

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CELEBRATING THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF NANCY IRISH

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I would like to wish a happy birthday to Nancy Irish of Stafford Springs, CT. Nancy will be celebrating her 100th birthday on May 9. While the birthday itself is, of course, worthy of much celebration, those who know Nancy well—her friends, relatives, coworkers and neighbors—would all tell you that Nancy deserves the most congratulations for the life she has led over the past 100 years.

Born May 9, 1906, to Italian immigrant parents, Nancy lived in New York until she and her family moved to Massachusetts when she was a teenager. On July 12, 1924, she married Daniel Woods Irish, and together they moved to Connecticut. They had three children, Daniel, Darian, and Dolores. When her husband Daniel tragically passed away early, Nancy worked very hard to provide for her family. Throughout her life, she held a variety of jobs, including working in the Tobacco Valley cigar industry and, at one time, running a taxi business and a rooming house. After years of hard work, Nancy retired to Florida for over 20 years before moving back to Connecticut. She is currently enjoying a well-deserved retirement and loves spending time with her family, including two surviving children, five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson.

Nancy Irish has lived a long, remarkable life and has touched many people's lives. If you consider the strength, determination, and hard work she has demonstrated throughout her life, can it really be any shock that she has lived such a long, fulfilling life? Happy birthday, Nancy Irish. May your 100th year be your best yet. •

CELEBRATION OF NAVY WEEK

• Mr. OBAMA. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the Illinois celebration of "Navy Week," which will occur this year during the week of May 15, 2006. This celebration recognizes the men and women who have served and sacrificed on behalf of this country both at home and abroad.

The strength and bravery of the U.S. Navy played an integral role in the creation and development of the United States during its struggle for freedom and American sovereignty. Many brave Illinois citizens have served and continue to serve honorably in the U.S. Navy.

There are more than 350,000 active duty and more than 135,000 Ready Reserve Navy personnel in the U.S. Navy, serving the Nation in support and defense of the values and freedom that all people in the United States cherish.

This week, members of the Navy in Illinois will spend time serving their country and community in other ways.

The Navy band will perform in city parks throughout Chicago, and Navy personnel will work at food banks and travel to the Great Lakes Veterans Hospital to support those who are a part of the great history of the U.S. Navy.

In addition, the Navy will participate in Habitat for Humanity, building houses around Illinois, and they will work with the Chicago Christian Industrial League to help the homeless of Chicago and those suffering from substance abuse.

Recognizing "Navy Week" will allow us to celebrate the strength and bravery displayed by members and veterans of the U.S. Navy and the role they have played throughout our history. •

CONGRATULATING JOHN FALES

• Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Mr. John Fales for receiving the American Legion National Commander's Public Relations Award for 2006. John has a long and distinguished military career and has continued his service to this great Nation as an unwavering supporter of veterans as a journalist and advocate.

During his military career, John served more than 27 years on active duty for the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. He is highly decorated with awards including the Purple Heart, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal, New York State Conspicuous Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Action Ribbon, and South Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. He earned these decorations as he defended our Nation's freedoms and liberties.

Today, John helps our veterans access care and benefits. To the many readers of his column, he is known as Sergeant Shaft, the witty newspaper columnist that provides information affecting the veterans' community. His column helps veterans and their families navigate the highly complicated VA system to obtain the care and benefits they have earned through their service. John is also the president of the Blinded American Veterans Foundation which advocates for sensory disabled veterans and provides outreach efforts to ensure sensory disabled veterans are able to lead productive lives.

John Fales's service and patriotism are beyond question. He is a deserving recipient of the American Legion National Commander's Public Relations Award for 2006. Once again, I congratulate John for his commendation. •

EMMANUEL OFOSU YEBOAH'S
DISABILITIES LEADERSHIP

• Mr. OBAMA. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and congratulate Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah for his leadership and dedication to raising awareness about disabilities around the world.

Emmanuel was born without a tibia in his right leg, leaving it useless and

severely deformed. This would have been an enormous obstacle for anyone in our society to overcome. But he was not born here—he was born in Ghana, where historically the disabled were often poisoned or left to die. At the time, it was believed that a child was born disabled due to a sin the mother had committed. Because of his son's deformed leg, Emmanuel's father abandoned his family, and his mother's friends encouraged her to kill or, at the very least, abandon her disabled son.

Instead, she chose to nurture and encourage him, making the radical decision to send him to primary school, rather than sending him to the streets as a beggar.

Unfortunately, his mother died when he was 13, and Emmanuel was forced to drop out of school. His only option for survival was to shine shoes for a living—earning the equivalent of only 2 dollars a day.

Despite his struggle, Emmanuel's story is a successful one. He refused to resort to begging, and instead chose to focus the attention of his countrymen on the issue of discrimination of the disabled in Ghana. His method: biking across Ghana—with one leg. The only problem was that he didn't own a bicycle.

After seeking support from the Challenged Athlete Foundation in the United States in 2002, Emmanuel began his journey through Ghana, garnering media attention with every mile. By the time he reached his destination, Emmanuel was a national hero.

After 2003, when he competed in a triathlon, riding a 56-mile bike segment as part of a relay team, he was given a whole new life. Doctors were able to free him from his crutches by partially amputating his leg and applying a prosthetic one.

Emmanuel has since dedicated his life to improving the lives of Ghana's many disabled citizens. In conjunction with the Free Wheelchair Mission, Emmanuel has helped provide free wheelchairs to disabled people around the world. He has started a cycling team, a wheelchair basketball team, and a running team for physically challenged athletes, and is currently working on starting a sports academy for disabled athletes in Ghana.

Today, of the 20 million people living in Ghana, 2 million are disabled. Thanks to the efforts of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah, Ghanaians with physical disabilities are living their lives with purpose, dignity, and value. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, 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.)

NOTIFICATION OF THE CONTINUATION OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER BLOCKING THE PROPERTY OF CERTAIN PERSONS AND PROHIBITING THE EXPORT OF CERTAIN GOODS TO SYRIA—PM 47

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 to the Federal Register for publication the enclosed notice, stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, and expanded in scope in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation and reexportation of certain goods to Syria, is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2006. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the Federal Register on May 10, 2005 (70 FR 24697).

The actions of the Government of Syria in supporting terrorism, interfering in Lebanon, pursuing weapons of mass destruction and missile programs, and undermining United States and international efforts with respect to the stabilization and reconstruction of Iraq, pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect the national emergency authorizing the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibiting the exportation and reexportation of certain goods to Syria and to maintain in force the sanctions to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 8, 2006.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3: 13 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4954. An act to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d, clause 10 of rule I, and the order of the House of December 18, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following members of the House of Representatives to the United States Delegation of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois, Chairman, Mr. McCOTTER of Michigan, Vice Chairman, Mr. DREIER of California, Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. GUTKNECHT of Minnesota, Mr. SOUDER of Indiana, Mr. TANCREDO of Colorado, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, and Mr. LIPINSKI of Illinois.

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-6771. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chemical Weapons Convention Regulations" (RIN0694-AB06) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6772. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Entity List: Addition" (RIN0694-AD66) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6773. A communication from the Chief, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Request to Update Default Compensation Rate for Dial-Around Calls from Payphones" (WC Docket No. 03-225) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6774. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's Rules to Implement Certain World Radio Conference 2003 Final Acts" (WT Docket No. 96-86) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6775. A communication from the Legal Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Commercial Spectrum Enhancement Act and Modernization of the Commission's Competitive Bidding Rules and Procedures, Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making" (WT Docket No. 05-211) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6776. A communication from the Attorney, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Requirements for Lighters and Lighter Refills" (RIN2137-AD88) received on April 28, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6777. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Administrator, received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6778. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Closure of the Quarter II Fishery for Loligo Squid" (I.D. No. 041406A) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6779. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish by Vessels Using Non-Pelagic Trawl Gear in the Red King Crab Savings Subarea" (I.D. No. 040406) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6780. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, 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; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Annual Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments; Pacific Halibut Fisheries" (I.D. No. 041906A) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6781. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish Retention Standard" (RIN0648-AT04) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6782. A communication from the Chairman, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fifth Report of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-6783. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6784. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Citrus from Peru" (Docket No. 03-113-3) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6785. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Northeast et al; Final Rule" (Docket No. DA-06-06; AO-14-A75, et al.) received on May 3, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6786. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a report relative to seven separate user fee proposals which would shift the funding of the covered activities from the government to the beneficiaries of the activities; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.