Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), I issued Executive Order 12938, declaring a national emergency to deal with this danger. Because the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States, I have renewed the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12938 annually, most recently on November 12, 1998. Pursuant to section 204(b) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1703(b)), I hereby report to the Congress that I have exercised my statutory authority to further amend Executive Order 12938 in order to more effectively respond to the worldwide threat of weapons of mass destruction proliferation activities.

The new executive order, which implements the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act of 1998, strengthens Executive Order 12938 by amending section 3 to authorize the United States to implement important provisions of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, a multilateral agreement that serves to reduce the threat posed by chemical weapons. Specifically, the amendment enables the United States Government to ensure that imports into the United States of certain chemicals from any source are permitted in a manner consistent with the relevant provisions of the Convention. WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrent resolution of the Senate:

H.R. 1658. An act to provide a more just, consistent, and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2084. An act making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 33. Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 775) to establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for damages relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with transition from the year 1999 to the year 2000, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the differences between the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of the Senate bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. HYDE, Mr. SENSENIBRENNER, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. CONYERS, and Ms. LOFGREN.

From the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of section 18 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BLILEY, Mr. OXLEY, and Mr. DINGELL.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (S 1554) to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, and the Communications Act of 1934, relating to copyright licensing and carriage of broadcast signals by satellite, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of the Senate bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BLILEY, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. TAUSIN, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. OXLEY: Provided, That Mr. BOUCHER is appointed in lieu of Mr. MARKEY for consideration of sections 712(h)(1), 712(h)(2), and 712(c)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934 as added by section 104 of the House bill.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of the Senate bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. HYDE, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COHLE, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. GOODLATTE.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill and joint resolution were read the first and second times and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3084. An act making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 33. Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC–3927. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, Placer County Air Pollution Control District, and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District” (FRL #8362-9), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–3930. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan for the Mendocino-Sonoma-Lake County Air Pollution Control District, Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District, Tehama County Air Pollution Control District, and Tuolumne County Air Pollution Control District” (FRL #8363-3), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–3931. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia; Appalachian Emission Standards for Architectural Coatings; Correction” (FRL #6368-7), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–3932. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Michigan” (FRL #6366-5), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–3934. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Architectural Coatings” (FRL #6366-7), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–3938. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Aspergillus flavus AF36; Exemption from Temporary Tolerance; Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plan” (FRL #6366-4), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.