

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).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4. An act to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2747. A bill to expand Americans' access to the ballot box and reduce the influence of big money in politics, 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-1943. A communication from the Deputy Administrator for Policy Support, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): 2008 Farm Bill Provisions on Clarification of Split Issuance; Accrual of Benefits and Definition Changes; Delay of Implementation Date for Certain Provisions" (RIN0584-AE02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1944. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Robert F. Hedelund, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1945. A communication from the Acting Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to various countries; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1946. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order in order to expand the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006 with respect to blocking property of certain persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1947. 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 13851 with respect to Nicaragua; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1948. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Populations Residing in a Qualified Disaster Zone" (Notice 2021-45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1949. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Retroactive application of section 13204 of TCJA" (Rev. Proc. 2021-28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1950. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "45Q Carbon Capture Equipment Revenue Ruling" (Rev. Rul. 2021-13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1951. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Premium Assistance for COBRA Benefits Part II" (Notice 2021-46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1952. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2021-0092-2021-0094); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1953. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, 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 abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Mexico in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTIC 20-087); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1954. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(d) 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 Mexico, for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1955. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transparency in Coverage" (RIN1545-BP47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1956. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking (RTC)" and other relative reports; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1957. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1958. A communication from the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 21st Century IDEA 2019 report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1959. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a legislative proposal entitled "To repeal section 3516(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1960. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-141, "Engineering Licensure Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1961. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-142, "Fiscal Year 2021 Revised Local Budget Advance School Payment and COVID Relief Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1962. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-143, "Good Faith Waiver of Certificates of Need for Health Care Providers Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1963. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-144, "Local Food Access Grants Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1964. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-145, "Fair Elections Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1965. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-146, "Student Activity Fund Theatrical and Music Performance Expenditures Temporary Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1966. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-147, "Certificate of Assurance Moratorium Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1967. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-148, "Local Business Enterprise Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1968. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-149, "Performing Arts Promotion Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1969. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-123, "Real Property Tax Sale COVID-19 Equitable Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1970. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report

on D.C. Act 24-124, "DCPS Drug Testing Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1971. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-122, "Flavored Tobacco Product Prohibition Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1972. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-150, "Insurer Corporate Governance Annual Report Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1037. A bill to provide for the establishment of a section of the website of the Department of Commerce that shall serve as the primary hub for information relating to Federal manufacturing programs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-38).

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. OSSOFF (for himself, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. WARREN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2726. A bill to provide for competitive grants to support access to affordable housing and the enhancement of mobility for residents in disadvantaged communities or neighborhoods; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. DAINES, Mr. KING, Mr. SASSE, and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 2727. A bill to provide for a period of continuing appropriations in the event of a lapse in appropriations under the normal appropriations process, and establish procedures and consequences in the event of a failure to enact appropriations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 2728. A bill to amend title VI of the Social Security Act to extend the coverage of Coronavirus Relief Fund payments to Tribal Governments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNOCK:

S. 2729. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish a program through which eligible individuals may obtain vouchers for the purchase of connected devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2730. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish a pilot grant program to develop, implement, and evaluate comprehensive mental health services programs

in elementary schools and secondary schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. HAGERTY):

S. 2731. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2245 Rosa L Parks Boulevard in Nashville, Tennessee, as the "Thelma Harper Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2732. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain conduct relating to the use of horses for human consumption; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Ms. ERNST):

S. 2733. A bill to terminate the United States Enrichment Corporation Fund and transfer remaining amounts to the Treasury; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 2734. A bill to require Senate confirmation of the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 2735. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to designate September 11 Day of Remembrance as a legal public holiday; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Ms. ERNST, Mr. KELLY, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 2736. A bill to exclude vehicles to be used solely for competition from certain provisions of the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. COONS, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 2737. A bill to amend the American History and Civics Education program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require inclusion of programs that educate students about the history and principles of the Constitution of the United States, including the Bill of Rights; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2738. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the United States Army Dustoff crews of the Vietnam War, collectively, in recognition of their extraordinary heroism and life-saving actions in Vietnam; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. HAGERTY):

S. 2739. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to add certain counties to the definition of "Appalachian region"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 2740. A bill to establish a strategic active pharmaceutical ingredient reserve to maintain a domestic supply of active pharmaceutical ingredients and key starting materials needed for the manufacturing of essential generic medicines, and to build a pipeline for domestic active pharmaceutical ingredient production; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2741. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote healthy eating and physical activity among children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2742. A bill to establish the COVID-19 Unemployment Insurance Fraud Task Force, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. HAGERTY):

S. 2743. A bill to make companies that support venues and events eligible for grants under the shuttered venue operators grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 2744. A bill to clarify the meaning of the term "emergency war funding" for purposes of determining eligible costs for such funding, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. CAPITO, and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 2745. A bill to impose sanctions and other measures with respect to the Taliban, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. HAGERTY, and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. 2746. A bill to require the Department of Housing and Urban Development to conduct an annual risk assessment of properties receiving tenant-based or project-based rental assistance for lead-based hazards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. 2747. A bill to expand Americans' access to the ballot box and reduce the influence of big money in politics, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 2748. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules for postponing certain deadlines by reason of disaster; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HAWLEY (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. Res. 357. A resolution honoring Missourians who made the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. Res. 358. A resolution honoring Mr. Steve Verett for more than 24 years of dedicated service to the cotton industry and to Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 359. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of State should designate the Afghan Taliban as a Foreign Terrorist Organization, freeze all assets of the Government of Afghanistan held in the United States, and use all authority and influence of the United States Government to prohibit the distribution of funds