

releasing hundreds of political prisoners, pursuing cease-fire talks with several armed ethnic groups, and pursuing a substantive dialogue with Burma's leading pro-democracy opposition party. The United States is committed to supporting Burma's reform effort, but the situation in Burma continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Burma has made important strides, but the political opening is nascent, and we continue to have concerns, including remaining political prisoners, ongoing conflict, and serious human rights abuses in ethnic areas. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to Burma and to maintain in force the sanctions that respond to this threat.

BARACK OBAMA,
THE WHITE HOUSE, *May 17, 2012.*

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:26 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 2621. An act to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

H. R. 2745. An act to amend the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986 to facilitate implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada.

H. R. 4119. An act to reduce the trafficking of drugs and to prevent human smuggling across the Southwest Border by deterring the construction and use of border tunnels.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4967. An act to prevent the termination of the temporary office of bankruptcy judges in certain judicial districts.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. UDALL of New Mexico).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2621. An act to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2745. An act to amend the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986 to facilitate implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada; 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 6123. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Propylene oxide; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 9346 8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC 6124. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acetone; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9344 2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC 6125. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluxapyroxad; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9346 7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC 6126. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Penflufen; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9341 8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC 6127. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation 2011 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC 6128. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Department of Defense purchases from foreign entities for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC 6129. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Department of Defense Report to Congress on the Findings of the Logistics Management Institute Study 'Future Capability of DoD Maintenance Depots'"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC 6130. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC 6131. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Enhancement of Electricity Market Surveillance and Analysis through Ongoing Electronic Delivery of Data from Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators" (RIN1902 AE43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC 6132. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirements for Fingerprint-Based Criminal History Records Checks for Individuals Seeking Unescorted Access to Non-power Reactors (Research and Test Reactors)" (RIN3150 AI25) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC 6133. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Federal Implementation Plans to Reduce Interstate Transport of Fine Particulate Matter and Ozone" (FRL No. 9671 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC 6134. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality: Widespread Use for On-board Refueling Vapor Recovery and Stage II Waiver" (FRL No. 9671 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC 6135. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oklahoma: Incorporation by Reference of Approved State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL No. 9652 9a) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC 6136. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Permit to Construct Exemptions" (FRL No. 9671 7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC 6137. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Amendments to the Control of Nitrogen Oxides Emissions from Industrial Boilers and Process Heaters at Petroleum Refineries" (FRL No. 9671 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC 6138. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania; Determinations of Attainment of the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Standard for the Philadelphia-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 9670 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC 6139. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone:

Nonattainment Area Classifications Approach, Attainment Deadlines and Revocation of the 1997 Ozone Standards for Transportation Conformity Purposes” (FRL No. 9667 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC 6140. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Withdrawal of Revocation of TSCA Section 4 Testing Requirements for One High Production Volume Chemical Substance” (FRL No. 9350 2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC 6141. A communication from the Acting Deputy Under Secretary for International Affairs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Progress in Implementing Chapter 16 (Labor) and Capacity-Building under the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC 6142. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Allocation of Mortgage Insurance Premiums” ((RIN1545 BH84) (TD 9588)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC 6143. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modifications to Definition of United States Property” ((RIN1545 BK11) (TD 9589)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC 6144. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Annual Price Inflation Adjustments for Contribution Limitations Made to a Health Savings Account Pursuant to Section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code” (Rev. Proc. 2012 26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 14, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC 6145. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Reform of Hospital and Critical Access Hospital Conditions of Participation” (RIN0938 AQ89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC 6146. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Program: Regulatory Provisions to Promote Program Efficiency, Transparency, and Burden Reduction” (RIN0938 AQ96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC 6147. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2011 annual report on voting practices in the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC 6148. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Depart-

ment of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a Determination and Certification under Section 40A of the Arms Export Control Act relative to countries not cooperating fully with United States antiterrorism efforts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC 6149. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to amendment to parts 120 and 123 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC 6150. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to amendment to part 123 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC 6151. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a proposed revision to part 121 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC 6152. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report to Congress on Head Start Monitoring for Fiscal Year 2009”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC 6153. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendments to Sterility Test Requirements for Biological Products” (Docket No. FDA 2011 N 0080) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 10, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC 6154. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medical Loss Ratio Requirements under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act” (RIN0938 AR41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC 6155. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005 59, Small Entity Compliance Guide” (FAC 2005 59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6156. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Free Trade Agreement-Colombia” ((RIN9000 AM24) (FAC 2005 59)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6157. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Revision of Cost Accounting Standards Threshold” ((RIN9000 AM25) (FAC 2005 59)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate

on May 14, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6158. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations” ((RIN9000 AM22) (FAC 2005 59)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC 6159. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2012”; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC 6160. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement” ((RIN0750 AH69) (DFARS Case 2012 D025)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 10, 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 676. A bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes (Rept. No. 112 166).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2554. A bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2017.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

James Xavier Dempsey, of California, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2016.

Elisabeth Collins Cook, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2014.

Rachel L. Brand, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2017.

David Medine, of Maryland, to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2012.

David Medine, of Maryland, to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2018.

Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2013.

Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil