

Cal State San Bernardino is an asset to the local economy as well. The university provides direct and indirect employment to approximately 10,000 people in the local region, supporting healthy economic growth in the Inland Empire.

CSUSB is a leader in student diversity, with one of the most diverse student bodies in the California State University system. The Robert V. Fullerton Art Museum, which is located on campus, is a significant cultural institution throughout all of southern California, bringing an important cultural contribution with its impressive ancient and contemporary collections.

CSUSB faculty and staff also provide important research in the Inland Empire. The university has many research and service facilities that include the Water Resources Institute, Developmental Disabilities Center, Institute of Applied Research, Diversity Institute, Inland Empire Center for Entrepreneurship, International Institute, Arrowhead Laboratory for Securities Analysis, Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism, Institute for Child Development and Family Relations, Office for the Commercialization of Advanced Technology, Office of National Excellence in Distance Learning, and the Community-University Partnership.

While located in San Bernardino, the university is working to provide higher education in the Coachella Valley, a traditionally underserved area. The university has built a branch campus in Palm Desert, which provides much needed access to higher education in this rapidly growing region.

I applaud the service and dedication of the staff and students of California State University, San Bernardino as they celebrate 40 years of improving the education and lives of the people of the Inland Empire and desert region of southern California.●

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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, 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. 2720. An act to further the purposes of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 by directing the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to carry out an assessment and demonstration program to control salt cedar and Russian olive, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3418. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3929. An act to amend the Water Desalination Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in research and development, environmental and feasibility studies, and preliminary engineering for the Municipal Water District of Orange County, California, Dana Point Desalination Project located at Dana Point, California.

H.R. 4101. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 East Main Street in Patchogue, New York, as the "Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy Post Office Building".

H.R. 4674. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 North Chestnut Street in Olathe, Kansas, as the "Governor John Anderson, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 4811. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 West Industrial Park Road in Harrison, Arkansas, as the "John Paul Hamerschmidt Post Office Building".

H.R. 4995. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7 Columbus Avenue in Tuckahoe, New York, as the "Ronald Bucca Post Office".

H.R. 5107. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 West Jordan Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the "Earl D. Hutto Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 584. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to allow the continued occupancy and use of certain land and improvements within Rocky Mountain National Park.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 90. Concurrent resolution conveying the sympathy of Congress to the families of the young women murdered in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, and encouraging increased United States involvement in bringing an end to these crimes.

H. Con. Res. 392. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 58th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel.

The message also announced that the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3351) to make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3418. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3929. An act to amend the Water Desalination Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in research and development, environmental and feasibility studies, and preliminary engineering for the Municipal Water District of Orange County, California, Dana Point Desalination Project located at Dana Point, California; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 4101. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 East Main Street in Patchogue, New York, as the "Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4674. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 North Chestnut Street in Olathe, Kansas, as the "Governor John Anderson, Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 392. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 58th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2700. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to provide for a Federal Fuels List, and for other purposes.

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2720. An act to further the purposes of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 by directing the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to carry out an assessment and demonstration program to control salt cedar and Russian olive, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 22. A bill to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

S. 23. A bill to improve women's access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of obstetrical and gynecological services.

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-6652. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of increases in the Program Acquisition Unit Cost or Average Procurement Unit Cost of at least 30 percent to the "Original" Acquisition Program Baseline in the following programs: Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle, F/A-18E/F, MH-60S, and Virginia Class submarine. Additionally, the report of the cancellation of the Advanced Seal Delivery System Major Defense Acquisition Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6653. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the quarterly report entitled "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account for the Period Ending March 31, 2006"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6654. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6655. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6656. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense Evaluation of the TRICARE Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 Report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6657. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation as part of the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6658. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incremental Funding of Fixed-Price Contracts" (DFARS Case 1990-037) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6659. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition of Foreign Taxation on U.S. Assistance Programs" (DFARS Case 2004-D012) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6660. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labor Laws" (DFARS Case 2003-D019) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6661. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transition of Weapons-Related Prototype Projects to Follow-On Contracts" (DFARS Case 2003-D106) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6662. A communication from the Director, Office of Management, Department of

Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Buy American Act Report for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6663. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Executive Summary to the Energy Information Administration's report entitled "Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States 2004"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6664. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Summary to the Energy Information Administration's report entitled "Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases 2004"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6665. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Energy Information Administration's report entitled "Performance Profiles of Major Energy Producers 2004"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6666. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation to repeal subtitle J, Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources, of title IX of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6667. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation to amend section 161k of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide executive protection authorities for the Department of Energy (DOE) Federal Executive Protection Detail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6668. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Cost and Performance Goals for the Office of Fossil Energy Coal-Based Technologies"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6669. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report for calendar year 2005, entitled "Department of Energy Activities Relating to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6670. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Compacts of Free Association with the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands for Fiscal Year 2005"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6671. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled "National Park System Uniform Penalty Amendment Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6672. A communication from the Deputy CHCO/Director, OHCM, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of an acting officer for the position of Chief Financial Officer, received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6673. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Distribution Transformers" (RIN1904-AA85)

received on April 28, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6674. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, a report of proposed legislation to improve hurricane and storm protection in the greater New Orleans metropolitan area; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6675. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, OARM, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, (3) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Agency, received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6676. A communication from the Federal Co-Chairman, Delta Regional Authority (DRA), transmitting, pursuant to law, the DRA's Fiscal Year 2005 (FY05) Activities and Projects Report; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6677. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: Revisions to the Tennessee Nitrogen Oxides Budget and Allowance Trading Program" (FRL No. 8163-3) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6678. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Great Lakes Legacy Act of 2002" (FRL No. 8163-8) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6679. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Missouri: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 8163-4) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6680. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Delegation of Authority to Texas" (FRL No. 8164-6) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6681. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: The 2006 Critical Use Exemption from the Phaseout of Methyl Bromide" (FRL No. 8163-1) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6682. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deposit Insurance Regulations; Inflation Index; Certain Retirement Accounts and Employee Benefit Accounts" (RIN3064-AD01) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6683. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Sections 1807 and 1862 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (the "Act"),