

Intelligence, summarizing relevant classified information, will be submitted to the Congress separately. The joint memorandum submitted to me by the Secretaries of State and Energy and a letter from the Chair of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission stating the views of the Commission are also enclosed. An addendum to the NPAS containing a comprehensive analysis of the export control system of the Kingdom of Thailand with respect to nuclear-related matters, including interactions with other countries of proliferation concern and the actual or suspected nuclear, dual-use, or missile-related transfers to such countries, pursuant to section 102A(w) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3024(w)), is being submitted separately by the Director of National Intelligence.

The Agreement has been negotiated in accordance with the Act and other applicable law. In my judgment, it meets all applicable statutory requirements and will advance the non-proliferation and other foreign policy interests of the United States of America.

The Agreement contains all of the provisions required by subsection 123 a. of the Act. It provides a comprehensive framework for peaceful nuclear cooperation with the Kingdom of Thailand based on a mutual commitment to nuclear nonproliferation. It would permit the transfer of material, equipment (including reactors), components, and information for peaceful nuclear purposes. It would not permit the transfer of Restricted Data or sensitive nuclear technology. Any special fissionable material transferred to the Kingdom of Thailand could only be in the form of low enriched uranium, with the exception of small quantities of special fissionable material for use as samples, standards, detectors, or targets, or for such other purposes as the parties may agree.

Through the Agreement, the Kingdom of Thailand would affirm its intent to rely on existing international markets for nuclear fuel services rather than acquiring sensitive nuclear technology (i.e., for enrichment and reprocessing), and the United States would affirm its intent to support these international markets to ensure nuclear fuel supply for the Kingdom of Thailand.

The Agreement has a term of 30 years, although it can be terminated at any time by either party on 1 year's advance written notice to the other party. In the event of termination or expiration of the Agreement, key non-proliferation conditions and controls will continue in effect as long as any material, equipment, or components, subject to the Agreement remains in the territory of the party concerned or under its jurisdiction or control anywhere, or until such time as the parties agree that such material, equipment, or components are no longer usable for any nuclear activity relevant from the point of view of safeguards.

The Kingdom of Thailand is a party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and has concluded a Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and Additional Protocol thereto with the International Atomic Energy Agency. The Kingdom of Thailand was also among the early sponsors of and is a State Party to the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone. A more detailed discussion of the Kingdom of Thailand's domestic civil nuclear activities and its nuclear non-proliferation policies and practices is provided in the NPAS and its classified annex.

I have considered the views and recommendations of the interested departments and agencies in reviewing the Agreement and have determined that its performance will promote, and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to, the common defense and security. Accordingly, I have approved the Agreement and authorized its execution and urge that the Congress give it favorable consideration.

This transmission shall constitute a submittal for purposes of both subsections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Act. My Administration is prepared to immediately begin the consultations with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee as provided in subsection 123 b. Upon completion of the 30 days of continuous session review provided for in subsection 123 b., the 60 days of continuous session review provided for in subsection 123 d. shall commence.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.
THE WHITE HOUSE, January 14, 2025.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:03 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. 152. An act to amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to develop a study regarding streamlining and consolidating information collection and preliminary damage assessments, and for other purposes.

H.R. 189. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to eliminate the leasing authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 192. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to require Amtrak to include information on base pay and bonus compensation of certain Amtrak executives, 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. 152. An act to amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to develop a study regarding streamlining and consolidating information collection and preliminary damage assessments, and for other purposes; to

the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 189. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to eliminate the leasing authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 192. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to require Amtrak to include information on base pay and bonus compensation of certain Amtrak executives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BUDD, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 83. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide enhanced penalties for convicted murderers who kill or target America's public safety officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MULLIN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 84. A bill to require U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to take into custody certain aliens who have been charged in the United States with a crime that resulted in the death or serious bodily injury of another person, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 85. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to partner and collaborate with the Secretary of Agriculture and the State of Hawaii to address Rapid Ohia Death, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 86. A bill to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 87. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to modify work requirements under the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. SCHMITT):

S. 88. A bill to provide that Members of Congress may not receive pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which Congress has not approved a concurrent resolution on the budget and passed the regular appropriations bills; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. SHEEHY,

Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BUDD, and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 89. A bill to reform restrictions on the importation of firearms and ammunition; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 90. A bill to prohibit the use of funds by the Secretary of the Interior to finalize and implement certain travel management plans in the State of Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. SHEEHY):

S. 91. A bill to improve Federal activities relating to wildfires, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. DAINES, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Ms. LUMMIS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 92. A bill to require Senate approval before the United States assumes any obligation under a WHO pandemic agreement and to suspend funding for the WHO until such agreement is ratified by the Senate; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 93. A bill to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to address harmful algal blooms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. COTTON:

S. Res. 24. A resolution condemning the commutation of the death sentence of Anthony George Battle granted by President Biden on December 23, 2024; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. Res. 25. A resolution condemning the commutation of the death sentence of Marvin Charles Gabrion II granted by President Biden on December 23, 2024; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. Res. 26. A resolution to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. DAINES, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Ms. LUMMIS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 92. A bill to require Senate approval before the United States assumes any obligation under a WHO pandemic agreement and to suspend funding for the WHO until such agreement is ratified by the Senate; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 92

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Defending American Sovereignty in Global Pandemics Act".

SEC. 2. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF UNITED STATES FUNDING FOR THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION UNTIL PANDEMIC TREATY IS APPROVED BY THE SENATE.

(a) PROHIBITION.—The United States shall not become a party to a convention, agreement, or other international instrument under the Constitution of the World Health Organization to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response except pursuant to a treaty made under Article II, section 2, clause 2 of the Constitution of the United States on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) FUNDING RESTRICTION.—The Government of the United States may not obligate or expend any funds for the World Health Organization beginning on the effective date of an agreement described in subsection (a) and ending on the date on which the Senate approves a resolution of ratification with respect to such convention, agreement, or instrument.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 24—CONDEMNING THE COMMUTATION OF THE DEATH SENTENCE OF ANTHONY GEORGE BATTLE GRANTED BY PRESIDENT BIDEN ON DECEMBER 23, 2024

Mr. COTTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 24

Resolved,

SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE COMMUTATION OF THE DEATH SENTENCE OF ANTHONY GEORGE BATTLE GRANTED BY PRESIDENT BIDEN ON DECEMBER 23, 2024.

It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) President Joseph R. Biden undermined the rule of law and robbed victims of justice when he commuted the death sentence of Anthony George Battle on December 23, 2024;

(2) Anthony Battle was convicted of murdering his wife, a U.S. Marine, and sentenced to life imprisonment;

(3) while Battle was serving his life sentence at Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, he murdered a 31-year-old correctional officer named D'Antonio Washington by bludgeoning Washington in the back of the head repeatedly with a ball-peen hammer;

(4) when Battle was questioned by investigators, he had no remorse and stated that he was "happy" he killed Washington;

(5) this commutation is a reprehensible insult to the victims of Anthony Battle;

(6) President Biden claimed that he commuted the death sentences of Anthony Battle and 36 other murderers out of a principled opposition to the death penalty but refused to commute the death sentences of the 3 most controversial death row inmates, dem-

onstrating that President Biden was motivated by politics, not principles; and

(7) the Senate unequivocally condemns this commutation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 25—CONDEMNING THE COMMUTATION OF THE DEATH SENTENCE OF MARVIN CHARLES GABRION II GRANTED BY PRESIDENT BIDEN ON DECEMBER 23, 2024

Mr. COTTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 25

Resolved,

SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE COMMUTATION OF THE DEATH SENTENCE OF MARVIN CHARLES GABRION II GRANTED BY PRESIDENT BIDEN ON DECEMBER 23, 2024.

It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) President Joseph R. Biden undermined the rule of law and robbed victims of justice when he commuted the death sentence of Marvin Charles Gabrion II on December 23, 2024;

(2) Marvin Gabrion was sentenced to death for murdering 19-year-old Rachel Timmerman just 2 days before she was scheduled to testify that Gabrion had abducted and raped her;

(3) Marvin Gabrion was also the prime suspect in the disappearance and murder of several other individuals, including Rachel Timmerman's 11-month-old daughter and 2 potential witnesses at his rape trial;

(4) this commutation is a reprehensible insult to the victims of Marvin Gabrion;

(5) President Biden claimed that he commuted the death sentences of Marvin Gabrion and 36 other murderers out of a principled opposition to the death penalty but refused to commute the death sentences of the 3 most controversial death row inmates, demonstrating that President Biden was motivated by politics, not principles; and

(6) the Senate unequivocally condemns this commutation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 26—TO CONSTITUTE THE MAJORITY PARTY'S MEMBERSHIP ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH CONGRESS, OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE CHOSEN

Mr. THUNE submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 26

Resolved, That the following shall constitute the majority party's membership on the following committees for the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY: Mr. Boozman (Chair), Mr. McConnell, Mr. Hoeven, Ms. Ernst, Mrs. Hyde-Smith, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Tuberville, Mr. Justice, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Thune, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Moran.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES: Mr. Lee (Chair), Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Risch, Mr. Daines, Mr. Cotton, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Justice, Mr. Cassidy, Mrs. Hyde-Smith, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Hoeven.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING: Mr. Scott (FL) (Chair), Mr. McCormick, Mr. Justice, Mr. Tuberville, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Scott (SC).

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP: Ms. Ernst (Chair), Mr. Risch,