

Federal and State water quality standards. CASA also has provided the legal, legislative, and administrative support for the publicly owned treatment work community and helped set the precedent for ensuring clean and safe water for all Californians. Over the years, I have come to value CASA's insight and suggestions for improving our Nation's water quality.

Today I celebrate 50 years of CASA's devoted service and contributions to our Nation, and call upon CASA to continue to lead the way in its innovative and cooperative stewardship of our Nation's complex and growing waterways. Water quality is imperative to the development and welfare of my State and the Nation, and I thank CASA for its continued effort and contributions to the cause.●

HONORING CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL

● Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I am pleased to commend Centennial High School in Howard County, MD, for its fine performance on this year's "It's Academic" quiz show. After many hours of practice and four rounds of competition, Centennial has emerged as the 2004-2005 Baltimore-area "It's Academic" champion.

The team of Jeff Amoros, Michael Fasulo, Marin Lolic, and Seth Manoff, with the assistance of their coach John Cheek, took first place out of 81 teams that competed from both public and private schools across the State of Maryland. In its final match, Centennial defeated two formidable foes in Calvert Hall College High School and Oakland Mills High School.

"It's Academic", which is telecast every Saturday morning during the school year on WJZ-TV, channel 13, has been quizzing Maryland students since 1961. In fact, according to the "2005 Guinness Book of World Records", it is the world's longest running quiz show. For Maryland students, "It's Academic" provides an opportunity to challenge not only their own knowledge of math, science, literature, government and history, but also how their knowledge stacks up against students around the State. This year, Centennial's team demonstrated enormous skill and erudition. Congratulations to Jeff, Michael, Marin, Seth and Coach Cheek on a wonderful accomplishment.●

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

which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of January 4, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 19, 2005, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3332. An act to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st century.

Under the authority of the order of July 19, 2005, the enrolled bill was signed on July 19, 2005, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Majority Leader (Mr. FRIST).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:55 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 concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 175. Concurrent resolution acknowledging African descendants of the transatlantic slave trade in all of the Americas with an emphasis on descendants in Latin America and the Caribbean, recognizing the injustices suffered by these African descendants, and recommending that the United States and the international community work to improve the situation of Afro-descendant communities in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 5(a)(2) of the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission Act (36 U.S.C. 101 note), and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission: Mr. CASTLE of Delaware.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 175. Concurrent resolution acknowledging African descendants of the transatlantic slave trade in all of the Americas with an emphasis on descendants in Latin America and the Caribbean, recognizing the injustices suffered by these African descendants, and recommending that the United States and the international community work to improve the situation of Afro-descendant communities in Latin America and the Caribbean; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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-3090. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to provisions of Sections 563 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2005, as they relate to restrictions on assistance to the central government of Serbia; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3091. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, the report of a proposed amendment to the Iran Non-proliferation Act of 2000, received on July 18, 2005; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3092. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to authorizing the drawdown of up to \$6.0 million of Department of Defense commodities and services, including the airlift of troops and equipment, as part of the mission to support the deployment of AU forces to Darfur, Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3093. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment in the amount of \$40,000,000 to Australia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3094. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3095. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report involving exports to Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3096. A communication from the Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report that funding for the State of Rhode Island as a result of the record snow on January 22-23, 2005, has exceeded \$5,000,000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3097. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Form S-8, Form 8-K, and Form 20-F by Shell Companies" (33-8587) received on July 18, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3098. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal from Listing and Registration of Securities Pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934" received on July 18, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3099. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period from October 1, 2004

through March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3100. A communication from the Counsel to the Inspector General, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, received on July 18, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3101. A communication from the Chair, Corporation for Public Broadcasting Board of Directors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period ending March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3102. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual report on the continued compliance of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan with the 1974 Trade Act's freedom of emigration provisions, as required under the Jackson-Vanik Amendment; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3103. 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 "Vehicle Guidance" (Rev. Proc. 2005-48) received on July 14, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3104. 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 "Foreign Bank Interest Expense Allocation to Effectively Connected Income" (Notice 2005-53) received on July 18, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3105. 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 "Predeceased Parent Rule" ((RIN1545-BC60) (TD 9214)) received on July 18, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3106. 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 "Substitute for Return" ((RIN1545-BC46) (TD 9215)) received on July 18, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3107. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payroll Deductions by Member Corporations for Contributions to a Trade Association's Separate Segregated Fund" (11 CFR Part 114) received on July 15, 2005; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3108. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Etoazole: Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 7723-3) received on July 18, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3109. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington; Order Amending Marketing Order No. 946" (Docket Nos. AO-F and V-946-3; FV03-946-01 FR) received on July 18, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3110. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Farmer Mac Nonprogram Investments and Liquid-

ity" (RIN3052-AC18) received on July 18, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-142. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) providing assistance, including additional emergency funding, in the effort to mitigate the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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Whereas, Michigan asked the federal government for \$29.5 million to fight the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in 2005. On April 19th the USDA sent a letter to Governor Granholm saying there would be no more emergency funding to fight the EAB. The state has received only about \$10.9 million from USDA, which is not enough to fund all the current eradication strategies; and

Whereas, With alarming swiftness, the Emerald Ash Borer, an aggressive Asian insect, is threatening virtually all of the ash trees in the state of Michigan and surrounding region. In spite of the quarantine in 20 Michigan counties this beetle has killed or damaged approximately 15 million ash trees in the state. Overall, the EAB, an invasive species, is causing similar devastation in the states of Ohio and Indiana, as well as the Canadian province of Ontario, threatening as many as 700 million ash trees in our state and 8 million in North America; and

Whereas, Ash trees are very important to the ecology, economy, and environment of our state and the nation. Ash trees are used for many products in several sectors of business. Beyond these factors, the ash trees that grace our communities and neighborhoods are beloved shade trees that contribute enormously to the character and beauty of Michigan, the region, and the nation; and

Whereas, Governor Granholm is working to secure continued assistance from the federal government to deal swiftly with this devastating pest. Michigan needs sustained technical and financial assistance to face this emergency. The state has taken decisive actions to address this invasive species, but the magnitude of the problem and the immediacy of the issues make it clear we need the prompt assistance of Congress and the USDA: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide assistance, including additional emergency funding, in the effort to mitigate the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-143. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to providing the necessary funding to restore Calcasieu Ship Channel in southwest Louisiana in order that the economic, safety, and security concerns may be adequately addressed; to the Committee on Appropriations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 12

Whereas, the Calcasieu Ship Channel, located in southwest Louisiana, consists of

thirty-five inland miles of navigable waterway and thirty miles of offshore channel in the Gulf of Mexico with a project depth of forty feet; and

Whereas, two major refineries are completely dependent on the ship channel for crude oil supply, which is significant since these refineries produce four percent of the supply of motor fuels for the United States and have no alternate means of receiving crude oil imports; and

Whereas, the Calcasieu Ship Channel also hosts the largest liquified natural gas import terminal in the continental United States, which is undergoing an expansion to double its capacity, and additional receiving terminals have been proposed on the Calcasieu, one of which has been approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC); and

Whereas, the Port of Lake Charles handles over fifty million tons of cargo per year, making it the nation's twelfth largest port; and

Whereas, with an abundance of environmentally sensitive, potentially combustible cargo combined with a lack of viable alternative transportation modalities suggests that loss of this critical transportation infrastructure would be economically and strategically devastating; and

Whereas, for the congressional Fiscal Year 2006, operating and maintenance funding of the Calcasieu Ship Channel was cut disproportionately in comparison to other ports and waterways; and

Whereas, the Calcasieu Ship Channel cannot be maintained at its project depth at forty feet of draft under the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2006 and will be functionally impaired as a result; such consequences to include:

(1) Increased risk of a grounding in an environmentally sensitive estuary that is not protected by a levee system.

(2) Increase in the number of tanker ship transits of liquefied natural gas and crude oil, which in turn will compound the need for future dredging and maintenance.

(3) Increase in shipping costs to users of the ship channel resulting from the mandatory lightening of ships, eventually borne by consumers.

(4) Increase in the number of transits of hazardous and combustible cargoes directly increases the number of potential terrorist targets on the channel.

(5) Should the channel be closed due to a grounding, four percent of the nation's motor fuel supply will be cut off from the raw materials needed for its production: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to provide the necessary funding to the Calcasieu Ship Channel in southwest Louisiana in order that the economic, safety, and security concerns may be adequately addressed. Be it further

Resolved, That to adequately address these concerns presented by under-funding, the Calcasieu Ship Channel needs fifteen million dollars in annual maintenance funding and an additional one-time allocation of another fifteen million dollars to restore the channel to its authorized dimensions. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-144. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to requesting the Base Realignment and Closure Commission to reject the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA)