

research on the outputs that may be generated by generative adversarial networks, otherwise known as deepfakes, and other comparable techniques that may be developed in the future, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4372. An act to direct Federal science agencies and the Office of Science and Technology Policy to undertake activities to improve the quality of undergraduate STEM education and enhance the research capacity at the Nation's HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 4373. An act to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4402. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct an inland waters threat analysis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4713. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4727. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a mentor-protégé program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4739. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to protect U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, agents, other personnel, and canines against potential synthetic opioid exposure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4761. An act to ensure U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, agents, and other personnel have adequate synthetic opioid detection equipment, that the Department of Homeland Security has a process to update synthetic opioid detection capability, 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. 3009. A bill to provide for a period of continuing appropriations in the event of a lapse in appropriations under the normal appropriations process, and establish procedures and consequences in the event of a failure to enact appropriations.

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-3450. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Requirements for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents" (RIN0584-AE57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3451. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Indiana; Indiana RACT SIP and Negative Declaration for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry Control Techniques Guidelines" (FRL No. 10003-02-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3452. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Tennessee; Knox County Miscellaneous Revisions" (FRL No. 10002-97-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3453. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Amendments to the Regulatory Definition of Volatile Organic Compounds" (FRL No. 10002-99-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3454. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Approval of the Indiana 1997 Ozone Second Full Maintenance Plans" (FRL No. 10002-93-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3455. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality: Incorporation by Reference of State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL No. 10001-40-Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3456. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treasury Decision (TD): Base Erosion and Anti-Abuse Tax" (RIN1545-B056) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3457. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Expiration Dates of Five Body Systems Listings" (RIN0960-A145) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3458. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2019 Required Amendments List for Qualified Retirement Plans and section 403(b) Retirement Plans" (Notice 2019-64) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3459. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background state-

ments of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2019-0115 - 2019-0117); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3460. 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 for the export of firearms abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions Lists of automatic rifles to Qatar for end use by the Ministry of the Interior in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 18-083); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3461. 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 for the export of firearms abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions Lists of 5.56mm automatic rifles to Kuwait for end use by the Ministry of the Interior in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 19-070); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3462. 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 for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services, to Australia in support of the F135 propulsion system for end use in the F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter aircraft in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 19-056); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3463. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semi-annual Report to Congress for the period from April 1, 2019, through September 30, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3464. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Agriculture's fiscal year 2019 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3465. A communication from the Acting Chief Financial Officer and Associate Administrator for Performance Management, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's fiscal year 2019 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3466. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Veterans Healing Veterans Medical Access and Scholarship" (RIN2900-AQ54) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2019; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3467. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Revisions To Catch Sharing Plan and Domestic Management Measures in Alaska" (RIN0648-BH94) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3468. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Several Groundfish Species in

the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XY55) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3469. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XY16) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3470. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Greater Than or Equal to 50 Feet Length Overall Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648-XX25) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3471. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries” (RIN0648-XT27) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3472. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region; 2019–2020 Commercial Quota Reduction for King Mackerel Run-Around Gillnet Fishery” (RIN0648-XS008) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3473. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; 2020 Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishing Year” (RIN0648-XP004) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3474. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; 2019 Management Area 1A Sub-Annual Catch Limit Harvested” (RIN0648-XX033) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3475. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Jonah Crab Fishery; Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Jonah Crab” (RIN0648-BF43) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

December 6, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3476. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; 2020 Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishing Year” (RIN0648-XT004) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment:

S. 1342. A bill to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to update periodically the environmental sensitivity index products of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for each coastal area of the Great Lakes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-170).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CRAPO for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*Peter J. Coniglio, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank.

*David Carey Woll, Jr., of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

*Mitchell A. Silk, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

*John Bobbitt, of Texas, to be an Assistant of Housing and Urban Development.

*Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

*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.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. CRAPO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LEE, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SASSE, and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 3003. A bill to provide requirements for the appropriate Federal banking agencies when requesting or ordering a depository institution to terminate a specific customer account, to provide for additional requirements related to subpoenas issued under the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 3004. A bill to protect human rights and enhance opportunities for LGBTI people around the world, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 3005. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to promulgate standards and regulations requiring all new commercial motor vehicles to be equipped with technology to limit maximum operating speed, to require existing speed-limiting technologies already installed in commercial motor vehicles manufactured after 1992 to be used while in operation, and to require that the maximum safe operating speed of commercial motor vehicles shall not exceed 65 miles per hour, or 70 miles per hour with certain safety technologies; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. JONES, Mr. KING, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 3006. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to improve the identification, assessment, and treatment of patients in the emergency department who are at risk or suicide, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 3007. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require a provider of a report to the CyberTipline related to online sexual exploitation of children to preserve the contents of such report for 180 days, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 3008. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to clarify the treatment of certain surviving spouses under the definition of small business concern owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KING, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 3009. A bill to provide for a period of continuing appropriations in the event of a lapse in appropriations under the normal appropriations process, and establish procedures and consequences in the event of a failure to enact appropriations; read the first time.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 3010. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to enable greater participation by seniors and Medicare beneficiaries in State Medicaid programs for working people with disabilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 3011. A bill to authorize demonstration projects to improve educational and housing outcomes for children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 3012. A bill to amend the Private Security Officer Employment Authorization Act of 2004 to establish a national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for private security officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 3013. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow for the offering of additional prescription drug plans under Medicare part D; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 3014. A bill to require congressional approval for civilian nuclear cooperation under certain circumstances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.