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MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Vice President announced that on today, March 28, 2022, she has signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 55. An act to amend section 249 of title 18, United States Code, to specify lynching as a hate crime act.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 6968. An act to prohibit the importation of energy products of the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7108. An act to suspend normal trade relations treatment for the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, 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-3452. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Calcium Sulfate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9536-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 15, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3453. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2021 Annual Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Assessments from the Secretaries of Defense and Energy, the three national security laboratory directors, and the Commander, United States Strategic Command (OSS-2022-0217); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3454. A communication from the Senior Official performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Energy, Installations, and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, an interim response to a reporting requirement relative to identifying the status of efforts to remediate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances at certain military installations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3455. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of three (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-120. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas supporting requests for federal grant funding

for companies creating innovative technologies that benefit Arkansas' agricultural value chain through mitigating bio-security risks; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1001

Whereas, agriculture is Arkansas' largest industry contributing nineteen billion four hundred million (19,400,000,000) in value added dollars to the state economy in 2019; and

Whereas, Arkansas ranked eleventh in the nation in cash receipts for animal and animal products, valued at five billion one hundred million dollars (\$5,100,000,000); and

Whereas, in Arkansas, one (1) in every seven (7) value added dollars totaling more than three hundred seventy-eight million dollars (\$378,000,000) is contributed by agriculture; and

Whereas, Arkansas is the third-highest ranked state for food processing according to a report by Business Facilities shared by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission; and

Whereas, the Fort Smith-Fayetteville region is the number two (2) area for food processing in the United States; and

Whereas, Arkansas is the home of the world's largest food retailer and the largest meat processor in the United States, supplying sustenance to billions of people worldwide; and

Whereas, in 2020, forty-two percent (42%) of all Arkansas land was comprised of farms; and

Whereas, agriculture provides two hundred fifty-four thousand five hundred (254,500) jobs in Arkansas; and

Whereas, ninety-seven percent (97%) of Arkansas' forty-nine thousand three hundred forty-six (49,346) farms are small to medium-sized family-owned farms and contribute significantly to the state's economy; and

Whereas, the impact of respiratory and hemorrhagic pathogens tend to impact small and medium-sized farms more heavily; and

Whereas, wet protein rendering supply chains tend to be optimum propagation channels for respiratory and hemorrhagic pathogens; and

Whereas, the University of Arkansas is an agricultural industry leader in animal science education, innovation, research, and development; and

Whereas, in 2019, African swine fever (ASF) resulted in the loss of millions of pigs in China, the world's largest producer and consumer of pork, with a total economic impact of seventy-eight hundredths percent (0.78%), equating to one hundred eleven billion dollars (\$111,000,000,000), of the country's gross domestic product in 2019 and longitudinal analyses estimating an impact upwards of two and seven-tenths percent (2.7%), equating to three hundred eighty-five billion dollars (\$385,000,000,000), gross domestic product based on the current trajectory; and

Whereas, agricultural economists at Iowa State University estimate that the economic impact of a potential African swine fever (ASF) outbreak in the United States could result in a loss of fifty billion dollars (\$50,000,000,000) over ten (10) years; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Agriculture has dedicated five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) in Commodity Credit Corporation funds for prevention of and preparation for African swine fever (ASF); and

Whereas, a federal order suspending the interstate movement of all live swine, swine germplasm, swine products, and swine by-products from Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands to the mainland United States has been implemented; and

Whereas, action by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas is necessary to pre-

vent worldwide food value chain disruptions and to increase food security for all Americans in order to build a strong foundation for businesses, consumers, and agricultural producers within the State of Arkansas: now therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Third General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, the Senate Concurring Therein:

That the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, support requests for federal grant funding for companies creating innovative technologies that benefit Arkansas' agricultural value chain through mitigating bio-security risks; and be it further

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy be provided by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to each member of the Arkansas congressional delegation, the United States Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and Governor Asa Hutchinson.

POM-121. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Colorado requesting that the United States Congress allow the Colorado Department of Transportation to conduct an analysis of increasing the gross vehicle weight limit for the Interstate Highway System in Colorado to harmonize it with other state highways where 85,000 pounds is the maximum weight; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22-1002

Whereas, Trucking and truck drivers have been essential during the COVID-19 pandemic in delivering critical goods, such as food, fuel, medical supplies, and much more; and

Whereas, Trucking is critical in the movement of goods and products for agriculture, ranchers, manufacturers, grocers, and fuel suppliers, with over 80% of the manufactured products in Colorado being moved by truck; and

Whereas, 79% of the communities in Colorado are served solely by truck for their freight needs; and

Whereas, The state's and nation's supply chains have been greatly stressed due to a range of issues that include a truck driver shortage, which is anticipated to continue into the future, along with increasing freight demands from our growing state that have led to shortages, delays, and higher prices for the movement of goods within the state; and

Whereas, For over 40 years, Colorado state law has authorized a maximum gross vehicle weight of 85,000 pounds for all state highways, with the only exception being the Interstate Highway System; and

Whereas, Federal law authorizes a maximum gross vehicle weight of 80,000 pounds for the Interstate Highway System; and

Whereas, The different gross vehicle weight standards between interstate and state highways causes routing issues for the state's transportation system; and

Whereas, The Interstate Highway System is constructed to a higher design specification than most state highways and should be more capable of handling higher weights than other state highways; and

Whereas, An interstate highway may be the most direct route for many trips, but transporters instead travel on other state highways to avoid the lower weight restriction; and

Whereas, During the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Polis, with the support of the United States Department of Transportation, approved an emergency waiver that temporarily raised the maximum weight of trucks allowed on Colorado interstate highways from 80,000 to 85,000 pounds in order to

move essential goods and supplies, and there was no discernible increase in truck accidents on the Interstate Highway System in Colorado; and

Whereas, Increasing the gross vehicle weight for the Interstate Highway System to match that of other state highways may result in fewer trucks, less vehicle miles traveled, and lower emissions of greenhouse gases, and this helps the state to meet its greenhouse emission rules and comply with emission standards of the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and

Whereas, Governor Polis, the Colorado General Assembly, the Colorado Department of Transportation, and the Colorado State Patrol may be best positioned to determine if it is in the best interests of the state to harmonize the maximum gross vehicle weight for the state's Interstate Highway System with other state highways; and

Whereas, A study performed by the Colorado Department of Transportation considering safety, environmental, mobility, and economic factors is the best way to assess the benefits and costs of changing the maximum gross vehicle weight for trucks on Colorado interstate highways; and

Whereas, Such a study should engage a broad range of stakeholders both from the public and private sectors to ensure that all perspectives are considered; and

Whereas, if approved by the United States Congress and if the study finds that it is in the best interests of the state to raise the maximum gross vehicle weight on the Interstate Highway System to 85,000 pounds to harmonize it with other state highways, the state of Colorado, with the approval of the General Assembly and the Governor, would move forward with a change to state statute: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-third General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein. That the Colorado General Assembly requests:

(1) That Congress allow the Colorado Department of Transportation to conduct an analysis of increasing the gross vehicle weight limit for the Interstate Highway System in Colorado to harmonize it with other state highways where 85,000 pounds is the maximum weight; and

(2) That if the completed study determines that it is in the best interests of Colorado to harmonize the weights for the Interstate Highway System and other state highways, the Colorado General Assembly and the Governor be permitted by state statute to increase the gross vehicle weight limit to 85,000 pounds for vehicles traveling on the Interstate Highway System in Colorado, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of Colorado's congressional delegation.

POM-122. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii condemning Russia's attack on Ukraine and supporting swift and severe economic sanctions imposed on Russia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 28

Whereas, Ukraine declared independence from the Soviet Union on August 24, 1991; and

Whereas, in February and March of 2014, Russia invaded and subsequently annexed the Crimean Peninsula from Ukraine; and

Whereas, more than 14,000 people have been killed, tens of thousands wounded, and more than a million displaced due to Russian conflict since 2014; and

Whereas, over the past three decades, the Russian Federation has illegally seized Ukrainian land in Crimea, armed Russian-backed separatists leading to thousands of deaths, interfered in elections, used chemical weapons to attempt assassinations, carried out cyberattacks and disinformation campaigns abroad, and violated international arms control agreements; and

Whereas, from March to November 2021, the Russian Federation deployed a massive troop and weapons buildup on the border with Ukraine; and

Whereas, on February 21, 2022, President Vladimir Putin officially recognized the Luhansk and Donetsk People's Republics, violating the Minsk Agreements, and ordered Russia's military to deploy troops there on a mission; and

Whereas, on February 24, 2022, without provocation, justification, or necessity, the Russian military launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine, including sending troops into the country and bombing seven major cities; and

Whereas, Hawaii is home to a strong and vibrant Ukrainian community; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022. That this body condemns the Russian Government under the leadership of Vladimir Putin for their violent attacks on the people of Ukraine and strongly supports the swift and severe economic sanctions that President Biden's administration has imposed on Russia; and be it further

Resolved, That this body calls for an immediate cease-fire and the full withdrawal of Russian forces from Ukrainian territory; and be it further

Resolved, That this body supports the right of the Russian people to protest, including the current protests against Putin's unprovoked war against Ukraine, and demands the immediate release of all those who have been unjustly detained in Russia for expressing their desire for peace; and be it further

Resolved, That all state agencies are urged to cease any business or government contracts with the Russian Government or Belarussian Government, or contractors of either government; and be it further

Resolved, That all state officials and employees are urged to suspend all work-related travel to Russia or Belarus; and be it further

Resolved, That this body calls for the State of Hawaii and cities in Hawaii to cut any sister-city or sister-state relations with any Russian or Belarussian cities or provinces; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Majority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, President of the United States Senate, Majority Leader of the United States Senate, Minority Leader of the United States Senate, all members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation, Governor of Hawaii, Mayor of Honolulu, Mayor of Maui, Mayor of Kauai, Mayor of Hawaii, and members of the Honolulu City Council, Hawaii County Council, Kauai County Council, and Maui County Council.

POM-123. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Missouri recommending to the President of the United States and the United States Congress to reaffirm our country's unwavering support for Ukraine's freedom, sovereignty, and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders, extending to

its territorial waters; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 3658

Whereas, Ukraine is a sovereign and independent nation located in Eastern Europe and an ally, under a bilateral investment treaty of the United States; and

Whereas, Russia, a transcontinental country spanning Eastern Europe and Northern Asia, has launched an all-out invasion of Ukraine by land, air, and sea; and

Whereas, Russian forces have dramatically escalated their offenses by deploying a forty-mile long convoy of tanks and other military equipment advancing south to attack the people of Ukraine, including the City of Kyiv; and

Whereas, Russia's invasion of Ukraine is the largest invasion of a sovereign nation in Europe since World War II; and

Whereas, the combat is directly responsible for massive civilian casualties, including a Russian mortar attack on a children's hospital that inflicted devastating loss of life; and

Whereas, Russia's attack on Ukraine was unprovoked and unjustified; and

Whereas, as the attack intensifies, the humanitarian crisis could reach unprecedented levels, with the United Nations estimating that between one million and five million people will be in need of urgent health care, safety, and security; and

Whereas, Ukraine's President, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, declared that Russia had "embarked on a path of evil, but [Ukraine] is defending itself and won't give up its freedom . . .": Now therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred First General Assembly, Second Regular Session hereby:

(1) Proudly stand alongside Ukraine, its people, and its leaders during this horrific and unnecessary war and vow to support Ukraine and hold Russia fully accountable for its catastrophic decision to invade;

