

safeguard the supply chain from potentially dangerous products is more important than ever.

Madam Speaker, I thank my colleagues on the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Representatives GUTHRIE and ENGEL, for their work on this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5663, the Safeguarding Therapeutics Act, introduced by Representatives GUTHRIE and ENGEL. This legislation would extend FDA's administrative destruction authority to counterfeit and other illegal medical devices.

Under current law, the FDA is authorized to destroy certain imported drugs that may pose a threat to public health; however, this authority does not extend to medical devices.

The passage of this legislation during the coronavirus pandemic is especially timely, as we have seen a surge in counterfeit COVID-19 test kits imported to the United States.

But it is not only counterfeit COVID-19 test kits entering our borders and posing risks to U.S. consumers. International mail facilities have also intercepted shipments of illegal contact lenses and combination products in recent years.

This additional authority will prevent shippers from trying to send illegal products back to the United States and may deter future illegal shipments of medical devices.

Madam Speaker, I thank my colleagues, Representatives GUTHRIE and ENGEL, for working together in a bipartisan manner to advance this legislation to provide the FDA with the additional tool to protect American consumers against potentially dangerous medical products.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE).

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, the Safeguarding Therapeutics Act.

Last year, I had the opportunity to visit the international mail facility at JFK Airport in New York.

When counterfeit drugs come through the mail facilities, the FDA has the authority to destroy it. However, if that counterfeit drug is attached to a syringe, it therefore constitutes a medical device, and the FDA does not currently have the authority to destroy counterfeit medical devices. Instead, in most cases, they are mailed back to where they came from, where they are repackaged and sent right back to the United States.

After visiting the mail facility, I joined with my colleague, Representative ELIOT ENGEL, to fix this, introducing the Safeguarding Therapeutics Act. This commonsense, bipartisan bill will give the FDA the authority to destroy counterfeit medical devices at entry points into our country. These include items such as combination products, like injections and vaccines. If allowed into the country, these products could end up on the black market and harm American patients.

The Safeguarding Therapeutics Act has become especially important now that the country is facing the COVID-19 pandemic. We have already seen instances of counterfeit COVID-19 tests and products claiming to cure COVID being sent to the United States. Bad actors are marketing tests and treatments that have not been approved by the FDA or the CDC.

We need to give the FDA the ability to destroy these products as they enter the United States. While our Nation continues to grapple with the coronavirus pandemic, the last thing we need is fake COVID-19 tests and products in our market.

Also, in going to the JFK Airport, you are standing there with the personnel, men and women who are wearing the uniform of our country, receiving this mail moving forward. We gave them the authority: If it is a drug, they can destroy it if it is counterfeit; if it is a device, it is an interpretation, but they don't have the authority to move forward.

They even told me that sometimes they open the package, see that it is counterfeit, and they have to return it. They close the package, return it, and they will see the same package come back through the exact way that they taped it.

So we need to give them the authority. It doesn't make sense. It is a commonsense approach.

ELIOT ENGEL and I made this bipartisan. I think every American citizen says that is not the way we want to operate, and particularly in this time and this pandemic, and there are people trying to take advantage of this time and this pandemic.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate bringing this to the floor today. I appreciate the hard work of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

I thank Representative ENGEL. I don't think he represents JFK, but he does represent the great city of New York.

Madam Speaker, I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues on the Committee on Energy and Commerce as they respond to the coronavirus pandemic.

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. GUTHRIE for his leadership on this and taking the initiative to get out and under-

stand the issue on the ground and crafting bipartisan legislation to solve this problem and protect American consumers.

Madam Speaker, I urge adoption of this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I also thank Mr. GUTHRIE and Mr. ENGEL for their leadership.

I think the American people understand this issue more now than ever, unfortunately. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. DINGELL) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5663, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**BLOCKING PROPERTY OF CERTAIN PERSONS WITH RESPECT TO THE CONVENTIONAL ARMS ACTIVITIES OF IRAN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 116-154)**

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Pursuant to the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (Public Law 115-44), the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) (IEEPA), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), section 212(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 (8 U.S.C. 1182(f)), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby report I have issued an Executive Order (the "order") that affirms that it remains the policy of the United States to counter Iran's malign influence in the Middle East, including transfers from Iran of destabilizing conventional weapons and acquisition of arms and related materiel by Iran. Transfers to and from Iran of arms or related materiel or military equipment represent a continuing threat to regional and international security. Iran benefits from engaging in the conventional arms trade by strengthening its relationships with other outlier regimes, lessening its international isolation, and deriving revenue that it uses to support terror groups and fund malign activities.

In light of these findings and in order to take additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995

(Prohibiting Certain Transactions with Respect to the Development of Iranian Petroleum Resources), the order blocks property and interests in property of persons determined by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, or the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State:

- To engage in any activity that materially contributes to the supply, sale, or transfer, directly or indirectly, to or from Iran, or for the use in or benefit of Iran, of arms or related materiel, including spare parts;

- To provide to Iran any technical training, financial resources or services, advice, other services, or assistance related to the supply, sale, transfer, manufacture, maintenance, or use of arms and related materiel described above;

- To have engaged, or attempted to engage, in any activity that materially contributes to, or poses a risk of materially contributing to, the proliferation of arms or related materiel or items intended for military end-uses or mili-

tary end-users, including any efforts to manufacture, acquire, possess, develop, transport, transfer, or use such items, by the Government of Iran (including persons owned or controlled by, or acting for or on behalf of the Government of Iran) or paramilitary organizations financially or militarily supported by the Government of Iran;

- To have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the order; or

- To be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the order.

Under section 212(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 (8 U.S.C. 1182(f)), the order also suspends the immigrant and nonimmigrant entry into the United States of aliens determined to meet one or more of the

criteria above for the blocking of property and interests in property.

I am enclosing a copy of the order I have issued.

DONALD J. TRUMP.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, September 21, 2020.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 967, and pursuant to House Resolution 1128, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow for morning-hour debate and 11 a.m. for legislative business, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Thereupon (at 7 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 9 a.m. for morning-hour debate, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

### EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the first and second quarters of 2020, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2020

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Travel to Colombia, Peru, El Salvador, Honduras—January 17–24, 2020											
Katy Quinn .....	1/17	1/18	El Salvador .....		207.45						207.45
	1/18	1/20	Honduras .....		548.00						548.00
	1/20	1/22	Peru .....		711.00						711.00
	1/22	1/24	Colombia .....		646.82						646.82
Commercial airfare .....							3,410.93				3,410.93
Mark Morehouse .....	1/17	1/18	El Salvador .....		207.45						207.45
	1/18	1/20	Honduras .....		548.00						548.00
	1/20	1/22	Peru .....		711.00						711.00
	1/22	1/24	Colombia .....		646.82						646.82
Commercial airfare .....							3,410.93				3,410.93
Brian Garrett .....	1/17	1/18	El Salvador .....		207.45						207.45
	1/18	1/20	Honduras .....		548.00						548.00
	1/20	1/22	Peru .....		711.00						711.00
	1/22	1/24	Colombia .....		646.82						646.82
Commercial airfare .....							3,410.93				3,410.93
Chidi Blyden .....	1/17	1/18	El Salvador .....		207.45						207.45
	1/18	1/20	Honduras .....		548.00						548.00
	1/20	1/22	Peru .....		711.00						711.00
	1/22	1/24	Colombia .....		646.82						646.82
Commercial airfare .....							3,410.93				3,410.93
Travel to Germany, Djibouti, Kenya, Ethiopia with STAFFDEL Leggieri—January 19–25, 2020											
Jessica Carroll .....	1/20	1/22	Djibouti .....		762.00						762.00
	1/22	1/23	Kenya .....		299.00						299.00
	1/23	1/24	Ethiopia .....		533.81						533.81
Commercial airfare .....							10,623.82				10,623.82
Travel to Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia—January 17–25, 2020											
Hon. Seth Moulton .....	1/17	1/21	Vietnam .....		706.00						706.00
	1/21	1/22	Cambodia .....		236.00						236.00
	1/22	1/24	Thailand .....		461.47						461.47
Commercial airfare .....							13,270.35				13,270.35
Hon. Jim Banks .....	1/19	1/21	Vietnam .....		320.00						320.00
	1/21	1/22	Cambodia .....		236.00						236.00
	1/22	1/24	Thailand .....		461.47						461.47
Commercial airfare .....							13,406.15				13,406.15
Laura Rauch .....	1/17	1/21	Vietnam .....		706.00						706.00
	1/21	1/22	Cambodia .....		236.00						236.00
	1/22	1/24	Thailand .....		461.47						461.47
Commercial airfare .....							13,666.95				13,666.95
Eric Snelgrove .....	1/19	1/21	Vietnam .....		320.00						320.00
	1/21	1/22	Cambodia .....		236.00						236.00
	1/22	1/24	Thailand .....		461.47						461.47
Commercial airfare .....							13,532.95				13,532.95
Travel to Indonesia, Singapore—January 18–24, 2020											
Shannon Green .....	1/19	1/22	Indonesia .....		1,065.00						1,065.00
	1/22	1/24	Singapore .....		814.00						814.00
Craig Greene .....	1/19	1/22	Indonesia .....		1,065.00						1,065.00
	1/22	1/24	Singapore .....		814.00						814.00
Jason Schmid .....	1/19	1/22	Indonesia .....		1,065.00						1,065.00
	1/22	1/24	Singapore .....		814.00						814.00
Bess Dopkeen .....	1/19	1/22	Indonesia .....		1,065.00						1,065.00
	1/22	1/24	Singapore .....		814.00						814.00
Travel to Germany—February 13–19, 2020 with CODEL Graham											
Hon. William “Mac” Thornberry .....	2/15	2/17	Germany .....		1,717.70						1,717.70