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H.R. 3749. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants to entities that provide legal services for homeless veterans and veterans at risk for homelessness, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4613. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and maintain a website of the Department that allows the public to obtain electronic copies of certain legislatively requested reports of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4852. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make available to veterans certain additional information about post-secondary educational institutions, and for other purposes.

At 1:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 35. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to specify lynching as a deprivation of civil rights, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 473. An act to authorize the Every Word We Utter Monument to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 560. An act to amend section 6 of the Joint Resolution entitled "A Joint Resolution to approve the Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 561. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the oversight of contracts awarded by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2227. An act to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to clarify the authority of servicemembers who incur a catastrophic injury or illness while in mili-

tary service to terminate leases of premises and motor vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2427. An act to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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H.R. 4852. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make available to veterans certain additional information about post-secondary educational institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3339. A bill to restore military priorities, and for other purposes.

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1492. An act to update the map of, and modify the maximum acreage available for inclusion in, the Yucca House National Monument.

#### 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-4035. A communication from the Director of Congressional Relations and Government Affairs, Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office's January 2020 quarterly report to Congress (OSS-2020-0201); to the Committees on Appropriations; Armed Services; and Foreign Relations.

EC-4036. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nomenclature changes; Technical Amendment" (7 CFR Chapter I) (Docket No. AMS-LRRS-19-0099) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 19, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4037. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's proposed fiscal year 2021 Budget and Performance Plan; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4038. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals relative to the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4039. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Procedures for Status Review of Detainees outside the United States"; to the Committees on Armed Services; and the Judiciary.

EC-4040. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs) transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of additional time required to complete a report relative to the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) budget meeting the nuclear stockpile and stockpile stewardship requirements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4041. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Venezuela that was declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4042. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Entities to the Entity List, and Revision of Entry on the Entity List" (RIN0694-AH96) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 20, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4043. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Libya declared in Executive Order 13566; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4044. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran as declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4045. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4046. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyber Security - Communications between Control Centers Reliability Standard" received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2020; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4047. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4048. 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; California; Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 10005-31-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4049. 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; California; San Diego County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 10004-14-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4050. 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; Massachusetts; Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Requirements for the 2015 Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 10005-36-Region 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4051. 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; Washington; Updates to Source-Category Regulations" (FRL No. 10005-19-Region 10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4052. 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 Conditional Approval; Arizona; Maricopa County" (FRL No. 10005-65-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4053. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; Ventura County; 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Requirements" (FRL No. 10005-67-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4054. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Plans; 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Requirements; Determination of Attainment by the Attainment Date; Imperial County, California" (FRL No. 10005-51-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4055. 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 "Revenue Ruling: 2019-13 and Revenue Ruling 2009-14" (Rev. Rul. 2020-05) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the

Senate on February 14, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4056. 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 "Determination of the Maximum Value of a Vehicle for Use with the Fleet-Average and Vehicle Cents-Per-Mile Valuation Rules" ((RIN1545-BP14) (TD 9893)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4057. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advance Designation of Representative Payees for Social Security Beneficiaries" (RIN0960-AI33) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4058. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Passports; Clarification of Previous Rule Relating to Treatment of Serious Tax Debt" ((RIN1400-AE90) (22 CFR Part 51)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 19, 2020; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4059. A communication from the Board Members of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Congressional Justification of Budget Estimates Report for fiscal year 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4060. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Performance Report for fiscal year 2019 and Annual Performance Plan for fiscal year 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4061. A communication from the Acting Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Analysis of Entity's Systems, Controls, and Legal Compliance, fiscal year 2019"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4062. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Economic Report of the President together with the 2020 Annual Report of the Council of Economic Advisers; to the Joint Economic Committee.

EC-4063. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a report relative to the views of the Department on H.R.J. Res. 79 and S.J. Res. 6, the "Removing the Deadline for the Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4064. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the corrected and updated report entitled "2019 Report of Statistics Required by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4065. 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 "Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Amendments" (RIN2900-AQ85) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the

Senate on February 14, 2020; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4066. A communication from the Attorney Adviser, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk Reduction Program" (RIN2130-AC11) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 19, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4067. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4068. A communication from the Associate Administrator for OPA, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pipeline Safety: Safety Underground Natural Gas Storage Facilities" (RIN2137-AF22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 12, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4069. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Gasparilla Marine Parade; Hillsborough Bay; Tampa, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2020-0020)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4070. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Recurring Marine Events, Sector Miami" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0749)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4071. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Delaware River, Philadelphia, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0897)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4072. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Super Bowl 2020, Bayfront Park, Miami, FL" ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0830)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4073. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Delaware River, Hamilton Township, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2020-0072)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4074. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coast Guard Sector Virginia; Technical

Amendment” (Docket No. USCG–2019–0943) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4075. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zones; Humboldt Bay Bar and Entrance Channel, Eureka, CA, Noyo River Entrance Channel, Ft. Bragg, CA, and Crescent City Harbor Entrance Channel, Crescent City, CA” ((RIN1625–AA00) (Docket No. USCG–2019–0956)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4076. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Hurricanes, Tropical Storms and Other Disasters in South Florida” ((RIN1625–AA00) (Docket No. USCG–2016–1067)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4077. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Navigation and Navigable Waters, and Shipping; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments for U.S. Coast Guard Field District 1” ((RIN1625–ZA83) (Docket No. USCG–2018–0532)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4078. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Navigation and Navigable Waters, and Shipping; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments for U.S. Coast Guard Field Districts 5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, and 17” ((RIN1625–ZA38) (Docket No. USCG–2018–0533)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4079. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; Fishing Restrictions for Tropical Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean 2018–2020” (RIN0648–BH13) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4080. 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 Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 in the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648–XG885) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4081. 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; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Adjustments to 2018 Management Area Annual Catch Limits” (RIN0648–XF898) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2020; to the Com-

mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4082. 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 Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2020 Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Pollock, Atka Mackerel, and Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch Amounts” (RIN0648–XY059) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4083. 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; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 in the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648–XY068) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4084. 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; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648–XY066) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4085. 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 60 Feet Length Overall Using Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648–XY067) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4086. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Pot Catcher/Processors in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648–XY065) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4087. 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 Island Pelagic Fisheries; 2018 U.S. Territorial Longline Bigeye Tuna Catch Limits” (RIN0648–XG025) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4088. A communication from the Assistant Deputy Director for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Technical Amendment To Update Internet Web Addresses in Marine Mammal Protection Act and Dolphin Protection Consumer Information Act Regulations” (RIN0648–BH09) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4089. A communication from the Acting 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; Expanding the Scallop Dredge Exemption Areas Under the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan” (RIN0648–BH68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4090. 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 Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendments 50A–F” (RIN0648–BI84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4091. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “International Fisheries; Pacific Fisheries; 2019 Commercial Pacific Bluefin Tuna Inseason Actions; Notice of Commercial Pacific Bluefin Tuna 2020 Catch Limit” (RIN0648–XW017) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4092. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; 2019–2020 Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Correction” (RIN0648–BJ21) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4093. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; 2018 Allocation of Northeast Multispecies Annual Catch Entitlements and Approval of a Regulatory Exemption for Sectors” (RIN0648–XF989) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 14, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4094. A communication from the Chief of Regulatory Development, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fees for the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement” (RIN2126–AC25) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 18, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4095. A communication from the Associate Managing Director, Office of Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program; Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, Report and Order” ((FCC 20–7) (CG Docket Nos. 10–51, and 03–123)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 19, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4096. A communication from the Senior Director of Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak, transmitting, pursuant to law, Amtrak's fiscal year 2021 General and Legislative Annual Report, fiscal year 2021 grant request, and Amtrak's fiscal year 2021-2025 Five-Year Service and Asset Line Plan; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-182. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to establish and fund programs that support positive health practices for minority mothers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123

Whereas, as the country with the highest maternal death rate in the developed world, the U.S. lags behind many other countries. The U.S. also struggles with persistent racial disparities. Black mothers in the U.S. die at three to four times the rate of white mothers according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. From 2011 to 2013, pregnancy-related deaths among black women were dramatically higher than women of other races, with 43.5 deaths per 100,000 live births among black women compared to 12.7 and 14.4 deaths per 100,000 live births among white women and women of other races, respectively; and

Whereas, Michigan ranks 27th in the nation for its maternal mortality rate, and Michigan's pregnancy-related mortality rates are particularly concerning for black women. Between 1999 and 2010, black women in Michigan experienced a pregnancy-related mortality rate of 50.8 deaths per 100,000 live births compared to 16.6 deaths per 100,000 live births for white women according to the Michigan Maternal Mortality Surveillance Project; and

Whereas, the high death rate of minority mothers is one of the widest of all racial disparities in women's health. Black women are 22 percent more likely to die from heart disease than white women and 71 percent more likely to die from cervical cancer, but they are 243 percent more likely to die from pregnancy- or childbirth-related causes. Black women are two to three times more likely than white women to die from pregnancy-related conditions, such as preeclampsia, eclampsia, abruptio placentae, placenta previa, and postpartum hemorrhage. These alarming statistics for black maternal health cut across socio-economic status, maternal age, and education levels; and

Whereas, despite the nationwide need for improvements in maternal health, more than 100 diseases and conditions receive more funding from the National Institutes of Health than maternal health; and

Whereas, it is important to recognize the necessity of ending maternal mortality nationally and globally and intensifying initiatives to improve maternal health and rights. It is vital to bring attention to the state of minority and black maternal health, study and understand the root causes of poor maternal health outcomes, and support community-driven programs and care solutions. We acknowledge the crucial importance of improving prenatal care, overall maternal health care, breastfeeding rates, and nutrition. To properly address maternal health

disparities, it is critical to amplify the voices of black mothers, women, families, and stakeholders, as well as people from all racial and ethnic minorities who are burdened by unjust health disparities; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives,* That we urge the Congress of the United States to establish and fund programs that support positive health practices for minority mothers; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-183. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine urging the United States Congress to provide access to banking and insurance services to legal cannabis and cannabis-related businesses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### HOUSE PAPER 1440

Whereas, despite being illegal at the federal level, cannabis is now legal in 33 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, which account for 68% of the population of the United States; and

Whereas, due to the conflict between state and federal law, the vast majority of financial institutions and insurers are unwilling to provide services to legal cannabis businesses, and those that do could be subject to severe criminal and civil penalties; and

Whereas, in addition to legal cannabis businesses being denied access to banking services, businesses that serve the cannabis industry, either directly or indirectly, may be denied banking services simply because they are being paid with money derived from cannabis sales; and

Whereas, lacking banking services, many legal cannabis businesses operate solely in cash, and cash-based systems are inefficient, expensive and opaque and make illicit activity more difficult for law enforcement agencies and state regulators to track; and

Whereas, lacking access to insurance, many legal cannabis businesses are unable to obtain sufficient coverage for business risks, leaving consumers, employees, vendors and owners without adequate financial protection; and

Whereas, a bipartisan group of 38 attorneys general has identified cash associated with the cannabis industry as a public safety concern; and

Whereas, despite guidance from the United States Department of the Treasury, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network to clarify federal Bank Secrecy Act expectations, federal banking regulators lack the legal authority to provide banks a safe harbor from federal law; and

Whereas, the Congress of the United States has the sole authority to solve the banking and insurance issue by enacting legislation that provides protections for insurers, including surety bond writers, and financial institutions that offer services to legal cannabis businesses and service providers for such businesses; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the Congress of the United States enact federal laws regarding the use and sale of cannabis that respect state law and promote public safety without compromising federal enforcement of money laundering laws against criminal enterprises; and be it further

*Resolved,* That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of

the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-184. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky urging the United States Congress to require car manufacturers to improve safety devices on automobiles for the protection of children left in cars; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

Whereas, vehicular heatstroke is a term used by safety experts to describe the death of a person, especially a child, left unattended in a vehicle, where even on mild days temperatures can reach greater than 100 degrees; and

Whereas, in 2018, a record number of 53 children died, and in the first half of 2019 at least 29 children have died, due to vehicular heatstroke; and

Whereas, more than half of vehicular heatstroke cases from 1998 to 2018 were because an adult accidentally left a child in the vehicle; and

Whereas, a child's vehicular heatstroke death is a matter of circumstance that could happen to any parent and has happened to people in all walks of life; and

Whereas, vehicular heatstroke is one of the leading causes of non-crash-related fatalities among children; and

Whereas, technology currently exists, such as seat belt clasp monitors, rear door opening sensors, and seat weight sensors, that could equip motor vehicles with a system to detect the presence of a child in the rear seat of a vehicle after the vehicle is turned off and the driver exits the vehicle; and

Whereas, if sensors detect a child is left, the system would issue an audible warning; and

Whereas, the installation of such technology would help prevent heatstroke-related deaths due to children being left alone in a vehicle; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

Section 1. The Kentucky House of Representatives respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to require automobile manufacturers to install safety features that will give an audible alert when a child is left in the backseat to prevent the deaths of children from being left alone in a hot car. Technology used could include, but not be limited to, seat belt monitors, rear door opening sensors, and seat weight sensors. These sensors should give an audible alert through the car's horn if the child is not removed within a minimum amount of time after the driver exits the vehicle.

Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send a copy of this Resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States of America, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, and each member of the Kentucky Congressional Delegation.

POM-185. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to drug pricing negotiation for Medicare and Medicaid recipients; to the Committee on Finance.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first