

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Updating Amendments to Executive Branch Financial Disclosure and Standards of Ethical Conduct Regulations" ((RIN3209-AA00) and (RIN3209-AA04)) received on May 17, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2285. A communication from the Acting Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Absence and Leave" (RIN3206-AK80) received on May 17, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2286. A communication from the Acting Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employment of Relatives" (RIN3206-AK03) received on May 17, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2287. A communication from the Acting Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Regulations on Computation of Pay for Biweekly Pay Periods" (RIN3206-AK62) received on May 17, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2288. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Certification to Congress Regarding the Incidental Capture of Sea Turtles in Commercial Shrimping Operations; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2289. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—March 2005" (Rev. Rul. 2005-34) received on May 18, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2290. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Time for Performing Certain Acts Postponed by Reason of Service in a Combat Zone or a Presidential Declared Disaster" (Rev. Proc. 2005-27) received on May 18, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

**REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY PROTECTING THE DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR IRAQ AND CERTAIN OTHER PROPERTY IN WHICH IRAQ HAS AN INTEREST, AND THE CENTRAL BANK OF IRAQ, AND TO MAINTAIN IN FORCE THE SANCTIONS TO RESPOND TO THIS THREAT—PM 11**

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*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 declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, as expanded in scope by Executive Order 13315 of August 28, 2003, modified in Executive Order 13350 of July 29, 2004, and further modified in Executive Order 13364 of November 29, 2004, is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2005. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on May 21, 2004 (69 FR 29409).

The threats of attachment or other judicial process against (i) the Development Fund for Iraq, (ii) Iraqi petroleum and petroleum products, and interests therein, and proceeds, obligations, or any financial instruments of any nature whatsoever arising from or related to the sale or marketing thereof, or (iii) any accounts, assets, investments, or any other property of any kind owned by, belonging to, or held by, on behalf of, or otherwise for the Central Bank of Iraq create 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. Accordingly, these obstacles continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency protecting the Development Fund for Iraq, certain other property in which Iraq has an interest, and the Central Bank of Iraq, and to maintain in force the sanctions to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 19, 2005.

**2005 COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT POLICY FOR SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT—PM 12**

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Consistent with title I of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, I am providing a report prepared by my Administration, the "2005 Comprehensive Report on U.S. Trade and Investment Policy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa and Implementation of the African Growth and Opportunity Act."

GEORGE W. BUSH.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 19, 2005.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted on Wednesday, May 18, 2005:

By Mr. ENZI for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

\*Raymond Simon, of Arkansas, to be Deputy Secretary of Education.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. TALENT):

S. 1076. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the excise tax and income tax credits for the production of biodiesel; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 1077. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a renewable liquid fuels tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 1078. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and extend the renewable resource credit and nonconventional source credit for landfill gas facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 1079. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and extend the renewable resource credit for trash combustion facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1080. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require the use of nontoxic products in the case of hydraulic fracturing that occurs during oil or natural gas production activities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CORZINE, and Mr. TALENT):

S. 1081. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a minimum update for physicians' services for 2006 and 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BOND, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. DEMINT, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 1082. A bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1083. A bill to provide coverage under the Railway Labor Act to employees of certain air and surface transportation entities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1084. A bill to eliminate child poverty, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 1085. A bill to provide for paid sick leave to ensure that Americans can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families; read the first time.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1086. A bill to improve the national program to register and monitor individuals who commit crimes against children or sex offenses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1087. A bill to amend section 337 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to prescribe the oath or affirmation of renunciation and allegiance required to be naturalized as a citizen of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 1088. A bill to establish streamlined procedures for collateral review of mixed petitions, amendments, and defaulted claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1089. A bill to establish the National Foreign Language Coordination Council to develop and implement a foreign language strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. SARBANES):

S. Res. 149. A resolution honoring the life and contributions of His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos, former archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. Res. 150. A resolution expressing continued support for the construction of the Victims of Communism Memorial; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. Res. 151. A resolution recognizing the 57th Anniversary of the Independence of the State of Israel; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Con. Res. 35. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the Russian Federation should issue a clear and unambiguous statement of admission and condemnation of the illegal occupation and annexation by the Soviet Union from 1940 to 1991 of the Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 185

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the

requirement for the reduction of certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities by the amount of dependency and indemnity compensation and to modify the effective date for paid-up coverage under the Survivor Benefit Plan.

S. 327

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 327, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the tip credit to certain employers and to promote tax compliance.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress, collectively, to the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces.

S. 473

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 473, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote and improve the allied health professions.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 502, a bill to revitalize rural America and rebuild main street, and for other purposes.

S. 665

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 665, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Spark M. Matsunaga Hydrogen Research, Development, and Demonstration Act of 1990 to establish a program to commercialize hydrogen and fuel cell technology, and for other purposes.

S. 671

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 671, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for certain fuel cell property.

S. 914

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 914, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 988

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) were added as cosponsors of S. 988, a bill to permanently repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes.

S. 1010

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 1010, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program.

S. 1022

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 1022, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for an energy efficient appliance credit.

S. 1064

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1068

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1068, a bill to provide for higher education affordability, access, and opportunity.

S.J. RES. 12

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 12, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

S.J. RES. 18

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 18, a joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

S. CON. RES. 11

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 11, a concurrent resolution honoring the Tuskegee Airmen for their bravery in fighting for our freedom in World War II, and for their contribution in creating an integrated United States Air Force.

AMENDMENT NO. 762

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 762 intended to be proposed to S. 1042, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy,