

labor and there are raids in our construction sites; where, when there is an influx of thousands of agents from ICE, it totally disrupts local law enforcement; and where so many of these people who are being rounded up are not a threat to our safety—are not a threat to our safety—what is the benefit to the American people? What is the price that our communities are paying? And what is our responsibility as a U.S. Senate to open our eyes and candidly assess what is the impact of a mass deportation policy?

My view is that we have an opportunity to move beyond what has been incredibly partisan rhetoric about the immigration issue. The reason we have the opportunity is because there is now bipartisan agreement about a secure border. There is now bipartisan agreement about deporting criminals.

Isn't it time for us to have the discussion about legal ways to have an immigration policy that is safe and secure and benefits the American people, as immigration has benefited us from the onset of our history?

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The great Senator from Alabama.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—READING OF WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

Mrs. BRITT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the order of January 24, 1901, the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address take place on Monday, February 23, 2026, following the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SENATOR KAINÉ TO READ WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, as modified by the order of February 11, 2026, appoints the Senator from Virginia, Mr. KAINÉ, to read Washington's Farewell Address on Monday, February 23, 2026.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

##### TRIBUTE TO VICE ADMIRAL NANCY HANN

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Vice Admiral Nancy Hann upon her retirement from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration after nearly 30 years of distinguished service to our Nation.

Vice Admiral Hann's career reflects the highest traditions of uniformed service: professional excellence, operational expertise, and an unwavering commitment to the workforce and mis-

sion. She began her career as a fisheries observer, and after commissioning in the NOAA Corps, she built her leadership through hands-on operational service as a deck officer at sea, a pilot in NOAA aircraft, and a flight meteorologist supporting missions critical to environmental intelligence and public safety.

As a NOAA pilot and flight meteorologist, Vice Admiral Hann flew demanding missions in support of hurricane forecasting, marine mammal research, and environmental response, working alongside scientists and crews in some of the most challenging operational environments NOAA faces. Those experiences shaped a leader grounded in real-world operations and the people who carry them out.

She went on to serve in a wide range of senior operational and management roles, including commanding officer of the NOAA Aircraft Operations Center, senior leadership positions within the NOAA Corps and the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, and NOAA liaison to U.S. Pacific Command. Most recently, she served as Director of the NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps and Deputy Under Secretary for Operations, overseeing NOAA's ships, aircraft, uncrewed systems, diving programs, and small boats worldwide.

Through these senior roles, Vice Admiral Hann's leadership also had a lasting impact in Rhode Island. She was instrumental in supporting NOAA's Atlantic Fleet and advancing the relocation of the Marine Operations Center—Atlantic to Newport, reinforcing the Ocean State's role as a hub for maritime operations and strengthening NOAA's operational readiness.

A true trailblazer, Vice Admiral Hann became the first woman to attain the rank of vice admiral—one of only three officers promoted to that rank in NOAA Corps history—and served as the first and only commissioned officer to act as NOAA Administrator. She did not simply break barriers; she built pathways, expanding opportunity and strengthening the professional culture for those who followed.

Throughout her career, Vice Admiral Hann championed inclusion, mentorship, and workforce development. She has emphasized that leadership is about removing obstacles so others can succeed, and she consistently worked to create environments where people could thrive and do their best work. Her efforts helped prepare the next generation of NOAA scientists, pilots, engineers, and mariners to carry forward the Agency's vital mission.

As Vice Admiral Hann concludes her career, the Nation owes her a deep debt of gratitude. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Vice Admiral Nancy Hann for her extraordinary service and in congratulating her on a well-earned retirement.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO WINTON P. LOFTON, SR.

• Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, I want to recognize Winton P. Lofton, Sr., a proud resident of Winnsboro, LA, who will turn 100 years old on February 17.

Winton grew up in Franklin Parish and answered the call to service at just 17 years old, enlisting in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He served for 6 years, traveling tens of thousands of miles from home. Winton is now the sole surviving World War II veteran in Franklin Parish, a living reminder of all the great men and women who fought for our country and secured our freedom.

Since returning home, Winton has devoted his life to his community and his church. He and his wife Marie have helped build churches across the country and remain pillars of their local faith community. A devout Southern Baptist, Winton continues to pray every day for our country and its leadership.

I am told he is still driving at 100 years young, and that his faith, discipline, and love of country remain as strong as ever.

Winton, thank you for your service. You make Louisiana proud. Happy birthday.●

##### TRIBUTE TO PERRY AUSTIN, LINDA ELLEN PRICE, AND CRAIG REYNOLDS

• Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, I would like to honor three Alabama artists whose artwork is currently displayed in my office here in Washington, DC: Perry Austin of Sylacauga, AL; Linda Ellen Price of Springville, AL; Craig Reynolds of Gadsden, AL. Their works reflect the rich artistic talent of Alabama and serve as a visual representation of the State's natural beauty, heritage, and culture.

These pieces, graciously loaned by the artists, are prominently displayed in my front office, where they are viewed by thousands of constituents and visitors who enter my office each year. The artwork has been widely admired and frequently complimented, contributing to a welcoming and representative space that highlights some of Alabama's most talented artists.

Perry Austin, a native of Sylacauga, AL, is well known for his landscape paintings. A successful professional career. He is a member of the American Impressionist Society and Oil Painters of America and was among the original founders of the Plein Air Painters of the Southeast in 2001. His painting "Tensaw" displayed in the Russell Senate Office Building, depicts the Tensaw River as it flows through southern Alabama. Executed in oil on linen, the work captures the region's geography through a thoughtful balance of warm and cool tones.

Linda Ellen Price, of Springville, AL, is known for her expressive style and

quick brushwork. Her artwork, “Alabama Camellia” represents Alabama’s State flower and reflects its cultural significance across the State. The Camellia is an icon of Alabama’s heritage and is prominently featured in public gardens, festivals, and residential landscapes. Ms. Price’s work captures this symbolism with clarity and elegance.

Craig Reynolds, of Gadsden, AL, is recognized for his plein air and studio oil paintings of landscapes, rural scenes and nature. He began painting professionally in 1984 and has worked as a full-time artist since 2005. His piece “Alabama Snow” is the largest artwork on display in my office. The painting portrays cotton fields commonly found in northern Alabama beneath a clear blue sky, offering a distinctive view of the State’s agricultural landscape.

Collectively, these artists have made a meaningful contribution—not only to my office, but to the State of Alabama—by allowing their work to be displayed on Capitol Hill. Their generosity and artistic excellence help ensure that Alabama is represented not only through public service and policy, but through creativity and culture. Without a doubt, Mr. Austin, Ms. Price, and Mr. Reynolds are truly some of Alabama’s finest. I am honored to have their pieces in my office.●

#### 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

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

#### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

NOTICE OF THE REASONS FOR ACTION TO ADJUST IMPORTS OF PROCESSED CRITICAL MINERALS AND THEIR DERIVATIVE PRODUCTS (PCMDPS) SO THAT SUCH IMPORTS WILL NOT THREATEN TO IMPAIR THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES IN RELATION TO PROCLAMATION 11001 OF JANUARY 14, 2026—PM 49

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 Finance:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Consistent with applicable law, including section 232(c)(2) of the Trade

Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1862(c)(2)) (section 232), I am providing notice of the reasons why I have decided to take action to adjust imports of processed critical minerals and their derivative products (PCMDPs) so that such imports will not threaten to impair the national security of the United States.

On October 24, 2025, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), in accordance with section 232, transmitted to me a report on his investigation into the effects of imports of PCMDPs on the national security of the United States. Based on the facts considered in that investigation, the Secretary found and advised me of his opinion that PCMDPs are being imported into the United States in such quantities and under such circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security of the United States.

In Proclamation 11001 of January 14, 2026 (Adjusting Imports of Processed Critical Minerals and Their Derivative Products Into The United States) (Proclamation), after considering the Secretary’s report, the factors in section 232(d) (19 U.S.C. 1862(d)), and other relevant factors and information, I concurred with the Secretary’s finding that PCMDPs are being imported into the United States in quantities and under circumstances that threaten to impair the national security of the United States. In my judgment, and in light of the Secretary’s report, the factors in section 232(d), and other relevant factors and information, I determined that it is necessary and appropriate to direct negotiations of agreements to address the national security threat. In the Proclamation, I also noted that depending on the status or outcome of those negotiations, I may take other measures to adjust the imports of PCMDPs to address the national security threat.

I am enclosing a copy of the Proclamation that I have issued. The Proclamation further explains the circumstances underlying the threat to impair the national security of the United States posed by imports of PCMDPs, and the actions taken in the Proclamation to eliminate that threat.

DONALD J. TRUMP.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 11, 2026.

NOTICE OF THE REASONS FOR ACTION TO ADJUST IMPORTS OF MEDIUM- AND HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES (MHDVS), AND MEDIUM- AND HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLE PARTS (MHDVPS), AND BUSES SO THAT SUCH IMPORTS WILL NOT THREATEN TO IMPAIR THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES IN RELATION TO PROCLAMATION 10984 OF OCTOBER 17, 2025—PM 50

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report and papers; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Consistent with applicable law, including section 232(c)(2) of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1862(c)(2)) (section 232), I am providing notice of the reasons why I have decided to take action to adjust imports of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles (MHDVs), and medium- and heavy-duty vehicle parts (MHDVPS), and buses so that such imports will not threaten to impair the national security of the United States.

In September 2025, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), in accordance with section 232, transmitted to me a report on his investigation into the effects of imports of MHDVs, MHDVPS, and buses on the national security of the United States. Based on the facts considered in that investigation, the Secretary found and advised me of his opinion that MHDVs, MHDVPS, and buses are being imported into the United States in such quantities and under such circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security of the United States.

In Proclamation 10984 of October 17, 2025 (Adjusting Imports of Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles, Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicle Parts, and Buses Into the United States) (Proclamation), after considering the Secretary’s report, the factors in section 232(d) (19 U.S.C. 1862 (d)), and other relevant factors and information, I concurred with the Secretary’s finding that MHDVs, MHDVPS, and buses are being imported into the United States in quantities and under circumstances that threaten to impair the national security of the United States. In my judgment, and in light of the Secretary’s report, the factors in section 232(d), and other relevant factors and information, I determined that it is necessary and appropriate to impose tariffs on certain imports of MHDVs, MHDVPS, and buses.

I am enclosing a copy of the Proclamation that I have issued. The Proclamation further explains the circumstances underlying the threat to impair the national security of the United States posed by imports of MHDVs, MHDVPS, and buses and the actions taken in the Proclamation to eliminate that threat.

DONALD J. TRUMP.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 11, 2026.

NOTICE OF THE REASONS FOR ACTION TO ADJUST IMPORTS OF SEMICONDUCTORS, SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT, AND THEIR DERIVATIVE PRODUCTS SO THAT SUCH IMPORTS WILL NOT THREATEN TO IMPAIR THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES IN RELATION TO PROCLAMATION 11002 OF JANUARY 14, 2026—PM 51

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report and papers; which was referred to the Committee on Finance: