

to hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals abroad.

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:28 p.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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1096. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support programs at the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

H.R. 1548. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify that actions of the Advocate for Small Business Capital Formation are not a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

H.R. 2622. An act to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to codify certain Securities and Exchange Commission no-action letters that exclude brokers and dealers compensated for certain research services from the definition of investment adviser, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1548. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify that actions of the Advocate for Small Business Capital Formation are not a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2622. An act to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to codify certain Securities and Exchange Commission no-action letters that exclude brokers and dealers compensated for certain research services from the definition of investment adviser, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### 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-1601. A communication from the Security Officer II of the Office of Senate Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding amending the foreign terrorist organization designations, Section 219 of INA (U) (OSS-2023-0611); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1602. 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 14078 with respect to hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals abroad; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1603. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of intent to provide assistance to Ukraine, including for self-defense and border security operations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1604. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Depart-

ment of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of intent to provide assistance to Ukraine, including for self-defense and border security operations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1605. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Determination Under Section 506(a) (1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (FAA) to Provide Military Assistance to Ukraine"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1606. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Determination Under Section 506(a) (1) and Section 614(a) (1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (FAA) to Provide Military Assistance to Ukraine"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1607. 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 2023-0040 - 2023-0051); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1608. A communication from the Chair of the Commission on International Religious Freedom, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 2023 Annual Report; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1609. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of the Vaccine Requirements for Head Start Programs" (RIN0970-AC90) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1610. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4044) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1611. A communication from the Secretary to the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the actuarial status of the railroad retirement system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1612. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1613. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2023 annual report on the financial status of the railroad unemployment insurance system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1614. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1615. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Federal Elec-

tion Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1616. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and a Management Report for the period from October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1617. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1618. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and a Management Report for the period from October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1619. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Executive Branch Financial Disclosure and Standards of Ethical Conduct Regulations" (RIN3209-AA68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1620. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2022 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1621. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's fiscal year 2022 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1622. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program (FEORP) for Fiscal Year 2020"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1623. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2023-04, Introduction" (FAC 2023-04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1624. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Legal Expense Fund Regulation" (RIN3209-AA50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1625. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report and the Management Response for the period of

October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1626. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program (FEORP) for Fiscal Year 2019"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1627. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2023-03, Technical Amendments" (FAC 2023-03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1628. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2023-03, Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2023-03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1629. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2022-007, Removal of FAR Subpart 8-5, Acquisition of Helium" (RIN9000-AO44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1630. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2022-002, Exemption of Certain Contracts from the Periodic Inflation Adjustments to the Acquisition-Related Thresholds" (RIN9000-AO39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1631. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-131, "District of Columbia Housing Authority Procurement Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1632. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-131, "Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Technical Temporary Amendment Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1633. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-131, "Targeted Historic Preservation Assistance Temporary Amendment Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1634. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-131, "Food Delivery Fees Transparency Temporary Amendment Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1635. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-145, "Sam 'The Man' Burns Way Designation Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1636. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-146, "Allen Y. Lew Place Designation Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1637. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-147, "Makiyah Wilson Way Designation Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1638. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-148, "Xi Omega Way Designation Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1639. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-149, "Howard East Towers Alley Closing and Street Dedication Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

### 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-30. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey respectfully urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to enact legislation creating a program to subsidize the purchase of diapers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 87

Whereas, The ability to access clean diapers is a medical and economic necessity for the health and welfare of infants and toddlers and their families; and

Whereas, The majority of children in the United States use disposable diapers until the age of three; and

Whereas, A child in the United States uses approximately 3,800 disposable diapers per year for the first three years of the child's life; and

Whereas, Diapers on average cost a family \$80 a month in New Jersey, equaling an annual cost of \$960 and a cumulative total cost for three years of \$2,880; and

Whereas, Statistics collected by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate that the vast majority of parents work outside the home and these individuals need child care. For example, over 70 percent of single women and over 80 percent of single men, who are head of households with children under the age of 18, are employed and over 58 percent of mothers with infants under a year old participate in the workforce; and

Whereas, The majority of day care providers require that children use disposable diapers; and

Whereas, For those individuals who are moderate to low income, the purchase of diapers can be a significant portion of their monthly income; and

Whereas, Over 35 percent of families who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) have a child under the age of three years old; and

Whereas, The maximum TANF cash benefit for a family consisting of one parent and two children is \$424 a month in New Jersey; and

Whereas, For families who rely on TANF, one child's need for diapers will take up 18 percent of the monthly TANF cash benefit; and

Whereas, TANF is the only public assistance benefit that can be used to purchase diapers; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance benefits and Women, Infant and Children benefits cannot be used to purchase diapers; and

Whereas, The President of the United States announced an initiative in March of 2016 which encourages companies to develop low-cost disposable diapers and to assist in the distribution of disposable diapers through diaper banks; and

Whereas, [H.R. 4055, the "Hygiene Assistance for Families of Infants and Toddlers Act of 2015" was introduced in November 2015 to address the needs of infants and toddler who lack sufficient diapers] In the past, federal legislation has been introduced to help low-income families address the diapering needs of their children, but such legislation has not been enacted; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. The United States Congress and the President of the United States are respectfully urged to enact legislation creating a program to subsidize the cost of disposable diapers for families.

2. The President of the United States is respectfully requested to continue efforts to support the development of low cost disposable diapers and the development of a network of organizations to provide access to disposable diapers to support working parents.

3. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and to every member of Congress elected from this State.

POM-31. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey respectfully urging the United States Senate to pass the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 161

Whereas, On July 26, 2022, the United States House of Representatives passed the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022 (the "Act") by a vote of 401-20 and on July 27, 2022, it was referred to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; and

Whereas, If enacted, the Act would provide more than \$1.1 billion over a five-year period to reauthorize and enhance certain programs established by the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protections Act of 2000 such as those that provide shelters, mental health care, education, life skills, and job training; and

Whereas, This legislation also would provide \$35 million for housing opportunities to help victims escape living with those who abuse them and to prevent trafficking of foster youth; and

Whereas, The Act would reauthorize the federal Department of Homeland Security's Angel Watch Center, codified by the International Megan's Law, to prevent international sex tourism travel by convicted child sex offenders; and

Whereas, Further, this legislation would enhance trafficking prevention education for children by involving parents and law enforcement in age-appropriate programs to assist in the prevention of child trafficking as well as online grooming; and

Whereas, The Act, if passed, will strengthen laws to convict human traffickers domestically and internationally, protect victims