

services to the public, and they should have access to masks and other equipment to keep themselves safe.

The fourth step is expanding contact tracing, another area where we see a patchwork of policies across the country rather than a cohesive national effort.

To work, contact tracing must occur immediately after an individual is found to be infected. A team determines everyone with whom an infected individual had recent close contact and encourages them to get tested, self-isolate, and monitor their health.

Right now, on average, everyone who gets COVID passes it to more than one other person. In other words, the spread is increasing, often by those who don't know they have been exposed. Contact tracing will help solve that.

The logistics, however, often aren't feasible for local governments. That is why a Federal contact tracing program, possibly using Peace Corps and AmeriCorps volunteers as has been suggested, is so important.

Finally, the fifth area is the need for a plan to manufacture and distribute a vaccine once it is developed.

A key component is determining priorities for vaccine distribution. Should it go first to essential workers on the frontlines? Or should it go to people most likely to get the virus, the vulnerable populations, and those in hard-hit areas? These aren't easy questions, and we should work on answers now.

We also need to handle the logistics involved to ensure rapid distribution of the vaccine nationwide.

These are obvious challenges, but they are also complex, and we need a plan in place now, ahead of vaccine development, rather than waiting until a vaccine is developed.

In addition to those five health-related planks, I also believe we need a coordinated plan to help the small businesses and workers suffering during this time.

One example is the Paycheck Protection Program that helped many small businesses. The program provides forgivable loans if businesses use funds on employee salaries and other necessities to remain afloat, which will allow them to quickly reopen when it is safe.

Another example is the additional \$600 in unemployment benefits in the CARES Act. This assistance allows millions of families to pay rent, cover bills, buy food, and contribute to the economic recovery. Unfortunately, that vital aid has lapsed.

Since mid-March, more than 60 million Americans have filed for unemployment benefits. Today, more than 30 million people continue to depend on these benefits.

We can't cut these lifelines until jobs are available for those out of work. If the economy remains shuttered and we do nothing to help families and businesses, we are telling millions of Americans that we don't care they are hurting.

Moreover, we are hurting our own economic recovery by taking aid from those who most need it, the very people who are most likely to spend it to support the economy.

The Federal Government exists for a reason, and that is to help Americans do things they can't do for themselves. The same goes for States, which are responsible and powerful but can't do it on their own.

A global pandemic calls for a robust Federal response, which must entail a national response plan. And that plan has to be based on science and on data, not politics.

Thank you.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING MAAG PRESCRIPTION AND MEDICAL SUPPLY

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each month, I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of a small business in my home State of Idaho. Today I am pleased to honor Maag Prescription and Medical Supply in Pocatello as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for August 2020 and congratulate them on 70 years of business.

Maag Prescription and Medical Supply is an independent, locally owned pharmacy which has been operated by the Maag family since 1950. Established by Irvin and Genevieve Maag, the couple ran all aspects of the business and quickly developed a reputation for providing exemplary service while meeting the specific needs of their customers. As the business flourished and ownership transitioned to their son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Kathy Maag, a fire ravaged the facility in 1977. Despite this obstacle, the Maags persevered and built a new storefront, expanding it three times to accommodate the business's growth. Maag Prescription and Medical Supply's resiliency and service to the community has not gone unnoticed. For the past 2 years the business received the Idaho State Journal's annual Reader's Choice Award.

Today, Maag Prescription and Medical Supply plays an important role serving the community and providing more than 20 jobs to Southeast Idaho in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Maags have made it a priority to support their customers while maintaining customer and employee safety. Their business stands as a true testament to American industriousness, exemplifying one of our Nation's most treasured values. Now, in one of the most economically uncertain times, their story reminds us of the importance of commitment to our communities and resilience in the face of adversity.

Congratulations to Greg and Kathy Maag, and all of the employees of Maag

Prescription and Medical Supply on being selected as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for August 2020. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 11:16 a.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 bills:

S. 2163. An act to establish the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, to study and make recommendations to address social problems affecting Black men and boys, and for other purposes.

