

rich history, McLaughlin has continued to be a strong reflection of South Dakota's greatest values and traditions. The city of McLaughlin has much to be proud of and I am confident that McLaughlin's success will continue well into the future.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of McLaughlin on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 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 24

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, 2009.

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 proliferation 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.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 18, 2009.

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-2043. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Average Procurement Unit Cost for the E-2D Advanced Hawkeye Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2044. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TARP Standards for Compensation and Corporate Governance; Interim Final Rule" (RIN1505-AC09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2045. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Missile Launch Activities at San Nicolas Island, California" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2046. A communication from the Inspector General of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the audit of the financial statements of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2047. A communication from the Office Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulations, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consideration of Aircraft Impacts for New Nuclear Power Reactors" (RIN3150-AI19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2048. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil Pollution Prevention; Non-Transportation Related Onshore and Offshore Facilities" (RIN2050-AG49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2009;

to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2049. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for Fiscal Year 2009" (RIN3150-AI52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2050. A communication from the Chief of Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Plug-in Electric Vehicle Credit" (Notice 2009-54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2051. A communication from the Chief of Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds and Recovery Zone Facility Bonds" (Notice 2009-50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2052. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Annual Railroad Unemployment Insurance System Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2053. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2054. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2055. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-33; Introduction" (FAR Case 2009-0001, Sequence 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2056. A communication from the President of the United States, informing the Senate of the removal of the Inspector General of the Corporation for National and Community Service, effective 30 days from June 11, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2057. A communication from the Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmits, pursuant to law, a report relative to the best practices in reducing the use of illicit drugs by chronic hardcore drug users; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2058. A communication from the Associate Special Counsel for Legal Counsel and Policy, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Special Counsel in the Office of the Special Counsel; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2059. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights,