

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