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The story of America is one of progress and resilience, of always moving forward and never giving up. It is a story unique among nations—we are the only country that has emerged from every crisis stronger than we went in. That is what's happening across America today. There is still work to do, but I've never been more optimistic about our future. We are the United States of America, and there is nothing beyond our capacity when we do it together.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 21, 2024.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:59 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1121. An act to prohibit a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing.

H.R. 6009. An act to require the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw the proposed rule relating to fluid mineral leases and leasing process, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7520. An act to prohibit data brokers from transferring personally identifiable sensitive data of United States individuals to foreign adversaries, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY) announced that on today, March 21, 2024, she had signed the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 992. An act to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to designate the Texas and New Mexico portions of the future Interstate designated segments of the Port-to-Plains Corridor as Interstate Route 27, 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. 1121. An act to prohibit a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 6009. An act to require the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw the proposed rule relating to fluid mineral leases and leasing process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 7520. An act to prohibit data brokers from transferring personally identifiable sensitive data of United States individuals to foreign adversaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 7024. An act to make improvements to the child tax credit, to provide tax incentives to promote economic growth, to provide special rules for the taxation of certain residents of Taiwan with income from

sources within the United States, to provide tax relief with respect to certain Federal disasters, to make improvements to the low-income housing tax credit, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, March 21, 2024, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 992. An act to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to designate the Texas and New Mexico portions of the future Interstate-designated segments of the Port-to-Plains Corridor as Interstate Route 27, 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-3818. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit Card Penalty Fees (Regulation Z)" (RIN3170-AB15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3819. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exception to Restrictions on Private Transfer Fee Covenants for Loans Meeting Certain Duty to Serve Shared Equity Loan Program Requirements" (RIN2590-AB30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3820. 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 13536 with respect to Somalia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3821. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Ethiopia that was declared in Executive Order 14046 of September 17, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3822. 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 13848 with respect to the threat of foreign interference in or undermining public confidence in United States elections; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3823. 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 14024 with respect to specified harmful foreign activities of the Government of the Russian Federation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3824. A communication from the Sanctions Regulations Advisor, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updating contact information and grammatical terminology in OFAC

regulations" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3825. A communication from the Sanctions Regulations Advisor, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the Darfur Sanctions Regulations" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3826. A communication from the President and Chair of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Bank's Annual Performance Plan for fiscal year 2025, and the Annual Performance Report for fiscal year 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3827. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Market Utilities" (RIN7100-AG40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2024; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3828. A communication from the Director of the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Program for Surface Mobile Equipment" (RIN1219-AB91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3829. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Public Health Strategy to Prevent and Control Vector-Borne Diseases in People Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3830. A communication from the Regulatory Policy Analyst, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Technical Amendments" (Docket No. FDA-2024-N-1052) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3831. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures Governing the Filing and Processing of Prohibited Transaction Exemption Applications" (RIN1210-AC05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3832. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Preschool Development Grant Birth Through Five (PDG B-5) Report to Congress with Grantee Highlights Covering 2019-2021"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3833. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Progress Report on the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program and National Cord Blood Inventory Program"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3834. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of

Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2022 Report to Congress on Community Services Block Grant Discretionary Activities - Community Economic Development and Rural Community Development Programs"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3835. A communication from the Regulatory Policy Analyst, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "User Fees; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. FDA-2012-N-0920) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3836. A communication from the Regulatory Policy Analyst, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Quality System Regulation Amendments" (RIN0910-AH99) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3837. A communication from the Regulatory Policy Analyst, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Biologics License Applications and Master Files" (Docket No. FDA-2019-N-1363) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3838. A communication from the Regulatory Policy Analyst, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advisory Committee; Digital Health Advisory Committee; Addition to List of Standing Committees" (Docket No. FDA-2024-N-0017) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3839. 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 "Improving Child Care Access, Affordability, and Stability in the Child Care and Development Fund" (RIN0970-AD02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3840. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "State Performance and Best Practices for the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking Report"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3841. A communication from the Inspector General of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Congressional Budget Justification for fiscal year 2025; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3842. A communication from the Board Members of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Congressional Justification of Budget Estimates Report for fiscal year 2025; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3843. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3598-EM in the

State of Maine having exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3844. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's fiscal year 2025 Congressional Budget Justification, the Annual Performance Plan for fiscal year 2025, and the Annual Performance Report for fiscal year 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3845. A communication from the Secretary of the Board of Governors, United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual report relative to its compliance with Section 3686(c) of the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3846. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-411, "Secure DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3847. A communication from the Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Performance Plan for fiscal years 2023-2025, and the Annual Performance Report for fiscal years 2023-2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. REED for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Melissa Griffin Dalton, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Navy nomination of Capt. Tuan Nguyen, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nominations beginning with Capt. Douglas J. Adams and ending with Capt. Peter D. Small, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 8, 2024.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Paul R. Fast, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. AnnMarie K. Anthony, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Trent C. Davis, to be Major General.

Army nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Joseph A. Ricciardi and ending with Col. Charles R. Bell, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2024.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Dion D. English, to be Rear Admiral.

Navy nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lh) Susan BryerJoyner and ending with Rear Adm. (lh) Ralph R. Smith III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2024.

Navy nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lh) Elizabeth S. Okano and ending with Rear Adm. (lh) Kurt J. Rothenhaus, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2024.

Navy nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lh) Mark D. Behning and ending with Rear Adm. (lh) Carlos A. Sardiello, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2024.

Air Force nomination of Col. Todd D. Miller, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Col. David W. Kelley, to be Brigadier General.

Army nominations beginning with Col. Ronnie D. Anderson, Jr. and ending with Col. Kevin J. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 28, 2024.

Army nominations beginning with Col. Charles M. Causey and ending with Col. Urbi N. Lewis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 28, 2024.

*Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Derek C. France, to be Lieutenant General.

*Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Eric E. Austin, to be Lieutenant General.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

Army nominations beginning with Benjamin J. Allison and ending with Patrick R. Wiggins, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2023.

Army nominations beginning with Lloyd G. Abigania and ending with 0002926605, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2023.

Army nominations beginning with Brennan R. Abrahamson and ending with 0002325489, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2023.

Army nominations beginning with Jerel Q. Abas and ending with 0002765821, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2023.

Army nomination of Andrew C. Oddo, to be Major.

Army nomination of Andrew J. Acosta, to be Major.

Army nomination of Colby S. Miller, to be Major.

Army nomination of Seth M. Williams, to be Major.

Army nomination of Aaron R. Monkman, to be Major.

Army nomination of Joseph R. Cotton, to be Major.

Army nomination of Juan C. Gongora, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Matthew A. Dugard and ending with James R. Johnson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 29, 2024.

Army nomination of Arnold J. Steinlage III, to be Major.

Army nomination of Arlene Johnson, to be Major.

Army nomination of Darim C. Nessler, to be Major.

Army nomination of Brandi N. Hicks, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Nathan A. Bennington and ending with Andrew S. Wagner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 29, 2024.

Army nomination of Sandeep R. N. Rahangdale, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Wendi J. Dick, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Benjamin J. Grass, to be Colonel.