

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13159 OF JUNE 21, 2000, WITH RESPECT TO THE RISK OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION CREATED BY THE ACCUMULATION OF WEAPONS-USABLE FISSILE MATERIAL IN THE TERRITORY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION—PM 53

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 emergency declared in Executive Order 13159 of June 21, 2000, with respect to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of a large volume of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation is to continue beyond June 21, 2008.

It remains a major national security goal of the United States to ensure that fissile material removed from Russian nuclear weapons pursuant to various arms control and disarmament agreements is dedicated to peaceful uses, subject to transparency measures, and protected from diversion to activities of proliferation concern. The accumulation of a large volume of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation continues to pose an 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 declared with respect to the risk of nuclear prolifera-

tion created by the accumulation of a large volume of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation and maintain in force these emergency authorities to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 18, 2008.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 5:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House of Representatives having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 6124) to provide for the continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes, returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, it was

Resolved, that the said bill pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives agreeing to pass the same.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 634) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following bills, without amendment:

S. 188. An act to revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006.

S. 1692. An act to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

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-6630. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenoxaprop-ethyl; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8366-6) received on June 13, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6631. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Agency's 2008-2013 Strategic Plan; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6632. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Status of Significant Unresolved Issues with the Department of Energy's Design and Construction Projects; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6633. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Risk-Based Capital Regulation-Loss Severity Amendments"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6634. A communication from the Acting Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification that during the period of January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007, no exceptions to the prohibition against favored treatment of a government securities broker or government securities dealer were granted by the Secretary of the Treasury; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6635. A communication from the President, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2007 management statement on its system of internal controls; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6636. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations Based on the 2007 Missile Technology Control Regime Plenary Agreements" (RIN0694-AE23) received on June 13, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6637. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expansion of the Gift Parcel License Exception Regarding Cuba to Authorize Mobile Phones and Related Software and Equipment" (RIN0964-AE37) received on June 13, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6638. A communication from the Vice President and Controller, Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the system of internal controls; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6639. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (73 FR 28046) received on June 13, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6640. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (73 FR 28044) received on June 13, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6641. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (73 FR 26026) received on June 13, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6642. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (73 FR 28350) received on June 13, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6643. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (73 FR 26030) received on June 13, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6644. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security,