S. 3607. An act to extend public safety officer death benefits to public safety officers whose death is caused by COVID-19, and for other purposes.

S. 3637. An act to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend lease protections for servicemembers under stop movement orders in response to local, national, or global emergency, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

At 2:16 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6395. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, August 4, 2020, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 2163. An act to establish the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, to study and make recommendations to address social problems affecting Black men and boys, and for other purposes.

S. 3607. An act to extend public safety officer death benefits to public safety officers whose death is caused by COVID-19, and for other purposes.

S. 3637. An act to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend lease protections for servicemembers under stop movement orders in response to a local, national, or global emergency, and for other purposes.

#### 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-5218. 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 Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention Programs; Fiscal Year 2019”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5219. 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 “U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Fee Schedule and Changes to Certain Other Immigration Benefit Request Requirements” (RIN1615-AC18) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2020; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5220. A communication from the Agency Representative, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees during Fiscal Year 2020” (RIN0651-AD31) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2020; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5221. 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 “Home Visits in Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers During COVID-19 National Emergency” (RIN2900-AQ96) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2020; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-5222. 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 “Extension of Veterans’ Group Life Insurance Application Period in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency” (RIN2900-AQ98) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2020; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-5223. 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 “VA Acquisition Regulation: Administrative and Information Matters; Publicizing Contract Actions; and Termination of Contracts” (RIN2900-AQ77) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2020; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-5224. 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 Employment Pay for Success Grant Program” (RIN2900-AP72) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2020; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-5225. 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 “Informed Consent and Advance Directives” (RIN2900-AQ97) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2020; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-5226. 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 “Health Professional Scholarship Program” (RIN2900-AQ62) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2020; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-5227. 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 “Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers Improvements and Amendments under the VA Maintaining Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION) Act of 2018” (RIN2900-AQ48) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2020; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-5228. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Rule - Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities” (RIN3064-AF55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5229. A communication from the Congressional Assistant, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Interim Rule: Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities” (RIN7100-AF92) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5230. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Rule—Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities” (RIN3064-AF08) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5231. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities” (RIN1557-AE98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5232. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities” (RIN1557-AE69) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5233. A communication from the Congressional Assistant, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Rule—Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities” (RIN7100-AF62) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5234. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Reducing Barriers to Using Telehealth and Remote Patient Monitoring for Pediatric Populations under Medicaid Final Report”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5235. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report on Abuse-Deterrent Opioid Formulations and Access Barriers Under Medicare”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5236. A communication from the Acting Register of Copyrights and Director, United States Copyright Office, Library of Congress, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the adjustment of timing provisions in the Copyright Act related to the declaration of the COVID-19 national emergency; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-231. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to legislation mandating transparency in prescription drug production costs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE for the Committee on Armed Services.

Marine Corps nomination of Col. Jason G. Woodworth, to be Brigadier General.

\*Army nomination of Lt. Gen. James H. Dickinson, to be General.

\*Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Glen D. VanHerck, to be General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Richard M. Clark, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Sam C. Barrett, to be Lieutenant General.

Space Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Nina M. Armagno, to be Major General.

Space Force nomination of Maj. Gen. William J. Liquori, Jr., to be Major General.

Space Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Bradley C. Saltzman, to be Major General.

Space Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Stephen N. Whiting, to be Major General.

Space Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Nina M. Armagno, to be Lieutenant General.

Space Force nomination of Maj. Gen. William J. Liquori, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Space Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Bradley C. Saltzman, to be Lieutenant General.

Space Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Stephen N. Whiting, to be Lieutenant General.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary’s desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nominations beginning with Vincent W. Abruzzese and ending with Monica Sarai Zapater, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 4, 2020.

Air Force nomination of Peter B. French, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Laura A. King, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Ismael H. Soto Rivas, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Benjamin J. Powell, to be Major.

Army nomination of Alfredo Carinorivera, to be Major.

Army nomination of Alexander V. Harlamor, to be Colonel.