

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: