

Statement on Senate Confirmation of James Jeffrey as United States Ambassador to Turkey

October 2, 2008

I am pleased that the Senate confirmed Jim Jeffrey to be the United States Ambassador to Turkey. Jim is a man of intellect, integrity, and commitment. His work as my Deputy National Security Adviser, as United States Ambassador to Albania, and in three previous assignments to Turkey

make him superbly qualified to represent the United States to our friend and NATO ally.

I thank Jim for his continued service to our Nation and congratulate him and his family on today's confirmation.

Message to the Congress Extending the Period of Production of the Naval Petroleum Reserve

October 2, 2008

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with section 7422(c)(2) of title 10, United States Code, I am informing you of my decision to extend the period of production of the Naval Petroleum Reserves for a period of 3 years from April 5, 2009, the expiration date of the currently authorized period of production.

Attached is a copy of the report investigating continued production of the Re-

serves, consistent with section 7422(c)(2)(B) of title 10. In light of the findings contained in the report, I certify that continued production from the Naval Petroleum Reserves is in the national interest.

GEORGE W. BUSH

The White House,
October 2, 2008.

Remarks on Economic Stabilization Legislation

October 3, 2008

A short time ago, the House of Representatives passed a bill that is essential to helping America's economy weather the financial crisis; the Senate passed the same legislation on Wednesday night. And when Congress sends me the final bill, I'm going to sign it into law.

There were moments this week when some thought the Federal Government could not rise to the challenge. But thanks to the hard work of members of both parties in both Houses—and the spirit of co-

operation between Capitol Hill and my administration—we completed this bill in a timely manner. I'm especially grateful for the contributions of Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader John Boehner, Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, Minority Whip Roy Blunt, Chairman Barney Frank, Ranking Member Spencer Bachus.

By coming together on this legislation, we have acted boldly to help prevent the crisis on Wall Street from becoming a crisis in communities across our country. We