

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, 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 and withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13664 OF APRIL 3, 2014, WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH SUDAN, RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON MARCH 28, 2025—PM 19

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 declared in Executive Order 13664 of April 3, 2014, with respect to South Sudan is to continue in effect beyond April 3, 2025.

The situation in and in relation to South Sudan, which has been marked by activities that threaten the peace, security, or stability of South Sudan and the surrounding region, including widespread violence and atrocities, human rights abuses, recruitment and use of child soldiers, attacks on peacekeepers, and obstruction of humanitarian operations, continues 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 13664 with respect to South Sudan.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 28, 2025.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:04 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1048. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to strengthen disclosure requirements relating to foreign gifts and contracts, to prohibit contracts between institutions of higher education and certain foreign entities and countries of concern, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 24. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Walk-In Coolers and Walk-In Freezers".

H.J. Res. 75. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Refrigerators, Freezers, and Refrigerator-Freezers".

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1048. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to strengthen disclosure requirements relating to foreign gifts and contracts, to prohibit contracts between institutions of higher education and certain foreign entities and countries of concern, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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-667. 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 13224 of September 23, 2001 with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-668. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Form PF; Reporting Requirements for All Filers and Large Hedge Fund Advisers" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-669. 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 "Reporting, Procedures and Penalties Regulations" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-670. A communication from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Beneficial Ownership Information Reporting Requirement Revision and Deadline Extension" (RIN1506-AB49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-671. A communication from the Chair and President (Acting) of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2024 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-672. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-673. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gulf of America Technical Amendment" (Docket No. USCG-2025-0186) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-674. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Cuyahoga River, Cleveland, OH" ((RIN1625-AA11) (Docket No. USCG-2024-0393)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-675. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Demolition of Lock and Dam 3, Monongahela River Mile Marker 23.5-24.5, Elizabeth, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0068)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-676. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Cypress Passage overhead powerline demolition and removal, Atchafalaya River, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2024-1095)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-677. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Hackensack River, Little Snake Hill, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2024-0412)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-678. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Umpqua River, Reedsport, OR" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2023-0969)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-679. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of

Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Draw-bridge Operation Regulation; Passaic River, Harrison, New Jersey" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2024-1091)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-680. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Draw-bridge Operation Regulation; Okeechobee Waterway, Stuart, FL" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2022-0222)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-681. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of the Treasury, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-682. A communication from the Director of the Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Archaeological and Ethnological Material of Ecuador and Correction" (RIN1685-AA30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-683. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sixteen (16) vacancies in the Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-684. A communication from the Chair, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "March 2025 Report to the Congress: Medicare Payment Policy"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-685. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Vacancies Reform Act, changes that occurred as of March 19, 2025, and additional report on departure of ambassadors" received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-686. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Ukraine in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTTC 25-015) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-687. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Ukraine in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTTC 24-114) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-688. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act,

the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to the Republic of Korea and Norway in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTTC 24-100) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-689. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Turkey and Luxembourg in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTTC 17-047) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-690. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Italy and Israel in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTTC 24-117) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-691. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to twelve (12) vacancies in the Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-692. A communication from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual management report relative to its operations and financial condition for fiscal year 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-693. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-694. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Methodology for Calculating Earnings on Court-Ordered Payments" (5 CFR Part 1653) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-695. A communication from the Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2024 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-696. A communication from the General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's fiscal year 2024 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-697. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of

Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-698. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to two (2) vacancies in the Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2025; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-699. A communication from the Acting Chief of Policy and Strategy, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alien Registration Form and Evidence of Registration" (RIN1615-AC96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-700. 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 "Unaccompanied Children Program Foundational Rule; Update to accord with Statutory Requirements" (RIN0970-AD16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEE, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Special Report entitled "History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources During the 118th Congress" (Rept. No. 119-7).

By Mr. PAUL, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Activities of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs During the 118th Congress" (Rept. No. 119-8).

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

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 (Rept. No. 119-9).

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Special Report entitled "Activities of the Committee on the Judiciary During the 118th Congress" (Rept. No. 119-10).

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. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1200. A bill to amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the Deschutes River Conservancy Working Group, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MURPHY:

S. 1201. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for claims of