

Additional grants and federal funding should go towards companies whose mission is to use sustainable energy sources. Those companies will improve further with the increased funding and influence others to reject coal and oil for the more sustainable utilization of solar energy, geothermal energy, hydroelectric energy, etc. The cessation of fossil fuel use will decrease stock and mass production for oil and coal companies, ultimately weakening the usage of greenhouse gases.

What also needs special attention drawn to is the deliberation of entering America back into the Paris Climate Agreement. The agreement states that all countries signed into the arrangement will focus their efforts on the prevention of global warming and greenhouse gas emissions. Nearly 200 countries plus the European Union are currently in the agreement. If America joins back into the Paris Agreement, not only would we be establishing trust and a working relationship alongside other countries, but America would be delivering a message to all citizens living in it that fighting climate change is crucial to the outcome of our future. Not to mention, the United States is one of the most vigorous advocates for climate action. We must not abandon our efforts now in a time like this.

The world cannot prosper with the threat of climate change looming over our heads. In the words of President Obama, "Climate change is no longer some far-off problem; it is happening here, and it is happening now." Denial of the present and our own ignorance to believe the earth will fix itself will simply not stand. Acknowledging that climate change is legitimate would be an essential element in hindering the ongoing growth of global warming. Switching over to viable energy sources and providing government funding to sustainable corporations will decrease the advancements of CO2 emissions by a large sum. This is our planet, and we must protect our only home.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:02 a.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, without amendment:

S. 4091. An act to amend section 1113 of the Social Security Act to provide authority for fiscal year 2020 for increased payments for temporary assistance to United States citizens returned foreign countries, and for other purposes.

At 2:22 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 bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1425. An act to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide for a Improve Health Insurance Affordability Fund to provide for certain reinsurance payments to lower premiums in the individual health insurance market.

H.R. 5332. An act to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to ensure that consumer reporting agencies are providing fair and accurate information reporting in consumer reports, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7301. An act to prevent evictions, foreclosures, and unsafe housing conditions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 90. 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 relating to "Community Reinvestment Act Regulations".

The message further announced that pursuant to section 7221(b)(1)(A)(x) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92), the Minority Leader appoints the following member to the Commission on Combating Synthetic Opioid Trafficking: Ms. Karen Tandy of Annandale, Virginia.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 7221(b)(1)(A)(x) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92), the Minority Leader appoints the following Member to the Commission on Combating Synthetic Opioid Trafficking: The Honorable Fred Upton of Michigan.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 7:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 4091. An act to amend section 1113 of the Social Security Act to provide authority for fiscal year 2020 for increased payments for temporary assistance to United States citizens returned from foreign countries, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 7259. An act to allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable.

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-4912. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General David L. Goldfein, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4913. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Mali that was declared in Executive Order 13882 of

July 26, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4914. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4915. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001, with respect to the Western Balkans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4916. A communication from the Chairman of the Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Appraisal Subcommittee's 2019 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4917. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Fee Schedules, Fee Recovery for Fiscal Year 2020" (RIN3150-AK10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4918. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Update: Identification of Quality Measurement Priorities and Associated Funding for the Consensus-Based Entity (currently the National Quality Forum) and Other Entities"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4919. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Finalizing Medicare Rules under Section 902 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) For Calendar Year 2019"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4920. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2018 Actuarial Report on the Financial Outlook for Medicaid"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4921. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress: Social Risk Factors and Performance under Medicare's Value-Based Purchasing Programs"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4922. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Elder Justice Coordinating Council 2016-2018 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4923. 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 "Notice: Adjusted Applicable Dollar Amount for Fee Imposed by sections 4375 and 4376" (Notice 2020-44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4924. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the