

years, similar to conventional powerplants. Financing of new projects is also more complex than for conventional powerplants because the lending industry is less familiar with these technologies.

Accordingly, I have proposed to extend the tax credits for an additional 8 years. My legislation also would alter the cap on residential solar credits to be based on system power, as opposed to cost, and would allow the credits to be taken against the alternative minimum tax.

As the market for fuel cell and solar technologies continues to grow overseas, long-term incentives are an essential tool to spur domestic investment and job creation. Extending these incentives for residential and business investments in fuel cell and solar energy technologies will generate quality American jobs in manufacturing, construction, and installation across the United States.

Our legislation addresses energy independence and environmental concerns, as well as job creation, with the power of American technology and ingenuity. I am pleased that Senators MENENDEZ, LIEBERMAN, SNOWE, JEFFORDS, KERRY, CANTWELL, SALAZAR, and CLINTON have joined me as original cosponsors of this legislation. In light of increasing concerns about the security and affordability of energy supplies, I urge favorable consideration of this bill.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JOAN LESLIE

• Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Joan Leslie, a talented actress who served as a source of comfort and inspiration to millions of Americans during World War II. On May 14, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in Connecticut will pay tribute to Ms. Leslie for her tireless devotion to our Nation's servicemen with a gala in her honor.

Born Joan Agnes Theresa Sadie Bordel on January 26, 1925, in Detroit, MI, Ms. Leslie made her professional debut at age nine. As a child she worked as a model and performed a song and dance routine with her two sisters before she got her big break in 1940 when she signed with Warner Brothers.

Joan Leslie shared the screen with many of the leading actors of her time, starring with Humphrey Bogart in "High Sierra," Gary Cooper in "Sergeant York," and James Cagney in "Yankee Doodle Dandy." In 1943, she became Fred Astaire's youngest dance partner, celebrating her 18th birthday on the set of "The Sky's the Limit." Through these roles, Joan Leslie became known as America's quintessential "girl next door."

As Ms. Leslie's popularity escalated, so did America's involvement in World War II. Americans found themselves

turning to entertainers like Joan Leslie for reassurance about the goodness and strength of our country amid the tremendous stresses and burdens of war. Tens of thousands of American servicemen clung to Joan Leslie's picture as a reminder of the values they were fighting for and the loved ones they left behind. Ms. Leslie willingly accepted the responsibility of her role, taking it upon herself to visit the troops at defense plants and Army bases. Joan Leslie and other entertainers like her played a pivotal role in the overall war effort, serving as a source of comfort and inspiration for American soldiers and the rest of the country. Ultimately, they served as a reassurance that our Nation would prevail.

It is only right that veterans of our Nation should honor entertainers like Joan Leslie, and I take particular pride in the fact that the veterans of Connecticut have taken a leadership role in her tribute. Ms. Leslie not only filled the role of the girl next door on the movie screen, but carried it into her personal life, as well. Her life lives up to her reputation, which is a rare achievement for a public figure. Perhaps her greatest accomplishments have occurred outside the public eye, as she has dedicated most of her life to raising her identical twin daughters, Patrice and Ellen, with her husband, Dr. William Caldwell.

Joan Leslie served as a pillar of strength when America needed her most. She deserves the thanks of a grateful Nation for a life of service. I commend her for her continued dedication to American servicemen, and congratulate her, her husband, her children, and her other family members on this wonderful occasion. •

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

At 12:08 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 282. An act to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran.

H.R. 5020. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 365. An act urging the Government of China to reinstate all licenses of Gao Zhisheng and his law firm, remove all legal and political obstacles for lawyers attempting to defend criminal cases in China, including politically sensitive cases, and revise law and practice in China so that it conforms to international standards.

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

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

S. 592. An act to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska.

S.J. Res. 28. An act approving the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The enrolled bill and joint resolution were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 282. An act to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

H. Con. Res. 365. Concurrent resolution urging the Government of China to reinstate all licenses of Gao Zhisheng and his law firm, remove all legal and political obstacles for lawyers attempting to defend criminal cases in China, including politically sensitive cases, and revise law and practice in China so that it conforms to international standards; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 5020. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on April 27, 2006, she had presented to the President of the United States

the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

S. 592. An act to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska.

S.J. Res. 28. An act approving the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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-6481. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of Tilefish Permit Category C to Directed Tilefish Fishing—Temporary Rule" (I.D. No. 032206A) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6482. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Yellowtail Flounder Landing Limit" ((RIN0648-AN17)(I.D. No. 121405A)) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6483. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Sharing Plan" (I.D. No. 010906A) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6484. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Hawaii-based Shallow-set Longline Fishery" ((RIN0648-AU41)(I.D. No. 031606D)) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6485. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Light Truck Average Fuel Economy Standards, Model Year 2008 and Possibly Beyond" (RIN2127-AJ61) received on April 24, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6486. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tariff of Tolls" (RIN2135-AA23) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6487. A communication from the Chief, Europe Division, Office of International Aviation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Navigation of Foreign Civil Aircraft within the United States" (RIN2105-

AD39) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6488. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reservation System for Unscheduled Operations at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport" ((RIN2120-AI47)(Docket No. FAA 2005-19411)) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6489. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Holy Cross, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 05-AAL-34)) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6490. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E5 Airspace; Hill City, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. 05-ACE-31)) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6491. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Honeywell International Inc., T5309, T5311, T5313B, T5317A-1, and T5317B Series, and T53-L-9, T53-L-11, T53-L-13B, T53-L-13B S/SA, T53 L 13B, T53 L 13B/D, and T53 I 703 Series Turboshift Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2004-NE-01)) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6492. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Cessna Aircraft Company Models 208 and 208B Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-CE-28)) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6493. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Corporation, Ltd. Model 750XL Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-CE-54)) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6494. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Model Falcon 2000 and Falcon 2000EX Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2006-NM-008)) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6495. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives CORRECTION; The Cessna Aircraft Company Models 208 and 208B Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-CE-28)) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6496. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Model 650 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2002-NM-332)) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6497. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Model 290 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-CE-51)) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6498. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; AvCraft Dornier Model 328-100 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2002-NM-117)) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6499. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca Artouste III B, Artouste III B1, and Artouste III D Turboshift Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NE-54)) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6500. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R Series Airplanes, and Model C4-605R Variant F Airplanes and Model A310-300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-095)) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6501. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A318-100 Series Airplanes, Model A319-100 Series Airplanes, Model A320-111 Airplanes, Model A320-200 Series Airplanes, and Model A321-100 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-177)) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6502. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B2 Series; Model A300 B4 Series Airplanes; Model A300-B4-600 Series Airplanes; Model A300 B4-600R Series Airplanes; Model A300 F4-600R Series Airplanes; Model A300 C4-605R Variant F Airplanes; Model A310-200 Series Airplanes; and Model A310-300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2005-NM-074)) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6503. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-200 and -300 Series Airplanes, Model A340-200 and -300 Series Airplanes, and Model 340-541 and -642 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2003-NM-211)) received on April 24, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6504. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule