

continued to expand with a location in Spencer, IA, named “The Butchery on Grand.” Ruthven Meat Processing also has a retail shop that offers beverages, smoked meats, and cheeses. In addition to their meat and grocery selections, the team at Ruthven Meat Processing provides informational classes on cooking and food preparation.

Ruthven Meat Processing is an exemplary family business. In 2014, Terry and Beth’s son Chris and his wife Suzie moved from Los Angeles to Iowa and began working at Ruthven Meat Processing. In 2019, Terry and Beth Kraft sold Ruthven Meat Processing to their son Chris. Today, Chris serves as the president and CEO. Suzie serves as the vice president of marketing. In addition to handling the marketing for Ruthven Meat Processing, Suzie writes “The Butcher’s Wife” blog. The blog started in 2018 and gives readers a glimpse into life as a butcher, tasty recipes, and insider information on talking to your local butcher about different cuts of meat.

The Ruthven Meat Processing team is well-recognized for their hard work. They have won numerous awards from the Iowa Meat Processors Association, notably the 2017 Grand Champion Innovative Beef and 2016 Reserve Grand Champion Summer Sausage awards. They have also garnered national recognition for their contributions to the meat processing industry. The American Association of Meat Processors awarded Ruthven Meat Processing the 2016 Best of the Midwest Reserve Grand Champion Flavored Bacon award for their pepper bacon. In 2020, the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce named Ruthven Meat Processing the Business of the Year.

The Ruthven Meat Processing team is actively involved in the northwest Iowa community. They are proud supporters of the Special Olympics and sponsored the 2024 Okoboji Winter Games Chili Cook-Off. In 2024, Chris and Suzie participated in Spencer Main Street’s Celebrity Waiter fundraiser to support grants for community development in Spencer. Chris and Suzie Kraft are passionate about their employees and have been designated by the Iowa Economic Development Authority as one of “Iowa’s Best Places for Working Parents.” In 2024, Ruthven Meat Processing celebrated its 22nd business anniversary under the Kraft family’s leadership.

Ruthven Meat Processing’s commitment and passion is clear. I want to congratulate the Kraft family and the entire team at Ruthven Meat Processing for their dedication to providing quality meat, cheese, and butcher services to the northwest Iowa community. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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 Committee on Armed Services.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

#### REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13303 OF MAY 22, 2003, WITH RESPECT TO THE STABILIZATION OF IRAQ—PM 54

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:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003—as modified in scope and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13290 of March 20, 2003, Executive Order 13315 of August 28, 2003, Executive Order 13350 of July 29, 2004, Executive Order 13364 of November 29, 2004, Executive Order 13438 of July 17, 2007, and Executive Order 13668 of May 27, 2014—is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2024.

Obstacles to the orderly reconstruction of Iraq, the restoration and maintenance of peace and security in the country, and the development of political, administrative, and economic institutions in Iraq continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13303 with respect to the stabilization of Iraq.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 20, 2024.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the Sec-

retary of the Senate, on May 16, 2024, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 546. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize law enforcement agencies to use COPS grants for recruitment activities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3935. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the enrolled bills were subsequently signed on May 16, 2024, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 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. 354. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8146. An act to require a report by the Attorney General on the impact the border crisis is having on law enforcement at the Federal, State, local, and Tribal level.

H.R. 8369. An act to provide for the expeditious delivery of defense articles and defense services for Israel and other matters.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 354. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 8146. An act to require a report by the Attorney General on the impact the border crisis is having on law enforcement at the Federal, State, local, and Tribal level; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 4361. A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for border security and combatting fentanyl for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 8369. An act to provide for the expeditious delivery of defense articles and defense services for Israel and other matters.

## ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, May 20, 2024, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 546. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize law enforcement agencies to use COPS grants for recruitment activities, 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-4569. A communication from the 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 amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to the UK in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 23-081); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4570. A communication from the 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 amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Finland, the Netherlands, and the UK in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 23-075); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4571. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the second session of the 118th Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4572. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the intent to exercise under section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, to provide assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4573. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Memorandum of Justification for the Emergency Arms Transfers to Ukraine under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4574. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Special Access Program Reporting"; to the Committees on Foreign Relations; Appropriations; and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4575. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the second session of the 118th Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4576. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the second session of the 118th Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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EC-4578. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report for calendar year 2022; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4579. A communication from the 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 amendment for the export of firearms, parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Norway in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-003); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4580. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Determination Under Section 614(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to Provide Assistance to Ukraine"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4581. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed transfer of major defense equipment, with a sales value of approximately \$95,752,446 (Transmittal No. RSAT-24-10259); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4582. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Index of Legally Marketed Unapproved New Animal Drugs for Minor Species" (Docket No. FDA-2006-N-0239) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4583. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress: Qualifying Payment Amount Audits"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4584. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting proposed legislation entitled "To amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act to eliminate withdrawal liability when, pursuant to a Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA) contract competition, a new contractor is selected to continue operations at a government-owned, contractor-operated facility or site of DOE/NNSA pursuant to a cost reimbursement contract, and to make the changes provided in Section 1"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4585. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Non-Compete Clause Rule" (RIN3084-AB74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4586. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of

Disability; Accessibility of Web Information and Services of State and Local Government Entities" (RIN1190-AA79) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4587. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 2023 FAIR Act Inventory of Inherently Governmental Activities and Inventory of Commercial Activities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4588. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the second session of the 118th Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4589. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2023 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4590. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer of Federal Prison Industries, Inc., Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to corrections of misstatements in previously issued Federal Prison Industries's financial statements; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4591. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, proposed legislation entitled "To permanently establish an Alternative Personnel System based on the National Nuclear Security Administration's current Pay Bending and Performance-Based Adjustment Demonstration Project and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4592. A communication from the Director, Government Publishing Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's annual report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4593. A communication from the Director of Equal Employment Opportunity, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Service's fiscal year 2023 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation (No FEAR) Act of 2002 received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4594. A communication from the Administrator of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to OMB's Statistical Policy Directive No. 15: Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity (Note: OMB has concluded that this memorandum is not a 'rule' within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 804(3). Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, OMB is submitting it to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General consistent with the procedures set forth in 5 U.S.C. 801(a))" received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.