

hand. At the first opportunity to use a computer, Jeanne automated most of her tasks and encouraged administrators, teachers, and secretaries to take advantage of this new technology.

Over the next several years, Jeanne earned a reputation among co-workers for being an expert on technology solutions. The district quickly recognized Jeanne's expertise and asked her to develop computer classes for fellow staff members. Her knowledge of student management automation resulted in her appointment to the selection committee for the district's first student information system.

Jeanne's experience and reputation led to her selection for a district-wide position in the newly formed Department of Information Technology. In her new role, Jeanne became the sole trainer for over 1,500 employees. She developed technology training for new employees and introduced downloadable video clips to the training process. The groundwork provided by Jeanne Laurence in technical education and training has made a significant contribution to the professional development of the staff and to the educational success of the students in the Rapid City Area Schools. Her tireless efforts have brought great credit to her school district and to herself. Congratulations on a well deserved retirement. ●

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 Committee on the Judiciary.

(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 63

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, 2010.

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 17, 2010.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:09 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 2142. An act to require quarterly performance assessments of Government programs for purposes of assessing agency performance and improvement, and to establish agency performance improvement officers and the Performance Improvement Council.

H.R. 4451. An act to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects.

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. 242. Concurrent resolution honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 101st anniversary.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) announced that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 3951. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 2000 Louisiana Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Roy Rondenno, Sr. Post Office Building".

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2142. An act to require quarterly performance assessments of Government programs for purposes of assessing agency performance and improvement, and to establish agency performance improvement officers and the Performance Improvement Council; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4451. An act to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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-6256. A communication from the Deputy Associate Commissioner, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Social Security Implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidance for Drug-Free Workplace Requirements" (RIN0960-AH14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6257. A communication from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the actuarial status of the railroad retirement system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6258. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule Relating to Time and Order of Issuance of Domestic Relations Orders" (RIN1210-AB15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6259. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adoption of Amendment to the Class Exemption for the Release of Claims and Extensions of Credit in Connection with Litigation (PTE2003-39)" (RIN1210-ZA03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6260. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-42; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6261. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the