(2) Condemn, in the strongest possible terms, Vladimir Putin's violent attack on the people of Ukraine and strongly endorse the swift and severe economic sanctions and stringent export controls that President Biden's administration has imposed on Russia;

(3) Urge Russia to immediately cease its violent, illegal, and immoral assault upon Ukraine, end the needless bloodshed, and return to diplomacy and the rules-based international order that has ensured peace and prosperity for so many; and

(4) Recommend to the President of the United States and the United States Congress to reaffirm our country's unwavering support for Ukraine's freedom, sovereignty, and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders, extending to its territorial waters; and be it further

Resolved, that the United States should take prudent and responsible measures to ensure that the required force posture is present in Europe to deter and, if necessary, defeat Russian aggression against any NATO member; and be it further

Resolved, That the United States should immediately strengthen additional sanctions on Russia by restricting the Russian banking and financial sectors, cybersecurity, and other key industrial sectors; and be it further

Resolved, That the United States should immediately bolster energy connectivity in Eastern Europe; and be it further

Resolved, That the United States should expand the target list of Russian officials under the Magnitsky Act, which would implement a greater range of targeted sanctions aimed directly at Russian officials responsible for violating Ukrainian freedom

and sovereignty, including the freezing of financial assets and the imposition of visa bans; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

POM-124. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine and standing with the people of Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 547. A resolution recognizing the 201st anniversary of Greek Independence and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

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. KING (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3932. A bill to establish the Downeast Maine National Heritage Area in the State of Maine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 3933. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an income tax on excess profits of certain corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 3934. A bill to permit policyholders under the National Flood Insurance Program to elect to have previous premium rates remain in effect until the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency satisfies certain conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 3935. A bill to require the Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics to submit to Congress a report relating to individuals granted bail and pretrial release in State courts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 3936. A bill to provide for the use of seized Russian assets to provide support to citizens of Ukraine who have been made refugees as a result of the illegal invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 3937. A bill to establish a home-based telemental health care demonstration program for purposes of increasing mental health services in rural medically underserved populations and for individuals in farming, fishing, and forestry occupations;

to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 3938. A bill to reauthorize the READ Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 3939. A bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to provide small issuers with a micro-offering exemption free of mandated disclosures or offering filings, but subject to the antifraud provisions of the Federal securities laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 3940. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use to award grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements for planning, establishing, or administering programs to prevent and address the misuse of opioids, related drugs, and other drugs commonly used in pain management or injury recovery, as well as the co-use of one or more such drugs with other substances, by students and student athletes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3941. A bill to amend subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code, regarding prevalent wage determinations in order to expand access to affordable housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. Res. 558. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on when the economic relationship between the United States and the Russian Federation should be considered to return to the level of that relationship before the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation that began on February 24, 2022, and on the actions that should be taken at that time; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 331

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 331, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the age requirement with respect to eligibility for qualified ABLE programs.

S. 853

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 853, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to increase the age of eligibility for children to receive benefits under the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, and for other purposes.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr.

CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to categorize public safety telecommunicators as a protective service occupation under the Standard Occupational Classification System.

S. 1590

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1590, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to enhance direct certification under the school lunch program.

S. 1704

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1704, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the exemption for telehealth services from certain high deductible health plan rules.

S. 1912

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1912, a bill to clarify the rights of certain persons who are held or detained at a port of entry or at any facility overseen by U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

S. 2178

At the request of Mr. HICKENLOOPER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2178, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for fire fighters and emergency medical services personnel employed by States or their political subdivisions, and for other purposes.

S. 2512

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2512, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for a code of conduct for justices and judges of the courts of the United States.

S. 2664

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2664, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve program requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 2706

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2706, a bill to improve diversity in clinical trials and data collection for COVID-19 and future public health threats to address social determinants of health.

S. 2937

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 2937, a bill to authorize humanitarian assistance and civil society support, promote democracy and human rights, and impose targeted sanctions with respect to human