

otherwise tragic outcome was averted. Their actions reflect the very best of our great State, and I am proud to recognize these young men today.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dashaun Brown, Ryan Gillespie, and Giuseppe Marturano for their extraordinary heroism and in expressing our deepest gratitude for their service to others in a moment of urgent need.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As 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 14078 OF JULY 19, 2022, WITH RESPECT TO HOSTAGE-TAKING AND THE WRONGFUL DETENTION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALS ABROAD—PM 63

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:

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 hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals abroad declared in Executive Order 14078 of July 19, 2022, is to continue in effect beyond July 19, 2026.

Hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals are heinous acts that undermine the rule of law. Terrorist organizations, criminal groups, and other malicious actors who take hostages for financial, political, or other gain—as well as foreign

states that engage in the practice of wrongful detention, including for political leverage or to seek concessions from the United States—threaten the integrity of the international political system and the safety of United States nationals and other persons abroad. Hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals abroad continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14078 with respect to hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals abroad.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 13, 2026.

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13581 OF JULY 24, 2011, WITH RESPECT TO SIGNIFICANT TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS—PM 64

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 significant transnational criminal organizations declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011, under which additional steps were taken in Executive Order 13863 of March 15, 2019, is to continue in effect beyond July 24, 2026.

The activities of significant transnational criminal organizations have reached such scope and gravity that they threaten the stability of international political and economic systems. Such organizations are becoming increasingly sophisticated and dangerous to the United States; they are increasingly entrenched in the operations of foreign governments and the international financial system, thereby weakening democratic institutions, degrading the rule of law, and undermining economic markets. These organizations facilitate and aggravate violent civil conflicts and increasingly facilitate the activities of other dangerous persons.

Significant transnational criminal organizations continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations declared in Executive Order 13581.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 13, 2026.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:39 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3106. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a collective response to a terrorism exercise that includes the management of cascading effects on critical infrastructure during times of extreme cold weather, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3535. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to apply the prohibition against contributions and donations by foreign nationals in connection with elections to contributions or donations in connection with ballot initiatives and referenda.

H.R. 6332. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10660 Page Avenue in Fairfax, Virginia, as the “Congressman Gerald E. Connolly Post Office Building”.

H.R. 7574. An act to provide for the reorganization and realignment of the Engagement, Liaison, and Outreach Office of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7809. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 East Grant Avenue in Georgetown, Ohio, as the “Ulysses S. Grant Post Office Building”.

H.R. 8168. An act to require an assessment of terrorism threats to the United States posed by foreign terrorist organizations and Specially Designated Global Terrorists present in countries that are major non-NATO allies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8535. An act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop performance metrics relating to the detection, deterrence, and seizure of illicit fentanyl, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8738. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require electronic report filing for persons making certain electioneering communications and to permit political committees to make disbursements other than by check.

H.R. 8770. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish funds for investments in aviation security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8874. An act to amend the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal year 2023 to require recurring reports on the transition of jurisdictions no longer eligible for Urban Area Security Initiative funding, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8897. An act to improve travel for American families, and for other purposes.

H.R. 9328. An act to improve travel for active-duty military personnel and accompanying family, and for other purposes.

H.R. 9388. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize an extension of a program to permit screened passengers and their property arriving on direct flights or flight segments originating at certain foreign last point of departure airports to continue on additional flights or flight segments originating in the United States without additional screening, and for other purposes.

H.R. 9391. An act to authorize an extension and expansion of the reimbursable screening services program of the Transportation Security Administration, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 1424. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Lindsey Graham, a Senator from the State of South Carolina.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3106. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a collective response to a terrorism exercise that includes the management of cascading effects on critical infrastructure during times of extreme cold weather, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3535. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to apply the prohibition against contributions and donations by foreign nationals in connection with elections to contributions or donations in connection with ballot initiatives and referenda; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

H.R. 6332. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10660 Page Avenue in Fairfax, Virginia, as the "Congressman Gerald E. Connolly Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 7574. An act to provide for the reorganization and realignment of the Engagement, Liaison, and Outreach Office of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 7809. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 East Grant Avenue in Georgetown, Ohio, as the "Ulysses S. Grant Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 8168. An act to require an assessment of terrorism threats to the United States posed by foreign terrorist organizations and Specially Designated Global Terrorists present in countries that are major non-NATO allies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 8535. An act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop performance metrics relating to the detection, deterrence, and seizure of illicit fentanyl; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 8738. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require electronic report filing for persons making certain electioneering communications and to permit political committees to make disbursements other than by check; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

H.R. 8770. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish funds for investments in aviation security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 8874. An act to amend the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 to require recurring reports on the transition of jurisdictions no longer eligible for Urban Area Security Initiative funding, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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H.R. 9391. An act to authorize an extension and expansion of the reimbursable screening services program of the Transportation Security Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 197, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2027; and Basic Health Program," and further, that the resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Tammy Baldwin, Jeanne Shaheen, Gary C. Peters, Chris Van Hollen, Peter Welch, Mark Kelly, Jack Reed, Maggie Hassan, Ron Wyden, Mazie Hirono, Chris Coons, Angela Alsobrooks, Martin Heinrich, Ruben Gallego, Lisa Blunt-Rochester, Adam Schiff, Andy Kim, Elissa Slotkin, Tim Kaine, Angus King, Elizabeth Warren, Tina Smith, John Hickenlooper, Mark R. Warner, Jeffrey A. Merkley, Raphael G. Warnock, Sheldon Whitehouse, Cory A. Booker, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Ben Ray Lujan, Richard Blumenthal, Michael F. Bennet, Amy Klobuchar, Brian Schatz.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 197. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2027; and Basic Health Program".

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 4952. A bill to combat fraud in Federal programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2347. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income any damages, other than punitive damages, received on account of any sexual acts or sexual contact.

H.R. 5334. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow early childhood educators to take the educator expense deduction, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8469. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for

the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, 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-4040. A communication from the Acting Director, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Improving and Eliminating Regulations; Blacksmith Shops" (RIN1219-AC07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2026; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4041. A communication from the Acting Director, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Improving and Eliminating Regulations; Approved Conveyor Belts in Underground Coal Mines" (RIN1219-AC06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2026; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4042. A communication from the Acting Director, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Improving and Eliminating Regulations; Use of Permissible Flame Safety Lamps in Underground Coal Mines" (RIN1219-AC04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2026; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4043. A communication from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual actuarial report for fiscal year 2026; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4044. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Cardiomyopathy Report"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4045. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the financial status of the railroad unemployment insurance system for fiscal year 2026; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4046. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Administration for Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reducing Bureaucracy and Burden for Children, Youth, and Family Programs" (RIN0970-AD37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2026; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4047. A communication from the Acting Director, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Improving and Eliminating Regulations; Diesel Particulate Matter Emission Limits in Underground Coal Mines" (RIN1219-AC05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2026; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4048. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, proposed legislation to amend 42 U.S.C Section 5821 to reflect the current appropriations structure of the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4049. A communication from the Chief Regulatory Officer, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland