

countless hours in his local community. Heath was inspired to join the Army National Guard from his dad—an Air Force veteran—and his brother, who is currently a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force.

Heath decided to open two small businesses that employ Alabamians in his community. He developed an interest in vegetation management while doing summer jobs as a teenager, but credits the skills learned in the military for helping him build a successful company.

Despite his busy schedule, Heath never turns down an opportunity to give back to his community. His impact is perhaps best evidenced in his role as a coach. For the last 20 years, Heath has been a volunteer coach in the Leeds Youth Baseball League. He most recently began volunteering with the baseball team at Lawson State Community College. Heath has helped hundreds of young people learn life lessons through participating in sports. Despite the huge time commitment that comes with being a coach, Heath finds all the long hours worthwhile. His devotion has clearly made an impact on the many young men he has coached throughout the year, including Dax who nominated him for this recognition.

Dax says that to him, Heath is not only a coach but “a mentor and someone he can look up to.” Heath’s story is a reminder that our time is best spent helping those around us. He is a true role model for his players, employees, family, and friends. It is my honor to recognize Heath Drake as the January Veteran of the Month.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IN ORDER TO TAKE ADDITIONAL STEPS WITH RESPECT TO THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE SITUATION IN AND IN RELATION TO SYRIA DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13894 OF OCTOBER 14, 2019—PM 6

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:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), and section

301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order in order to take additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13894 of October 14, 2019 (Blocking Property and Suspending Entry of Certain Persons Contributing to the Situation in Syria).

The order makes minimal edits to Executive Order 13894 in light of the fact that certain operations referenced in that order ceased 5 years ago. In particular, under the amended order, the United States may still sanction any person determined to be responsible for or complicit in, or to have directly or indirectly engaged in, or attempted to engage in actions or policies that further threaten the peace, security, stability, or territorial integrity of Syria or the commission of serious human rights abuse.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, January 15, 2025.

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 14064 OF FEBRUARY 11, 2022, WITH RESPECT TO THE WIDESPREAD HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN AFGHANISTAN—PM 7

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 widespread humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and the potential for a deepening economic collapse in Afghanistan declared in Executive Order 14064 of February 11, 2022, is to continue in effect beyond February 11, 2025.

The Widespread humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan—including the urgent needs of the people of Afghanistan for food security, livelihoods support, water, sanitation, health, hygiene, and shelter and settlement assistance, among other basic human needs—and the potential for a deepening economic collapse in Afghanistan continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. In ad-

dition, the preservation of certain property of Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) held in the United States by United States financial institutions is of the utmost importance to addressing this national emergency and the welfare of the people of Afghanistan. Various parties, including representatives of victims of terrorism, have asserted legal claims against certain property of DAB or indicated in public court filings an intent to make such claims. This property is blocked under Executive Order 14064.

Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14064 with respect to the widespread humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and the potential for a deepening economic collapse in Afghanistan.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, January 15, 2025.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 28. An act to amend the Education Amendments of 1972 to provide that for purposes of determining compliance with title IX of such Act in athletics, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person’s reproductive biology and genetics at birth.

H.R. 153. An act to provide for an online repository for certain reporting requirements for recipients of Federal disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 153. An act to provide for an online repository for certain reporting requirements for recipients of Federal disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 6. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion.

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-70. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Implementing Statutory Addition of Certain Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Toxics Release Inventory Beginning with

Reporting Year 2025" (RIN2070-AL23) (FRL No. 9427.2-01-OCSPF) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-71. A communication from the Chair and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Azerbaijan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-72. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending (Regulation Z); Consumer Credit Offered to Borrowers in Advance of Expected Receipt of Compensation for Work" (Docket No. CFPB-2024-0032) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-73. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalty Inflation Adjustments" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-74. A communication from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Framework for Artificial Intelligence Diffusion" (RIN0694-AJ90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-75. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defining Larger Participants of a Market for General-Use Digital Consumer Payment Applications" (RIN3170-AB17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-76. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Residential Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing (Regulation Z)" (RIN3170-AB17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-77. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition on Creditors and Consumer Reporting Agencies Concerning Medical Information (Regulation V)" (RIN3170-AA54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-78. A communication from the Deputy Director of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Papahānaumokuākea National Marine Sanctuary; Final Regulations" (RIN0648-BL33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-79. A communication from the Deputy Director of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations for the Florida Keys Na-

tional Marine Sanctuary Management Review: Blueprint for Restoration" (RIN0648-BJ14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-80. A communication from the Program Analyst, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2025 Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustments for Oil, Gas, and Sulfur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf" (RIN1010-AE22) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-81. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's proposal to accept a gift of lands in Washington County, Utah from The Wilderness Land Trust totaling approximately 715 acres; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. BANKS, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. RISCH, Ms. LUMMIS, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BUDD, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. ERNST, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. LEE, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. HAWLEY, and Mr. MCCORMICK):

S. 6. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion; read the first time.

By Mr. CRAMER (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. ROUNDS, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 94. A bill to award 3 Congressional Gold Medals to the members of the 1980 United States Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team, in recognition of their extraordinary achievement at the XIII Olympic Winter Games where, being comprised of amateur collegiate players, they defeated the dominant Soviet ice hockey team in the historic "Miracle on Ice", revitalizing morale in the United States at the height of the Cold War, inspiring generations, and transforming the sport of ice hockey in the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 95. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to close or realign the Marine Corps Recruit Depot located at Parris Island, South Carolina; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr.

HAGERTY, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 96. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit certain activities constituting preparation of tax returns by the Secretary of the Treasury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 97. A bill to require SelectUSA to coordinate with State-level economic development organizations to increase foreign direct investment in semiconductor-related manufacturing and production; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. CURTIS):

S. 98. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a vetting process for prospective applicants for high-cost universal service program funding; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 99. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to produce a report that provides recommendations to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of Department of Commerce programs related to supply chain resilience and manufacturing and industrial innovation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. TUBERVILLE (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. MORENO, Ms. LUMMIS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BUDD, Mr. PAUL, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. RISCH, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. LEE):

S. 100. A bill to repeal the Corporate Transparency Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 101. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to obtain the consent of affected State and local governments before making an expenditure from the Nuclear Waste Fund for a nuclear waste repository, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 102. A bill to require Federal agencies to impose in-person work requirements for employees of those agencies and to occupy a certain portion of the office space of those agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 103. A bill to amend the Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act to extend the deadline by which TikTok must be sold in order to avoid being banned; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 104. A bill to rescind Presidential memoranda on the withdrawal of certain areas of the outer Continental Shelf from oil or natural gas leasing; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 105. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to complete all actions necessary for certain land to be held in restricted fee status by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.