

For more than two decades, he worked at the local post office. Whether delivering or shipping mail, people in the local area could always count on him to help them with a smile and see the job through no matter how long it took. One Christmas Eve, he even worked late hours delivering hundreds of packages because of a delivery backup, to make sure all the kids in his area could open their new toys on Christmas morning. This is just one example of the many, of Stephen continuously putting other's well-being before his own.

He received several awards for his outstanding service, including Clerk of the Month and Carrier of the Month. There is no denying that Stephen's pride in helping others has been evident in everything he has done.

In 1997, Stephen, his wife, and their two sons moved back home to Harvest to the same farm he grew up on. There, he was able to pass on those same values like grit and hard work to his sons, including James, who nominated him for this recognition.

Stephen's story reminds us that we don't have to have a fancy title to make an impact, but you can make a difference with the roles you have. Whether in No. 1, the military; No. 2, the farm; No. 3, his family; or No. 4, his community, Stephen has given 110 percent to everything he does.

It is my honor to recognize him as the February Veteran of the Month.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, one of his secretaries.

#### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

#### REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 14014 OF FEBRUARY 10, 2021, WITH RESPECT TO BURMA—PM 9

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 na-

tional emergency with respect to the situation in and in relation to Burma declared in Executive Order 14014 of February 10, 2021, is to continue in effect beyond February 10, 2025.

The situation in and in relation to Burma, and in particular the February 1, 2021, coup—in which the military overthrew the democratically elected civilian government of Burma and unjustly arrested and detained government leaders, politicians, human rights defenders, journalists, and religious leaders, thereby rejecting the will of the people of Burma and undermining the country's democratic transition and rule of law—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 14014 with respect to the situation in and in relation to Burma.

DONALD J. TRUMP,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, February 4, 2025.

#### 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-310. A communication from the Assistant to the Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acknowledgement of American Indian Tribes" (RIN1076-AF67) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2025; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-311. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Director of Congressional Relations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Immigration Bond Notifications" (RIN1653-AA85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-312. A communication from the Agency Representative, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Setting and Adjusting Trademark Fees During Fiscal Year 2025" (RIN0651-AD65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-313. A communication from the Agency Representative, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Setting and Adjusting Trademark Fees During Fiscal Year 2025" (RIN0651-AD64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 27, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CRAPO for the Committee on Finance.

\*Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., of California, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

By Mr. COTTON for the Select Committee on Intelligence.

\*Tulsi Gabbard, of Hawaii, to be Director of National Intelligence.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

#### 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. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 379. A bill to prohibit the General Services Administration from awarding contracts to certain insured depository institutions that avoid doing business with certain companies that are engaged in lawful commerce based solely on social policy considerations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. BRITT, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 380. A bill to improve obstetric emergency care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 381. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to cap credit card interest rates at 10 percent; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHMITT (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. DAINES, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MARSHALL, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BANKS, Mr. SHEEHY, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. LEE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. HAWLEY, and Mr. BUDD):

S. 382. A bill to ensure equal protection of the law, to prevent racism in the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. SMITH, Mr. MARSHALL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHSTER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COONS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PETERS, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 383. A bill to extend Federal Pell Grant eligibility of certain short-term programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 384. A bill to prohibit the use of materials that use the term "West Bank", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. KING):

S. 385. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to periodically review the automatic maximum coverage under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program and the Veterans' Group Life Insurance

program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. LUMMIS (for herself, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. SHEEHY):

S. 386. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide exemptions from the consultation requirements required under that Act for agency actions that fulfill critical human water needs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MARSHALL:

S. 387. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to ensure that the small business regulatory budget for a small business concern in a fiscal year is not great than 0, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. FETTERMAN):

S. 388. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act with respect to the implementation of building codes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 389. A bill to establish consumer standards for lithium-ion batteries; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. GALLEG0, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 390. A bill to require Federal law enforcement agencies to report on cases of missing or murdered Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. COONS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. MURRAY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 391. A bill to clarify the rights of certain persons who are held or detained at a port of entry or at any facility overseen by U.S. Customs and Border Protection; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO:

S. 392. A bill to amend the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act to adjust the boundary of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FETTERMAN (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, and Ms. SLOTKIN):

S. 393. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to prohibit the export or sale of petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to certain entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HAGERTY (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 394. A bill to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. LUMMIS (for herself, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. SHEEHY):

S. 395. A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to expedite wildfire prevention projects to reduce the risk of wildfire on certain high-risk Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 396. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to impose limitations on the

provision of critical skill incentives to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Senior Executive Services positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 397. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to increase the minimum disaster loan amount for which the Small Business Administration may require collateral, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KING, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. KAINE, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WELCH, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. PETERS, Ms. WARREN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BENNET, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. KIM):

S. 398. A bill to transfer and limit Executive Branch authority to suspend or restrict the entry of a class of aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LEE, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. COTTON):

S. 399. A bill to amend section 1507 of title 18, United States Code, to establish appropriate penalties for obstruction of justice by picketing or parading in or near court buildings or residences of judges, jurors, witnesses, or other court officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. KING):

S. 400. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the paid family and medical leave credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 401. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to prohibit certain financial service providers who deny fair access to financial services from using taxpayer funded discount window lending programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S.J. Res. 11. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management relating to "Protection of Marine Archaeological Resources"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. LEE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. PAUL, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr.

SHEEHY, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RICKETTS, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S.J. Res. 12. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Waste Emissions Charge for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems: Procedures for Facilitating Compliance, Including Netting and Exemptions"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. HAGERTY, and Mr. TILLIS):

S.J. Res. 13. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency of the Department of the Treasury relating to the review of applications under the Bank Merger Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. KAINE):

S. Res. 52. A resolution recognizing religious freedom as a fundamental right, expressing support for international religious freedom as a cornerstone of United States foreign policy, and expressing concern over increased threats to and attacks on religious freedom around the world; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. KAINE, Ms. ERNST, Mr. KING, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. REED, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BANKS, and Ms. WARREN):

S. Res. 53. A resolution recognizing the 80th anniversary of the amphibious landing on the Japanese island of Iwo Jima during World War II and the raisings of the flag of the United States on Mount Suribachi; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 54. A resolution expressing the vital importance of the Panama Canal to the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCH-ESTER, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. COONS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. Res. 55. A resolution recognizing January 2025 as "National Mentoring Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself and Mr. SANDERS):

S. Res. 56. A resolution congratulating the University of Vermont men's soccer team on winning the 2024 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I men's soccer national championship; considered and agreed to.