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The proclamation follows.

#### PROCLAMATION

Whereas, in connection with the issuance of the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority Subordinate Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2004A and Series 2004B, the Authority intends to prepay the remaining balance of the Federal Loan dated January 17, 1997 by and between the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) and the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (DOT);

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles, the City of Long Beach and ACTA hereby acknowledge the critical role of the DOT in the development and financing of the Alameda Corridor Project;

Whereas, the DOT was an instrumental partner in achieving the substantial completion of the Alameda Corridor Project and in significantly improving the transportation system and movement of goods in the Southern California region;

Now Therefore, the undersigned hereby proclaim their gratitude and appreciation to the DOT for its efforts in connection with this significant transportation project.●

#### TRIBUTE TO FATHER JOHN D. DEATRICK

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I would like to take the opportunity to honor an outstanding member of the Catholic church, Father John D. Deatrick, the pastor at St. Martha in Louisville, KY.

Father Deatrick is retiring June 13, 2004 upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of the Catholic church. He has been an ordained priest for 38 years. Throughout his years as a pastor, Father Deatrick served as chaplain at St. Xavier High School as well as Bellerme University where he also served as the Bellerme Knights baseball coach. He has remained a steadfast baseball fan throughout the years and attends the National spring training camp in Florida when he gets the opportunity.

Father Deatrick has been the pastor at St. Martha for 11 years. He will be greatly missed by the members of his congregation. I join all Kentuckians in commending Father Deatrick for his faithfulness and dedication to the Catholic church for the past 38 years. I wish him well in his retirement.●

#### 2004 WINNERS OF THE "WE THE PEOPLE: THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION" NATIONAL COMPETITION

● Mr. CORZINE. Mr. President, on May 1-3, 2004, over 1,200 students from across the United States visited our Nation's Capital to take part in the national finals of We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution. This program, administered by the Center for Civic Education and funded by the Department of Education, was developed specifically to educate young people about our great Constitution and Bill of Rights.

I am proud to announce that students from East Brunswick High School in East Brunswick, NJ, won first place in this prestigious academic event. After winning the statewide competition, these outstanding students demonstrated superior knowledge of the U.S. Constitution during the national competition.

The 3-day We the People competition is modeled after Congressional hearings. First, the students are given an opportunity to exhibit their knowledge before a panel of adult judges while they evaluate, take, and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues. Their testimony is followed by questions designed to probe the students' depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge.

This innovative program continues to be one of the best antidotes to apathy and cynicism in our Nation. Numerous evaluations and independent studies have validated the effectiveness of the We the People program on students' civic knowledge and attitudes. The program helps students to develop an increased understanding of the institutions of constitutional democracy and the fundamental principals and values upon which they are founded. It also teaches students the skills necessary to participate as effective and responsible citizens.

I commend the students from East Brunswick High School on their exceptional achievement—their accomplishment is truly inspiring. I wish them the best of luck in learning and advocating the fundamental ideals that identify us as a people and bind us together as a Nation.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2315. An act to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to extend the deadline for the INTELSAT initial public offering.

The message also announced that the House passed the following bills in

which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H.R. 27. An act to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exempt small public housing agencies from the requirement of preparing an annual public housing agency plan.

H.R. 2771. An act to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the New York City Watershed Protection Program.

H.R. 4227. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend to 2005 the alternative minimum tax relief available in 2003 and 2004 and to index such relief for inflation.

At 6:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2443) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2004, to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard, and for other purposes, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That the following Members be the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendments, and modifications, committed to conference: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. COBLE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. FILNER, Mr. BISHOP, and Mr. LAMPSON.

For consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. COX and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 326. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the arbitrary detention of Dr. Wang Bingzhang by the Government of the People's Republic of China and urging his immediate release.

H. Con. Res. 398. Concurrent resolution expressing the concern of Congress over Iran's development of the means to produce nuclear weapons.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2315. An act to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to extend the deadline for the INTELSAT initial public offering.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated.

H.R. 27. An act to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exempt small public housing agencies from the requirement of preparing an annual public housing agency plan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 326. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the arbitrary detention of Dr. Wang Bingzhang by the Government of the People's Republic of China and urging his immediate release; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 398. Concurrent resolution expressing the concern of Congress over Iran's development of the means to produce nuclear weapons; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 4227. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1988 to extend to 2005 the alternative minimum tax relief available in 2003 and 2004 and to index such relief for inflation.

H.R. 2771. An act to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the New York City Watershed Protection Program.

## 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-7359. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition of the Use of Certain Stunning Devices Used to Immobilize Cattle During Slaughter" received on May 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7360. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transfer of Voluntary Inspection of Egg Products Regulations" (RIN0583-AC94) received on May 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7361. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Meat Produced by Advanced Meat/Bone Separation Machinery and Meat Recovery Systems" (RIN0583-AC51) received on May 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7362. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition of the Use of Specified Risk Materials for Human Food and Requirements for the Disposition of Non-Ambulatory Disabled Cattle" received on May 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7363. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "12 CFR Parts 614 and 617: Loan Policies and Operations; Borrower Rights; Effective Interest Rate Disclosure" (RIN3052-AC04) received on May 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7364. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "12 CFR Parts 614, 620, and 630: Young Beginning,

Small Farmers, and Ranchers" (RIN3052-AC07) received on May 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7365. A communication from the Administrator, Dairy Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Northeast and Other Marketing Orders—Interim Order" received on April 29, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7366. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to depot-level maintenance and repair workloads by the public and private sectors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7367. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Defense Cooperation Account; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7368. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation as part of the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7369. A communication from the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Foreign Comparative Testing (FCT) Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7370. A communication from the Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, a list of officers to wear the insignia of the next higher grade; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7371. A communication from the Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an approval to wear the insignia of general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7372. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Harpin Protein; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL7356-5) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7373. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyraflufen-ethyl; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL7358-2) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7374. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rhamnolipid Biosurfactant; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance; Technical Correction" (FRL7356-2) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7375. A communication from the Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TRICARE: Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children Overseas" (RIN0720-AA75) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7376. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Distribution of DoD Depot

Maintenance Workloads"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7377. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Multi-mission Maritime Aircraft; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7378. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2003 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7379. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations: 69 FR 6172" (44 CFR 67) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7380. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations: 69 FR 6165" (44 CFR 65) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7381. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations: 69 FR 6170" (FEMA-P-7632) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7382. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility: 69 FR 5474" (FEMA-7825) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7383. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations: 69 FR 6179" (44 CFR 67) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7384. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Maximum Mortgage Limits for Multifamily Housing" (RIN2502-AI19) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7385. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations: 69 FR 6166" (FEMA-D-7551) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7386. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligibility of Adjustable Rate Mortgages" (RIN2502-AH84) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7387. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FHA Inspector Roster"