

boasts a 25 by 40-foot American flag atop a 100-foot flagpole almost as big as the store. Thanks to the smokers and pits, Hunter's Bar-B-Q can feed around 3,000 people a day. The pulled pork and sliced shoulder are favorites, attracting customers from all over the country. Catering is also a large part of the business, with Hunter's Bar-B-Q catering events as far away as Louisville.

Together with his wife, Shannon, Hunter seeks to give back to their community in any way possible. Locally, Hunter's Bar-B-Q sponsors Little League and high school sports teams. They regularly support community organizations, including sponsoring Project Graduation, the All for Benny Fundraiser, and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Additionally, Hunter's Bar-B-Q has supported numerous fundraisers that have covered emergency and medical expenses for local members of the community. Hunter's Bar-B-Q is a proud member of the Albany/Clinton County Chamber of Commerce. Notably, Hunter's Bar-B-Q is one of two caterers designated by the Lake Cumberland District Health Department to provide food for events in Clinton County, Kentucky.

Hunter's Bar-B-Q is a remarkable example of how hard work, ingenuity, and discipline can turn a childhood dream into reality. Small businesses like Hunter's Bar-B-Q form the heart of communities across Kentucky, regularly stepping up to support their communities. Congratulations to Hunter, Shannon, and the entire team at Hunter's Bar-B-Q. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, 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

#### REPORT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT DECLARES A NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE UNUSUAL AND EXTRAORDINARY THREAT TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY, FOREIGN POLICY, AND ECONOMY OF THE UNITED STATES POSED BY SPECIFIED HARMFUL FOREIGN ACTIVITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION—PM 7

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:*

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) (IEEPA), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order declaring a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States posed by specified harmful foreign activities of the Government of the Russian Federation.

I have determined that specified harmful foreign activities of the Government of the Russian Federation—in particular, efforts to undermine the conduct of free and fair democratic elections and democratic institutions in the United States and its allies and partners; to engage in and facilitate malicious cyber-enabled activities against the United States and its allies and partners; to foster and use transnational corruption to influence foreign governments; to pursue extraterritorial activities targeting dissidents or journalists; to undermine security in countries and regions important to United States national security; and to violate well-established principles of international law, including respect for the territorial integrity of states—constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 15, 2021.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:34 a.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, without amendment:

S. 164. An act to educate health care providers and the public on biosimilar biological products, and for other purposes.

S. 415. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the scope of new chemical exclusivity.

S. 578. An act to improve the health and safety of Americans living with food aller-

gies and related disorders, including potentially life-threatening anaphylaxis, food protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome, and eosinophilic gastrointestinal diseases, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 172. An act to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 189. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide that the authority of the Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities to make certain research endowments applies with respect to both current and former centers of excellence, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1766. An act to enhance cooperation between the Federal Trade Commission and State Attorneys General to combat unfair and deceptive practices, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 312. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Alcee L. Hastings, a Representative from the State of Florida.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 172. An act to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1766. An act to enhance cooperation between the Federal Trade Commission and State Attorneys General to combat unfair and deceptive practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 189. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide that the authority of the Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities to make certain research endowments applies with respect to both current and former centers of excellence, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. REED for the Committee on Armed Services.

\*Navy nomination of Adm. John C. Aquilino, to be Admiral.

By Mr. MENENDEZ for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

## 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. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 1131. A bill to regulate firearm silencers and firearm mufflers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1132. A bill to establish a cap on out-of-pocket costs for insulin; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 1133. A bill to direct the Director of the National Institutes of Health, in consultation with the Director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, to establish a program to support or conduct research on valvular heart disease, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. COTTON, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 1134. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Master Sergeant Rodrick "Roddie" Edmonds in recognition of his heroic actions during World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. SMITH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. REED, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. COONS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1135. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to require the President to set a minimum annual goal for the number of refugees to be admitted, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 1136. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. KING, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 1137. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit gay and trans panic defenses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 1138. A bill to revoke or deny visas to Chinese officials involved in the formulation or execution of a policy that prevents innocent United States citizens from leaving China; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 1139. A bill to repeal the Military Selective Service Act; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1140. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to alter the maximum amount of a second draw loan under Paycheck Protection Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 1141. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow for twelve associate justices of the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. REED, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. COONS, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1142. A bill to require a determination as to whether crimes committed against the Rohingya in Burma amount to genocide; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HAWLEY (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1143. A bill to prohibit certain individuals from downloading or using TikTok on any device issued by the United States or a government corporation; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. SASSE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. THUNE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. HAWLEY, Mrs. HYDESMITH, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. LEE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1144. A bill to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1145. A bill to prohibit the placement in service or continued operation of certain natural gas compressor stations as part of a project that would lead to or facilitate natural gas exports; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1146. A bill to counter Saudi Arabia's possible pursuit of weapons of mass destruction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1147. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms.

SMITH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1148. A bill to restrict the first-use strike of nuclear weapons; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. BLUNT, and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 1149. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 1150. A bill to authorize appropriations for the maritime environmental and technical assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. WARREN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1151. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a presumption of service connected disability for certain veterans who served in Palomares, Spain, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1152. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide that children who have relocated from Puerto Rico to the States are fully considered for purposes of State allotments under the English Language Acquisition grants; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. TUBERVILLE):

S. 1153. A bill to amend the Head Start Act to authorize block grants to States for pre-kindergarten education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1154. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced excise tax rate for portable, electronically-aerated bait containers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1155. A bill to reform Federal firearms laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. HAWLEY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. RISCH, Ms. WARREN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 1156. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BENNET, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. WARREN, Ms. SMITH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1157. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow workers an above-the-line deduction for union dues and expenses and to allow a miscellaneous itemized deduction for workers for all unreimbursed expenses incurred in the trade or business of being an employee; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):