

remarks, he referred to Lisa Anne Pineiro, president and founder, Technical Services, Inc., who introduced the President; Karen G. Mills, Administrator, Small Business Administration;

Thomas E. Masterson, president and cofounder, T.E.M. Electric Co., Inc.; and Andrew Wells III, president and chief executive officer, Wells Technology.

Message to the Congress on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Stabilization in Iraq May 19, 2009

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 the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication. This notice states that the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, as modified in scope and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13315 of August 28, 2003, Executive Order 13350 of July 29, 2004, Executive Order 13364 of November 29, 2004, and Executive Order 13438 of July 17, 2007, is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2009.

Obstacles to the orderly reconstruction of Iraq, the restoration and maintenance of peace and security in the country, and the development of political, administrative, and economic institutions in Iraq continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Accordingly, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to this threat and maintain in force the measures taken to deal with that national emergency.

BARACK OBAMA

The White House,
May 19, 2009.

NOTE: This message was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on May 20. The notice of May 19 is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

Remarks During a Quarterly Meeting of the President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board May 20, 2009

The President. Everybody please have a seat. I apologize we're starting late. It's Rahm's fault. Where's Rahm? [*Laughter*]

Q. Still late. [*Laughter*]

The President. Right, exactly. It is good to see all of you again. I know that many of you have been busy working with Paul and others on some of the financial issues that we continue to confront in the economy. We're pleased that we've seen some progress, that there is some return to normalcy in certain aspects of the financial markets. We think that that will be helpful overall.

But obviously, one of the things that I've been concerned about since I took office is looking beyond the immediate crisis in front of us to find out what is a sustainable economic model post-bubble and bust. How do we create sound fundamentals on issues like education, on health care, and the topic that we're going to discuss today, energy, as well as all the innovation that's required around these various areas, so that moving forward, we don't find ourselves in a unsustainable economic model?

And we have seen this week some fairly extraordinary steps being taken around energy,