

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.)

TRANSMITTING, CONSISTENT WITH THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1998 (21 U.S.C. 1705), THE 2006 NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY—PM 37

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 the Judiciary:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit the 2006 National Drug Control Strategy prepared by my Administration, consistent with the Office of National Drug Control Reauthorization Act of 1998 (21 U.S.C. 1705).

Four years ago, my Administration issued its first National Drug Control Strategy. That Strategy set out an ambitious, balanced plan to reduce drug use in our Nation. Since 2001, drug use by 8th, 10th, and 12th graders has dropped by 19 percent, translating to nearly 700,000 fewer young people using drugs.

I appreciate the support the Congress has given for previous Strategies. I look forward to your continued support as we work together on this critical endeavor.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 8, 2006.

REPORT RELATIVE TO BLOCKING PROPERTY OF CERTAIN PERSONS CONTRIBUTING TO THE CONFLICT IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE—PM 38

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:

Consistent with subsection 204(b) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(b) (IEEPA), and section 301 of the Na-

tional Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1631 (NEA), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order (the "order") blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in Côte d'Ivoire. In that order, I declared a national emergency to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by that conflict, as described below.

The United Nations Security Council, in Resolution 1572 of November 15, 2004, expressed deep concern over the resumption of hostilities in Côte d'Ivoire, the public incitement of hatred and violence, and the repeated violations of the ceasefire agreement of May 3, 2003. United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1572 determined that the situation in Côte d'Ivoire poses a threat to international peace and security in the region and called on member States to take certain measures against persons responsible for the continuing conflict. The United Nations Security Council has continued to express serious concern at the persistence of the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire and of obstacles to the peace and national reconciliation process from all sides in UNSCRs 1643 of December 15, 2005, and 1652 of January 24, 2006.

Despite the intervention and efforts of the international community, there have been massacres of large numbers of civilians, widespread human rights abuses, significant political violence and unrest, and attacks against international peacekeeping forces in Côte d'Ivoire. Such activity includes the killing of large numbers of civilians in Korhogo in June 2004, and in Abidjan in March 2004; significant violence and unrest, including public incitements to violence, in Abidjan in November 2004; human rights violations, including extrajudicial killings, in western Côte d'Ivoire in April and June 2005; attacks on a police station and prison in July 2005 in Anyama and Agboville, and violent protests in Abidjan and attacks on U.N. and international nongovernmental organization facilities in western Côte d'Ivoire in January 2006. Also, notwithstanding the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement signed by the Ivorian political forces on January 24, 2003, the related ceasefire agreement of May 3, 2003, the Accra III Agreement of July 30, 2004, the Pretoria Agreement of April 6, 2005, and the Declaration on the Implementation of the Pretoria Agreement of June 29, 2005, consolidating the implementation of the Linas-Marcoussis peace and national reconciliation process, Ivorian parties have continued to engage in military operations and attacks against peacekeeping forces in Côte d'Ivoire leading to fatalities.

Pursuant to the IEEPA and the NEA, I have determined that these actions and circumstances constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of

the United States and declared a national emergency to deal with that threat and have issued an Executive Order to deal with the threat to U.S. national security and foreign policy posed by the situation in or in relation to Côte d'Ivoire.

The order blocks the property and interests in property in the United States, or in the possession or control of United States persons, of the persons listed in the Annex to the order, as well as of any person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, to constitute a threat to the peace and national reconciliation process in Côte d'Ivoire, such as by blocking the implementation of the Linas-Marcoussis, Accra III, and Pretoria Agreements; to be responsible for serious violations of international law in Côte d'Ivoire; to have directly or indirectly supplied, sold or transferred to Côte d'Ivoire arms or any related materiel or any assistance, advice, or training related to military activities; or to have publicly incited violence and hatred contributing to the conflict in Côte d'Ivoire.

The designation criteria will be applied in accordance with applicable domestic law, including where appropriate, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

The order also authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, to designate for blocking any person determined to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of, the activities listed above or any person listed in or designated pursuant to the order. I further authorized the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, to designate for blocking any person determined to be owned or controlled by, or acting or purporting to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person listed in or designated pursuant to the order. The Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, is also authorized to remove any persons from the Annex to the order as circumstances warrant.

I delegated to the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, the authority to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by the IEEPA and the United Nations Participation Act, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the order. All executive agencies are directed to take all appropriate measures within their authority to carry out the provisions of the order.

The order, a copy of which is enclosed, became effective at 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on February 8, 2006.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

The White House, February 8, 2006.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4636. An act to enact the technical and conforming amendments necessary to implement the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

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-5604. A communication from the Executive Director, National Capital Planning Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Fiscal Year 2005 Competitive Sourcing Report and planned competitions for Fiscal Year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5605. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8B for Fiscal Years 2003 Through 2005, as of March 31, 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5606. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-250, "Washington Convention Center Authority Advisory Committee Continuity Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5607. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-251, "New Columbia Community Land Trust 22nd and Channing Streets, N.E. Tax Exemption Temporary Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5608. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-252, "Tenant Evictions Temporary Amendment Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5609. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-253, "DC-USA Economic Development Temporary Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5610. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-264, "Library Enhancement, Assessment, and Development Amendment Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5611. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-265, "Domestic Partnership Equality Amendment Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5612. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Colum-

bia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-266, "Terrorism Prevention in Hazardous Materials Transportation Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5613. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-267, "Nuisance Abatement Reform Amendment Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5614. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-268, "Health Care Benefits Expansion Amendment Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5615. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-269, "Office of Administrative Hearings Term Amendment Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5616. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-270, "Parkside Terrace Economic Development Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5617. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-271, "Motor Vehicle Definition Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5618. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-272, "Contracting and Procurement Reform Task Force Establishment Temporary Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5619. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-273, "Uniform Mediation Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5620. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-274, "Low-Emissions Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5621. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-275, "Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Affairs Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5622. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-276, "Department of Health Functions Clarification Amendment Act of 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5623. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Cooperative Threat Reduction Annual Report to Congress Fiscal Year 2007"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5624. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a report relative to H.R. 1400, the "Se-

curing Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2006"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5625. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to HUD Acquisition Regulation (HUDAR)" ((RIN2535-AA27) (FR-5010-F-01)) received on February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5626. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Office of Disability and Income Security Programs, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Work Activity of Persons Working as Members of Advisory Committees Established Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act" (RIN0960-AG07) received on February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5627. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Escrow Funds and Other Similar Funds" ((RIN1545-AR82) (TD9249)) received on February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5628. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement of Rules Adopting a Reasonable Cause Standard for Section 1503(d) Filings" (Notice 2006-13) received on February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5629. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: Redemption Bogus Optional Basis Tax Shelter" (UIL NO: 9300.42-00) received on February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5630. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Residence Rules Involving U.S. Possessions" ((RIN1545-BC86) (TD9248)) received on February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5631. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure: Renewal Community Depreciation Provisions" (Rev. Proc. 2006-16) received on February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5632. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tentative Recomputed Differential Earnings Rate for 2004 under section 809" (Notice 2006-18) received on February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5633. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Safe Harbor Date for Charitable Remainder Trusts in the Case of Spousal Election Rights" (Notice 2006-15) received on February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5634. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled