabrication divisions, respectively. Demonstrating its innovative spirit, J&S Farm Supply plans to introduce on-site research plots and studies, allowing for the evaluation of new products and strategies to better serve the evolving needs of Iowa's agricultural producers.

This family-owned business partners with the Williamsburg JR-SR High School Raiders, as well as the Williamsburg Performance Center. J&S Farm Supply is also a member of the Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce, sponsoring unique events like a donkey basketball fundraiser for the high school FFA. In their personal lives, Tim Sr. has coached the high school girls' soccer team since 2012, and Ryan currently coaches the boys' team. In 2018, Tim Jones, Sr., was awarded the Citizen of the Year by the Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce. With their strong presence in Williamsburg and a history of serving Iowa's agricultural economy, J&S Farm Supply has been a cornerstone of its community. Later this year, J&S Farm Supply looks forward to celebrating its 70th business anniversary in Iowa.

The entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to excellence demonstrated by J&S Farm Supply are clear. I want to congratulate the entire team at J&S Farm Supply for their hard work and dedication to providing exceptional products and services to agricultural producers across Iowa. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.●

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 withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13664 OF APRIL 3, 2014, WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH SUDAN, RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON MARCH 28, 2025—PM 19

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 declared in Executive Order 13664 of April 3, 2014, with respect to South Sudan is to continue in effect beyond April 3, 2025.

The situation in and in relation to South Sudan, which has been marked by activities that threaten the peace, security, or stability of South Sudan and the surrounding region, including widespread violence and atrocities, human rights abuses, recruitment and use of child soldiers, attacks on peacekeepers, and obstruction of humanitarian operations, 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 13664 with respect to South Sudan.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 28, 2025.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1048. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to strengthen disclosure requirements relating to foreign gifts and contracts, to prohibit contracts between institutions of higher education and certain foreign entities and countries of concern, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 24. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Walk-In Coolers and Walk-In Freezers".

H.J. Res. 75. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Refrigerators, Freezers, and Refrigerator-Freezers".

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1048. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to strengthen disclosure requirements relating to foreign gifts and contracts, to prohibit contracts between institutions of higher education and certain foreign entities and countries of concern, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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-667. 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 13224 of September 23, 2001 with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-668. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Form PF; Reporting Requirements for All Filers and Large Hedge Fund Advisers" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-669. A communication from the Sanctions Regulations Advisor, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting, Procedures and Penalties Regulations" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-670. A communication from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Beneficial Ownership Information Reporting Requirement Revision and Deadline Extension" (RIN1506-AB49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-671. A communication from the Chair and President (Acting) of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2024 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-672. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-673. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gulf of America Technical Amendment" (Docket No. USCG-2025-0186) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-674. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Cuyahoga River, Cleveland, OH" (RIN1625-AA11) (Docket No. USCG-2024-0393) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-675. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Demolition of Lock and Dam 3, Monongahela River Mile Marker 23.5-24.5, Elizabeth, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0068)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-676. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Cypress Passage overhead powerline demolition and removal, Atchafalaya River, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2024-1095)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-677. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Hackensack River, Little Snake Hill, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2024-0412)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-678. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Umpqua River, Reedsport, OR" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2023-0969)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-679. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of