

As a veteran and as an American, I thank Marie Jordan Speer and every member, past and present, of the Gold Star Wives of America for their patriotic service, for their advocacy, and for making sure that this country lives up to its obligation to soldiers long after the battlefield falls quiet and troops come home.●

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 REQUESTED IN SECTION 2106 OF THE EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND TSUNAMI RELIEF, 2005 (PUBLIC LAW 109-13) PROVIDING INFORMATION ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE PALESTINIAN SECURITY SERVICES AND PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY REFORM—PM 17

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 Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with section 2106 of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005 (Public Law 109-13), and in order to keep the Congress fully informed, I herewith submit the enclosed report prepared by my Administration providing information on matters relating to the Palestinian Security Services and Palestinian Authority reform.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 14, 2005.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1220. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2005, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2113. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 McDonough Street in Joliet, Illinois, as the "John F. Whiteside Joliet Post Office Building".

H.R. 2183. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 567 Tompkins Avenue in Staten Island, New York, as the "Vincent Palladino Post Office".

H.R. 2385. An act to extend by 10 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program.

H.R. 2630. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1927 Sangamon Avenue in Springfield, Illinois, as the "J.M. Dietrich Northeast Annex".

The message also announced that pursuant to the request of the Senate, on July 11, 2005, the bill (H.R. 2985) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, together with all accompanying papers is hereby returned to the Senate.

At 4:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 191. Concurrent resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the conclusion of the War in the Pacific and honoring veterans of both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters of the Second World War.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6) to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy; it agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following as managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. BARTON of Texas, HALL, BILIRAKIS, UPTON, STEAMS, GILLMOR, SHIMKUS, SHADEGG, PICKERING, BLUNT, BASS, DINGELL, WAXMAN, MARKEY, BOUCHER, STUPAK, WYNN, and Ms. SOLIS.

Provided that Mrs. CAPPS is appointed in lieu of Mr. WYNN for consideration of secs. 1501-1506 of the House bill, and secs. 221 and 223-225 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference.

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of secs. 332, 344, 346, 1701, 1806, 2008, 2019, 2024, 2029, and 2030 of the House bill, and secs. 251-253, 264, 303, 319, 342, 343, 345, and 347 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. GOODLATTE, LUCAS, and PETERSON of Minnesota.

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of secs. 104, 231, 601-607, 609-612, and 661 of the House bill, and secs. 104, 281, 601-607, 609, 610, 625, 741-743, 1005, and 1006 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HUNTER, WELDON of Pennsylvania, and SKELTON.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of secs. 121, 632, 640, 2206, and 2209 of the House bill, and secs. 625, 1103, 1104, and 1106 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. NORWOOD, SAM JOHNSON of Texas, and KIND.

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of secs. 141-149 of the House bill, and secs. 161-164 and 505 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. OXLEY, NEY, and Ms. WATERS.

From the Committee on Government Reform, for consideration of secs. 102, 104, 105, 203, 205, 502, 624, 632, 701, 704, 1002, 1227, and 2304 of the House bill, and secs. 102, 104, 105, 108, 203, 502, 625, 701-703, 723-725, 741-743, 939, and 1011 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, ISSA, and Ms. WATSON.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 320, 377, 612, 625, 632, 663, 665, 1221, 1265, 1270, 1283, 1442, 1502, and 2208 of the House bill, and secs. 137, 211, 328, 384, 389, 625, 1221, 1264, 1269, 1270, 1275, 1280, and 1402 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SENSENBRENNER, CHABOT, and Conyers.

From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of secs. 204, 231, 330, 344, 346, 355, 358, 377, 379, Title V, secs. 969-976, 1701, 1702, Title XVIII, secs. 1902, 2001-2019, 2022-2031, 2033, 2041, 2042, 2051-2055, Title XXI, Title XXII, and Title XXIV of the House bill, and secs. 241-245, 252, 253, 261-270, 281, 311-317, 319-323, 326, 327, 342-346, 348, 371, 387, 391, 411-414, 416, and 501-506 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. POMBO, Mrs. CUBIN, and Mr. RAHALL.

From the Committee on Rules, for consideration of sec. 713 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. DREIER, LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, and Ms. SLAUGHTER.

From the Committee on Science, for consideration of secs. 108, 126, 205, 209, 302, 401-404, 411, 416, 441, 601-607, 609-612, 631, 651, 652, 661, 711, 712, 721-724, 731, 741-744, 751, 754, 757, 759, 801-811, Title IX, secs. 1002, 1225-1227, 1451, 1452, 1701, 1820, and Title XXIV of the House bill, and secs. 125, 126, 142, 212, 230-232, 251-253, 302, 318, 327, 346, 401-407, 415, 503, 601-607, 609, 610, 624, 631-635, 706, 721, 722, 725, 731, 734, 751, 752, 757, 801, Title IX, Title X, secs. 1102, 1103, 1105, 1106, 1224, Title XIV, secs. 1601, 1602, and 1611 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BOEHLERT, Mrs. BIGGERT, and Mr. GORDON.

Provided that Mr. COSTELLO is appointed in lieu of Mr. GORDON for consideration of secs. 401-404, 411, 416, and 441 of the House bill, and secs. 401-407 and 415 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference.