accusations, and found no connection to autism in vaccines. Another complaint isolated the mercury in vaccines. Vaccines contain small amounts of mercury to form thimerosal, a preservative. These small amounts aren't any more than the amount in 3 ounces of tuna fish. Nonetheless, the FDA attempted lowering the amount of mercury in vaccines, but still saw no relief in rising autism numbers. In 2004, 10 out of the 13 authors on Wakefield's paper retracted their hypothesis (Mayor). Then in 2010, the medical journal ''The Lancet'' retracted Wakefield's paper, calling several elements incorrect. America can now agree vaccines should be made mandatory (Dyer).

Medical marvels have continued to raise humanity to higher levels of immunity, causing fatal diseases to go nearly extinct. These include measles, mumps, rubella, polio, chickenpox, and smallpox. However, they still remain only ''nearly extinct.'' Modern day preventable diseases have yet to fade from America due to anti-vax. One study performed in 1982, watched 25 vaccinated and 25 unvaccinated children for the first 5 years of their lives. The result? One vaccinated child had mild measles but didn't die, while the unvaccinated children saw 14 deaths by measles and one of tetanus (Epoke). The Center for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 2018 has had more measles outbreaks than any year this decade, and they typically start in unvaccinated groups (CDC).

Vaccines should be mandatory. Schools have begun to act on this already by requiring their students to be vaccinated to attend. In Australia, parents will be charged every 2 weeks A$28 (roughly 20 USD) for having unvaccinated children, per child (Pasha-Robinson). These laws are something that should be present in the United States. The flu shot is already absolutely free with most health insurances, showing how recommended it is. This science has been around for a long time, and only recently, thanks to the internet's easily accessible misinformation, has it been verbally contested. We must make vaccines mandatory to protect our country from preventable diseases. Yours or someone else's life may depend on it.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the presiding officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees .

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:13 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 703(c) of the Public Interest Declassification Act of 2000 (50 U.S.C. 3161 note), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Public Interest Declassification Board for a term of 3 years: John Tierney of Salem, Massachusetts.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 5:08 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 bills:

S. 4116. An act to extend the authority for commitments for the paycheck protection program and separate amounts authorized for other loans under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7440. An act to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons involved in the erosion of certain obligations of China with respect to Hong Kong, and for other purposes.

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

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 7120. An act to hold law enforcement accountable for misconduct in court, improve transparency through data collection, and reform police training and policies.

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–4959. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Treatment of Certain COVID–19 Related Loss Mitigation Options Under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), Regulation X'' (12 CFR Part 1024) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–4960. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities - Interim Final Rule'' (RIN2590–AB03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–4961. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities - Final Rule'' (RIN2590–AB03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–4962. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Truth in Lending (Regulation Z); Determining 'Underserved' Areas Using Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Data'' (12 CFR Part 1024) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–4963. 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 ''Guidance on Waiver of 2020 Required Minimum Distributions'' (Notice 2020–51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–4964. 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 ''Guidance for Coronavirus-Related Distributions and Loans from Retirement Plans Under the CARES Act'' (Notice 2020–50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–4965. 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 ''Treasury Decision (TD): Qualified Business Income Deduction'' ((RIN1545–BP12) (TD 9899)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–4966. 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; Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Interoperability and Patient Access for Medicare Advantage Organization and Medicaid Managed Care Plans, State Medicaid Agencies, CHIP Agencies and CHIP Managed Care Entities, Issuers of Qualified Health Plans on the Federally-facilitated Exchanges and Health Care Providers'' (RIN0938–AT79) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–4967. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''High-3 Calculation for Certain Privatized Senate Restaurants and House Food Services Employees and Annuitants Covered Under the Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Employees' Retirement System'' (RIN3206–AN90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–4968. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Prevailing Rate Systems: Redefinition of the Little Rock, Arkansas, and Tulsa, Oklahoma, Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas'' (RIN3206–AN95) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–4969. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Prevailing Rate Systems: Definition of Pitt County, NC, to a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Area'' (RIN3206–AN94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–4970. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel, Regulatory Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Children's Toys, and Child Care Articles: Determinations Regarding ASTM F963 Elements and Phthalates for Unfinished Manufacturing Fibers'' (16 CFR Part 1253) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 1, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–4971. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal