

forced to close. That would leave just 10 clinics statewide to serve 5.4 million Texan women of reproductive age. But unfortunately, this is the type of thing we have come to expect from the State of Texas. The Texas Legislature and Governor have already passed laws that infringe on its citizens' constitutional rights.

For example, the State has passed laws that limit victims' ability to recover much-deserved damages after accidents. And they have passed one of the strictest voter ID laws in the Nation. We are seeing the results of the State's pattern of undermining their citizens' constitutional rights. Just yesterday it was reported that more than half a million registered voters in Texas can't even vote.

This is the pattern of disenfranchisement Texas is engaged in. The State's women are, sadly, the latest example of Texas infringing on important constitutional rights. Though it is not entirely surprising that the radical Republicans in Texas have targeted women's health, it is nonetheless disappointing. I hope the Supreme Court will choose to protect women's health and strike down this disastrous Texas law.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE GEORGIA PUBLIC POLICY FOUNDATION

• Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, today I am honored to recognize a great leader in Georgia politics, a leader that studies hard, presents ideas, and analyzes State public policy issues to educate citizens and enhance economic opportunity. This leader is not a person but an organization that is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2016: the Georgia Public Policy Foundation.

Established in 1991, the foundation is an independent, State-focused think tank that proposes market-oriented approaches to public policy to improve the lives of Georgians. Whether they are aware of it or not, Georgians have benefitted from the positive line of influential leaders of this organization, including my good friend Rogers Wade. It was founded by a great Georgian, Hank McCamish, and today is led by a Georgian who will leave another great legacy of his own, Kelly McCutcheon.

Through dozens of events each year, facilitating discussions between State members and political, education, media, and business leaders, the Georgia Public Policy Foundation has lived up to its motto: "Changing Georgia Policy, Changing Georgians' Lives since 1991."

The Georgia Public Policy Foundation performs scholarly research and analysis of State public policy issues and works to educate citizens, policymakers, and the media. It maintains a State-focused, independent, non-partisan, and market-oriented approach to improve the lives of Geor-

gians, and it affords opportunities for advocacy membership and volunteering.

The Georgia Public Policy Foundation helps shape meaningful policy on education, the environment, criminal justice, government reform, health care, legal reform, regulation, spending, taxes, transportation, and welfare reform. And it walks the walk on education, too—its members donate to the Student Outreach Scholarship Program, providing assistance for lower-income students to attend college and learn about public policy issues.

The Georgia Public Policy Foundation has forged over the years many positive changes in Georgia in its non-partisan but very specific way. It raises issues of importance above political rhetoric to a point where politicians focus on the true merits and ultimately make quality decisions.

For all the Georgia Public Policy Foundation has done on behalf of my home State over the last 25 years, I honor the foundation today. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13660 ON MARCH 6, 2014, WITH RESPECT TO UKRAINE—PM 43

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014, is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2016.

The actions and policies of persons that undermine democratic processes and institutions in Ukraine; threaten its peace, security, stability, sovereignty, and territorial integrity; and contribute to the misappropriation of its assets, as well as the actions and policies of the Government of the Russian Federation, including its pur-

ported annexation of Crimea and its use of force in Ukraine, continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13660 with respect to Ukraine.

BARACK OBAMA,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 2, 2016.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13288 ON MARCH 6, 2003, WITH RESPECT TO THE ACTIONS AND POLICIES OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE AND OTHER PERSONS TO UNDERMINE ZIMBABWE'S DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES OR INSTITUTIONS—PM 44

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency originally declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003, and renewed every year since then, is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2016.

The threat constituted by the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions, contributing to the deliberate breakdown in the rule of law, to politically motivated violence and intimidation, and to political and economic instability in the southern African region, has not been resolved. These actions and policies continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue this national emergency and to maintain in force the sanctions to respond to this threat.

BARACK OBAMA,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 2, 2016.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:32 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: