

following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4387. An act to establish Growth Accelerator Fund Competition within the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4405. An act to amend the Small Business Act to improve the women's business center program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4406. An act to amend the Small Business Act to improve the small business development centers program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4407. An act to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize the SCORE program, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 27. Concurrent resolution providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center in connection with the memorial services to be conducted in the House wing of the Capitol for the Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, late a Representative from the State of Maryland.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4387. An act to establish Growth Accelerator Fund Competition within the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 4405. An act to amend the Small Business Act to improve the women's business center program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 4406. An act to amend the Small Business Act to improve the small business development centers program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 4407. An act to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize the SCORE program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

#### MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Finance by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S. J. Res. 50. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, relating to "Contributions in Exchange for State or Local Tax Credits".

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following joint resolution was read the first time:

S.J. Res. 59. Joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress on the precipitous withdrawal of United States Armed Forces from Syria and Afghanistan, and Turkey's unprovoked incursion into Syria.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, October 22, 2019, she had

presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1196. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1715 Linnerud Drive in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, as the "Fire Captain Cory Barr Post Office Building".

#### 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-2944. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Emergency Food Assistance Program: Implementation of the Agricultural Act of 2018" (RIN0584-AE73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2945. A communication from the Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Standards for Grades of Apples" ((7 CFR Part 51) (Docket No. AMS-SC-18-0055; SC18-330)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2946. A communication from the Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2018-19 Crop Year and Revision of Grower Diversion Requirements for Tart Cherries" ((7 CFR Part 930) (Docket No. AMS-SC-18-0083; SC19-930-1FR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2947. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report amending the report on the approved retirement of Major General Lee K. Levy II, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of major general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2948. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Voluntary State Tax Withholding from Retired Pay" (RIN0790-AK19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2949. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the Stress Testing Rule for National Banks and Federal Savings Associations" (RIN1557-AE55) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2950. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Real Estate Appraisals" (RIN1557-AE57) received during adjourn-

ment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2951. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thresholds Increase for the Major Asset Prohibition of the Depository Institution Management Interlocks Act Rules" (RIN1557-AE22) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2952. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Real Estate Appraisals" (RIN3064-AE87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2953. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Credit Union Bylaws" (RIN3313-AE86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2954. A communication from the 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 Certain Entities to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AH68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2955. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supervisory Committee Audits and Verifications" (RIN3313-AE91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2956. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Credit Union Bylaws" (RIN3313-AE86) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2957. 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; Indiana; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS; Interstate Transport" (FRL No. 10000-66-Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2958. 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; Wisconsin; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS Interstate Transport" (FRL No. 10000-67-Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2959. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Montana; Regional Haze 5-

Year Progress Report State Implementation Plan” (FRL No. 10000-48-Region 8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2960. 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; Indiana; Update to CRB Fee Billing Procedures; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule” (FRL No. 10001-24-Region 10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2961. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Philadelphia County Reasonably Available Control Technology for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard” (FRL No. 10001-46-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2962. 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; Arkansas; Interstate Transport Requirements for the 2010 1-Hour SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS” (FRL No. 10000-92-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2963. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Correction Due to Vacatur of Revisions to Implement the Revocation of the 1997 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards Final Rule” (FRL No. 10001-46-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2964. 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; Ohio and West Virginia; Attainment Plans for the Steubenville, Ohio-West Virginia 2010 Sulfur Dioxide Nonattainment Area” (FRL No. 10001-26-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2965. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Clay Ceramics” (FRL No. 10001-21-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2966. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations; Consistency Update for Virginia” (FRL No. 9999-40-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of

the President of the Senate on October 18, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2967. A communication from the Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “The Year in Trade 2018”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2968. 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 “Election to Take Disaster Loss Deduction for the Preceding Year” (RIN1545-BP44) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2969. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed transfer of major defense equipment, including up to 62 AIM-120B AMRAAM missiles and other components from Norway to Raytheon with a sales value of approximately \$34,600,000 (Transmittal No. RSAT-16-5363); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2970. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment to a manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services, to Japan for the production of the MK41 Vertical Launching System (VLS) in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 19-027); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2971. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed transfer of major defense equipment, including two Oliver Hazard Perry FFG-7 Frigates, including spare parts support equipment and training from Australia to Chile with a sales value of approximately \$1,400,000,000 (Transmittal No. RSAT-19-6937); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2972. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services, to Algeria and the UAE to support the transfer, modification, maintenance, and repair for Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles for end use by Algeria in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 19-013); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2973. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List of M60E6 7.62mm machine guns and spare parts to Denmark for the Ministry of Defense in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 19-033); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2974. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services, to Australia for the P-8A aircraft

for the execution, sustainment, and follow-on development to support the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft program in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 18-099); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2975. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List of fully automatic 7.62 mm machine guns to Oman for the Omani Royal Police in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 18-111); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2976. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List of 9 mm semi-automatic pistols and spare barrels to Brazil in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 19-026); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2977. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2019-0094 - 2019-0103); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2978. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report to Congress on the NURSE Corps Loan Repayment and Scholarship Programs Fiscal Year 2018”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2979. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Fiscal Year 2018 Report on the Preventive Medicine and Public Health Training Grant Program”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2980. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report to Congress on Newborn Screening Activities Fiscal Year 2017 and Fiscal Year 2018”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2981. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Harmonization of Differences Between the Department of Health and Human Services’ Human Subject Regulations and the Food and Drug Administration’s Human Subject Regulations”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2982. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, As Amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act: Providing Equitable Services to Eligible Private School Children, Teachers, and Families” received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2983. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to seventeen audit reports issued during fiscal year 2019 regarding

the Agency and the Thrift Savings Plan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2984. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2020-01; Introduction" ((48 CFR Chapter 1) (FAC 2020-01)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2985. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2020-01; Small Entity Compliance Guide" ((48 CFR Chapter 1) (FAC 2020-01)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2986. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2018-008; Definition of 'Commercial Item'" ((48 CFR Chapter 2) (FAC 2020-01)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2987. A communication from the Register of Copyrights and Director, United States Copyright Office, Library of Congress, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Proposed Schedule and Analysis of Copyright Recordation Fee To Go into Effect Spring 2020"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2988. A communication from the Assistant Administrator of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Solriamefetol in Schedule IV" ((21 CFR Part 1308) (Docket No. DEA-504)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2019; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2989. A communication from the Assistant Administrator of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Brexanolone in Schedule IV" ((21 CFR Part 1308) (Docket No. DEA-503)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2019; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2990. A communication from the Assistant Administrator of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of N-Ethylhexedrone, a-PHP, 4-MEAP, MPHP, PV8, and 4-Chloro-a-PVP in Schedule I" ((21 CFR Part 1308) (Docket No. DEA-495)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 21, 2019; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2991. A communication from the Assistant Administrator of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Noroxymorphone in the Code of Federal Regulations and Assignment of a Controlled Substances Code Number" ((21 CFR Part 1308) (Docket No. DEA-322)) received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on October 21, 2019; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### 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-141. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to allow jail and prison inmates to be eligible for Medicaid Coverage or to allow states to seek a waiver from the law; to the Committee on Finance.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 93

Whereas, The Federal Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy (MIEP) prohibits the payment of federal Medicaid matching dollars for medical services provided to prison inmates. Medicaid will only cover the care an inmate receives in an inpatient hospital or medical institution; and

Whereas, Incarcerated individuals have been ineligible for Medicaid since the inception of the program in 1965. National prison populations have risen exponentially over the past several decades from approximately 200,000 when Medicaid began to over a million in county jails and state prisons currently; and

Whereas, The MIEP places a tremendous financial burden on states, counties, and local communities as hundreds of millions of dollars are spent annually for health care services provided in jails and prisons. Inmate health issues run the gamut from mental illness to chronic diseases, including diabetes, hypertension, kidney failure, and cancer. Furthermore, the health complexities of aging inmates increase health care costs, and

Whereas, The repeal of or a federal waiver from the exclusionary provision of MIEP would enable states and counties to seek federal matching funds for Medicaid-covered services. Furthermore, states that have expanded Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act would be reimbursed for at least 90 percent of their spending on prison health care; Now, therefore, be it

*RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*, That we urge the Congress of the United States to repeal the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy to allow prison inmates to be eligible for Medicaid coverage or allow states to seek a waiver from the law; and be it further

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

POM-142. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging the United States Congress to enact robust bipartisan federal infrastructure legislation and address the shortfall in the federal Highway Trust Fund by restoring the lost purchasing power of the federal fuel tax; to the Committee on Finance.

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas, California's transportation infrastructure is aging and in serious need of repair, with more than 44 percent of major roads and highways considered in poor condition and another 25 percent rated mediocre; and

Whereas, This problem is even more acute in urban areas, where more than 53 percent of major roads and highways are in poor condition and 25 percent are rated mediocre; and

Whereas, California motorists spend in excess of \$22 billion annually in additional operating costs, more than \$843 per driver, as a result of driving on poorly maintained roads; and

Whereas, Increasing levels of traffic congestion are clogging urban freeways, impacting commutes and commerce, and costing Californians an estimated \$29 billion annually in wasted time and fuel; and

Whereas, With California's population expected to grow to 48 million by 2040, substantial new investment in public transportation will be needed to improve mobility, reduce gridlock, and meet critical greenhouse gas reduction targets, yet the state's transit agencies collectively face billions of dollars annually in capital and operating shortfalls; and

Whereas, These transit agencies face particularly acute regulatory challenges and funding shortfalls in providing vital paratransit services to the elderly, persons with disabilities, and others with special needs; and

Whereas, Freight transportation is critical to the economic vitality of the United States and robust investment in safe and efficient transportation facilities and infrastructure is essential to promoting strong economic growth in California and throughout the nation; and

Whereas, California serves as the nation's gateway to international trade as the entry point for nearly one-fifth of the country's imports, by far the largest share of any state, with the state's vast network of land and seaports, truck routes, and rail lines transporting more than \$2.8 trillion in goods annually; and

Whereas, California's freight system is responsible for the creation of 800,000 freight jobs and stimulates creation of millions of other jobs throughout the economy; and

Whereas, The California Legislature, having risen to meet this crisis by enacting the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (Chapter 5 of the Statutes of 2017) to add more than \$5 billion annually in new transportation investment, depends on the federal government to provide its share of the resources needed to restore and enhance California's highway, transit, and active transportation infrastructure for the generations to come; and

Whereas, For the past 25 years, the Congress of the United States has failed to take action to preserve or restore the purchasing power of the federal fuel tax or provide any alternate solution adequate to ensure sustained federal investment in the nation's transportation system; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly*, That the Legislature urges the Congress and the President of the United States to work together to enact the robust bipartisan federal infrastructure legislation necessary to restore California's and other states' crumbling road and freight infrastructure, respond to growing traffic congestion, and increase investment in public transportation, most particularly, by expanding paratransit services for the elderly and those with special needs; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Legislature urges the Congress and the President of the United States to address the shortfall in the federal Highway Trust Fund by restoring the lost purchasing power of the federal fuel tax in order to provide the long-term funding stability necessary for California and other states to rebuild infrastructure, invest in people through good, well-paying jobs, and strengthen the state's and the nation's economy; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the