

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

report of a rule entitled "Relief for Qualified Opportunity Funds and Investors Affected by Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic" (Notice 2020-39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4925. 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 "Treatment of Amounts Paid to Section 170(c) Organizations Under Employer Leave-Based Donation Programs to Aid Victims of the Ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019" (Notice 2020-46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4926. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Additional Policy and Regulatory Revisions in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency" (RIN0938-AU32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4927. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report to Congress on the Open Payments Program"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4928. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the 1963 Polaris Sales Agreement, as amended, the notification of a sale and transfer to the United Kingdom of four shipsets of Common Missile Compartment (CMC) shipboard weapon system equipment, facilities equipment, ancillary equipment, and follow-on support services; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4929. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination in Health and Health Education Programs or Activities" (RIN0945-AA11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2020; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4930. A communication from the Special Counsel, Office of the Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2019"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4931. A communication from the Executive Director, Office of General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Correction of Administrative Errors; Required Minimum Distributions" (5 CFR Part 1605, 1650, and 1651) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4932. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semi-annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4933. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Social and Economic Conditions of Native Americans: Fiscal Year 2017"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-4934. A communication from the Chief of the Regulatory Coordination Division, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of 30-Day Processing Provision for Asylum Applicant-Related Form I-765 Employment Authorization Applications" (RIN1615-AC19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2020; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4935. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Liquefied Natural Gas by Rail" (RIN2137-AF40) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4936. A communication from the Program Analyst, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Authorizing Permissive Use of the Next Generation Broadcast Television Standard" ((FCC 20-72) (GN Docket No. 16-142)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2020; 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 in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2381. A bill to require review by the Government Accountability Office of screening protocols of the Transportation Security Administration relating to breast milk and formula, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-238).

## 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. RUBIO, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 4101. A bill to expand the payment of principal, interest, and fees for certain disaster loans under the CARES Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 4102. A bill to ensure that institutions of higher education take steps to protect their college athletes from COVID-19, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 4103. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the use of telehealth for substance use disorder treatment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 4104. A bill to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay Initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of im-

proper payments to deceased individuals, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 4105. A bill to impose a 1-year minimum prison sentence for the destruction of veterans' memorials; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. LOEFFLER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ENZI, Ms. ERNST, and Mr. BARASSO):

S. 4106. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for hospital and insurer price transparency; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 4107. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to establish a new employment, training, and supportive services program for unemployed and underemployed individuals and individuals with barriers to employment, to provide employment services to individuals who are unemployed or underemployed as a result of COVID-19, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. TESTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 4108. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to increase Federal support to State Medicaid programs during economic downturns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 4109. A bill to require the Administrator of General Services to establish an agency electronic recycling program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 4110. A bill to designate residents of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as Priority 2 refugees of special humanitarian concern, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MCSALLY:

S. 4111. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide for a cause of action by the family of a military service member who dies from a collision on the high seas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. KAINE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. SMITH, Mr. CASEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. REED, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 4112. A bill to support education and child care during the COVID-19 public health emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BENNETT:

S. 4113. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide grants to States and Indian Tribes to deploy affordable, high-speed broadband to unserved and underserved areas; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 4114. A bill to prohibit Federal law enforcement officers from using riot control agents and kinetic impact projectiles, and to