

Distinguished Service Medals; the USUHS Distinguished Service and Meritorious Service Medals, the Secretary of the Department of Health Education and Welfare Distinguished Service Award, and two Founders Medals from the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. Dr. Abdellah is renowned as an expert in health policies related to long-term care, mental retardation, the developmentally disabled, aging, hospice, and AIDS; her pioneering contributions have substantially and lastingly improved our Nation's health.

In 1993, the Congress directed the initiation of a demonstration program for the preparation of family nurse practitioners to meet the needs of the uniformed services. Of course, the individual who stepped forward to assist the USUHS President, James A. Zimble, M.D., Vice Admiral, Retired, was Dr. Abdellah. In the short time since its establishment, the USUHS Graduate School of Nursing has: recruited and retained a qualified faculty, successfully established curricula for two programs, identified accredited clinical practice sites and completed memoranda of understanding with 19 military treatment facilities, submitted self-studies and received full accreditation for the two GSN programs from three professional accrediting entities, received formal approval and permanent status on February 26, 1996, from Health Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense, initiated, implemented, and continuously reviewed the outcomes evaluation process for both academic programs, and has awarded 157 Masters of Science in Nursing Degrees to advanced practice nurse graduates through the Nurse Practitioner and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesia Programs. All GSN graduates have passed their certification examinations, and 97 percent, of 152, of the GSN graduates remain on active duty.

One of the most successful and innovative programs between the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs is the Distance Learning Program established at the USUHS GSN. In 1999, the collaborative efforts of Dr. Abdellah with the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA, in the area of distance learning successfully demonstrated a cost-effective form of advanced education where nursing students can receive advanced training in critically-required specialty areas while maintaining their current positions at the VA medical centers. Twenty-six students, through a "virtual commencement exercise," graduated from the VA/DoD Distance Learning Program on May 18, 1999. The virtual graduation was broadcast from USUHS and linked with eight VA Medical Centers located across the United States, and all graduates were eligible to sit for the American Nurses Association Credentialing Examination for Adult Nurse Practitioners. This graduation marked the first virtual advanced-level graduation for either the VA or DoD. A

second class, with students located in ten VA Medical Centers, graduated in May of 2001, for a total of 60 distance learning graduates. A third class is ongoing. The experience gained by both the GSN and the VA will allow future projects in distance learning to benefit from the lessons learned and the technologies tested during the twenty-month program.

I believe that the recent grant of full accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, NLNAC, sums up Dr. Abdellah's successful leadership at the USUHS GSN. The accrediting commission pointed out in its summary findings to the University that the mission and philosophy of the USUHS GSN is grounded in the University's mission and in the mission of the Uniformed Services. The GSN curriculum is designed to be specific to the unique mission of military service nurses: to serve in times of war and peace. The GSN students expressed a clear understanding that the program keeps them connected to their mission and prepares them to function immediately after completing the program. The GSN is successfully preparing unique advanced practice nurses to deliver care for the Uniformed Services during disaster relief and humanitarian interventions and, by doing so, ensures military readiness.

As my friend Dr. Abdellah reaches the conclusion of her second career of service to our Nation, I take this opportunity to say, without reservation, thank you for all that you have done and will continue to do for our great nation. You may be assured that the Congress, the United States Public Health Service, the Department of Defense, and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences take great pride in all of your accomplishments. Thank you for another job well done and for your tremendous dedication and love for our country. ●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO BURMA—PM 85

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 the national emergency unless, 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. I have sent the enclosed notice, stating that the Burma emergency is to continue beyond May 20, 2002, to the *Federal Register* for publication. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on May 17, 2001.

The crisis between the United States and Burma, constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of Burma, including its policies of committing large-scale repression of the democratic opposition in Burma, that led to the declaration of a national emergency on May 20, 1997, has not been resolved. These policies are hostile to U.S. interests and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to Burma and maintain in force the sanctions against Burma to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 16, 2002.

PERIODIC REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO BURMA—PM 86

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:

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report prepared by my Administration on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 16, 2002.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 5:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3295) to establish a program to provide funds to States to replace

punch card voting systems, to establish the Election Assistance Commission to assist in the administration of Federal elections and to otherwise provide assistance with the administrations and to otherwise provide assistance with the administration of certain Federal election laws and programs, to establish minimum election administration standards for States and unites of local government with responsibility for the administration of Federal elections, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members to be the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on House Administration, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. NEY, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. HOYER, Mr. FATTAH, and Mr. DAVIS of Florida.

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of sections 601 and 606 of the House bill, and section 404 of the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. STUMP, Mr. MCHUGH, and Mr. SKELTON.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 216, 221, and title IV sections 502, and 503 of the House bill, and sections 101, 102, 104, subtitles A, B, and C of title II, sections 311, 501, and 502 of the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. CHABOT, and Mr. CONYERS.

From the Committee on Science for consideration of sections 221-5, 241-3, 251-3, and 261 of the House bill, and section 101 of the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BOEHLERT, Mrs. MORELLA, and Mr. BARCIA.

That Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas is appointed in lieu of Mr. BARCIA for consideration of sections 251-3 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference.

From the Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of sections 103 and 503 of the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. THOMAS, Mr. SHAW, and Mr. RANGEL.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4737. An act to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1840. An act to extend eligibility for refugee status of unmarried sons and daughters of certain Vietnamese refugees.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4737. An act to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from the further consideration of the following title; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

S. 934. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to construct the Rocky Boy's North Central Montana Regional Water System in the State of Montana, to offer to enter into an agreement with the Chippewa Cree Tribes to plan, design, construct, operate, maintain and replace the Rocky Boy's Rural Water System, and to provide assistance to the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the noncore system, and for other purposes.

The following measure, having been reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

S. 848. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to limit the misuse of social security numbers, to establish criminal penalties for such misuse, and for other purposes.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill, previously received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar.

H.R. 4546. To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-7074. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant Issues Raised in Finalizing Proposed Guidance on Changes in Annual Accounting Period" (Ann. 2002-53) received on May 13, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7075. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service in acting role and a nomination confirmed for the position of Under Secretary for Enforcement, Department of the Treasury, received on October 4, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7076. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of

service in acting role, a nomination, and a nomination confirmed for the position of Commissioner of Customs, Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, received on October 4, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7077. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination and a nomination confirmed for the position of Commissioner of Customs, Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, received on October 4, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7078. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant General Counsel (Treasury)/Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, received on October 4, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7079. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination and a nomination withdrawn for the position of Assistant General Counsel (Treasury)/Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, received on October 4, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7080. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary (Financial Markets), Department of the Treasury, received on October 4, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7081. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary (Public Affairs), Department of the Treasury, received on October 4, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7082. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination and a nomination confirmed for the position of Treasurer of the United States, Department of the Treasury, received on October 4, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7083. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service in acting role and a nomination confirmed for the position of Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury, received on October 4, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7084. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury, received on October 4, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7085. A communication from the Senior Attorney Federal Register Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules and Procedures for Efficient Federal-State Funds Transfer" (31 CFR Part 205) received on May 10, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7086. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Automatic Approval of Accounting Period Changes by Flowthrough Entities" (Rev. Proc. 2002-38) received on May 13, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7087. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Prior Approval of Adoption, Change, or Retention of and Annual Accounting Period" (Rev. Proc. 2002-39) received on May 13, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.