

sink-rope, and the old float-rope can be kept out of local landfills. My sincerest thanks to Ms. Johnston and everyone at the Maine Float-Rope Company for their devotion to building forward-thinking small businesses that help our environment, our lobstermen, and our local economy. I wish them all success with this and future “green entrepreneurial” endeavors.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, 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.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1129. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide an annual grant to facilitate an iron working training program for Native Americans.

H.R. 3114. An act to authorize the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to use funds made available under the Trademark Act of 1946 for patent operations in order to avoid furloughs and reductions-in-force, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 135. Concurrent resolution directing the Architect of the Capitol to place a marker in Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center which acknowledges the role that slave labor played in the construction of the United States Capitol, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1129. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide an annual grant to facilitate an iron working training program for Native Americans; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

#### 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-2241. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, status reports relative to Iraq for the period of April 15, 2009, through June 15, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2242. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to recruitment incentives; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2243. A communication from the Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's purchases from foreign entities in Fiscal Year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2244. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Bank Enterprise Award Program: Interim Rule with Request for Comment” (RIN1505-AA91) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2245. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Prior Approval for Enterprise Products; Interim Final Rule” (RIN2590-AA17) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2246. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Assessment of Fees” (RIN1557-AD06) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2247. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Risk-Based Capital Guidelines—Money Market Mutual Funds” (RIN1557-AD15) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2248. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of an Executive order waiving the application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2249. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Emergency Steel Loan Guarantee Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2250. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of an Executive order waiving the application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2251. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report on the continued compliance of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation,

Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan with the 1974 Trade Act's freedom of emigration provisions, as required under the Jackson-Vanik Amendment; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2252. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2008 Management Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2253. A communication from the Vice President and Controller, Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2008 Management Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2254. A communication from the President, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2008 Management Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2255. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2008 Management Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2256. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13348 relative to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2257. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2009-0082—2009-0087); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2258. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 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-2259. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Employee Contribution Elections and Contribution Allocations” (5 CFR Part 1600) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2260. A communication from the Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, “Annual Report to the Congress on the Information Sharing Environment”; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-2261. A communication from the Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to designating new High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas in thirteen counties in eight states; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2262. A communication from the Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2009 annual report on the Technology Transfer Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2263. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary and Acting Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “July 2009 Revision of Patent Cooperation Treaty Procedures”