

States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

NOTIFICATION OF THE CONTINUATION OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER BLOCKING THE PROPERTY OF CERTAIN PERSONS AND PROHIBITING THE EXPORT OF CERTAIN GOODS TO SYRIA—PM 47

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, 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 13338 of May 11, 2004, and expanded in scope in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation and reexportation of certain goods to Syria, is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2006. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the Federal Register on May 10, 2005 (70 FR 24697).

The actions of the Government of Syria in supporting terrorism, interfering in Lebanon, pursuing weapons of mass destruction and missile programs, and undermining United States and international efforts with respect to the stabilization and reconstruction of Iraq, pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect the national emergency authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation and reexportation of certain goods to Syria and to maintain in force the sanctions to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 8, 2006.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3: 13 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4954. An act to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d, clause 10 of rule I, and the order of the House of December 18, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following members of the House of Representatives to the United States Delegation of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois, Chairman, Mr. McCOTTER of Michigan, Vice Chairman, Mr. DREIER of California, Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. GUTKNECHT of Minnesota, Mr. SOUDER of Indiana, Mr. TANCREDO of Colorado, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, and Mr. LIPINSKI of Illinois.

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-6771. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chemical Weapons Convention Regulations" (RIN0694-AB06) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6772. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Entity List: Addition" (RIN0694-AD66) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6773. A communication from the Chief, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Request to Update Default Compensation Rate for Dial-Around Calls from Payphones" (WC Docket No. 03-225) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6774. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's Rules to Implement Certain World Radio Conference 2003 Final Acts" (WT Docket No. 96-86) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6775. A communication from the Legal Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Commercial Spectrum Enhancement Act and Modernization of the Commission's Competitive Bidding Rules and Procedures, Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making" (WT Docket No. 05-211) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6776. A communication from the Attorney, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Requirements for Lighters and Lighter Refills" (RIN2137-AD88) received on April 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6777. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Administrator, received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6778. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Closure of the Quarter II Fishery for Loligo Squid" (I.D. No. 041406A) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6779. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish by Vessels Using Non-Pelagic Trawl Gear in the Red King Crab Savings Subarea" (I.D. No. 040406) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6780. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Annual Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments; Pacific Halibut Fisheries" (I.D. No. 041906A) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6781. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish Retention Standard" (RIN0648-AT04) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6782. A communication from the Chairman, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fifth Report of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-6783. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6784. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Citrus from Peru" (Docket No. 03-113-3) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6785. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Northeast et al; Final Rule" (Docket No. DA-06-06; AO-14-A75, et al.) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6786. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a report relative to seven separate user fee proposals which would shift the funding of the covered activities from the government to the beneficiaries of the activities; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6787. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the closure of the Defense commissary stores at Giebelstadt and Kitzingen, Germany, on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6788. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6789. 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 "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Removal of Reformulated Gasoline Oxygen Content Requirement and Revision of Commingling Prohibition to Address Non-Oxygenated Reformulated Gasoline; Partial Withdrawal; Correction" (FRL No. 8167-4) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6790. 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 "Update of Continuous Instrumental Test Methods" (FRL No. 8165-1) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6791. 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 "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Removal of Reformulated Gasoline Oxygen Content Requirement" (FRL No. 8167-5) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6792. 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 "Virginia: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 8165-7) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6793. 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 Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Amendments to Stage II Vapor Recovery at Gasoline Dispensing Facilities" (FRL No. 8165-2) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6794. 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 "Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Emission Guidelines for Existing Sources: Large Municipal Waste Combustors" (FRL No. 8164-9) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6795. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Center for Medicare Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for Long-Term Care Hospitals RY 2007: Annual Payment Rate Updates, Policy Changes, and Clarification" (RIN 0938-A006) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6796. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modifications to the Subpart F Treatment of Aircraft and Vessel Leasing Income" (Notice 2006-48) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6797. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Guidance with Respect to the Application of Treas. Reg. 1.883-3" (Notice 2006-43) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6798. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure: Competent Authority Procedures with Respect to the U.S. Possessions" (Notice 2006-23) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6799. A communication from the Director, Executive Secretariat, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Making Pictures, Television Productions, or Sound Tracks on Certain Areas Under the Jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior" (RIN1093-AA10) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6800. 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 "Guidelines for Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Reporting" (RIN1901-AB11) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6801. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Personal Watercraft Use" (RIN1024-AC96) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6802. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Personal Watercraft Use" (RIN1024-AC93) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6803. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gulf Islands National Seashore, Personal Watercraft Use" (RIN1024-AD21) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6804. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fire Island National Seashore, Personal Watercraft Use" (RIN1024-AC94) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6805. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-366, "Uniform Family Support Amendment Act of 2006" received on May 5,

2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6806. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-367, "Child Support Guideline Revision Act of 2006" received on May 5, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6807. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-368, "Scrap Vehicle Title Authorization Act of 2006" received on May 5, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6808. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-369, "Tenant Evictions Reform Amendment Act of 2006" received on May 5, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2757. A bill to temporarily increase the standard mileage rate for use of an automobile for purposes of certain deductions allowed under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and to temporarily increase the reimbursement rate for use of an automobile by Federal employees; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2758. A bill to amend the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act with respect to the labeling of cigarette packages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2759. A bill to provide for additional outreach and education related to the Medicare program and to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide a special enrollment period for individuals who qualify for an income-related subsidy under the Medicare prescription drug program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KYL, and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 2760. A bill to suspend the duty on imports of ethanol, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 2761. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to acquire land for the purpose of expanding Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 2762. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure appropriate payment for the cost of long-term care provided to veterans in State homes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2763. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on ethanol; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 2764. A bill to amend Public Law 108-67 to correct a provision relating to the conveyance of the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.