

the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, 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 Committee on Armed Services.

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

#### TRANSMITTING CERTIFICATION THAT THE EXPORT OF CERTAIN MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FOR PRODUCTION OF NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS IS NOT DETRIMENTAL TO THE U.S. SPACE LAUNCH INDUSTRY AND WILL NOT MEASURABLY IMPROVE MISSILE OR SPACE LAUNCH CAPABILITIES OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA—PM-58

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with accompanying papers; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with the provisions of section 1512 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-261), I hereby certify that the export of 22 accelerometers for incorporation into railway geometry measurement systems and one 20-inch fluid energy mill for production of nutritional supplements is not detrimental to the United States space launch industry, and that the material and equipment, including any indirect technical benefit that could be derived from such exports, will not measurably improve the missile or space launch capabilities of the People's Republic of China.

GEORGE W. BUSH.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 22, 2008.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 3564. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States through fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3985. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to register a person providing transportation by an over-the-road bus as a motor carrier of passengers only if the person is willing and able to comply with certain accessibility requirements in addition to other existing requirements, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4289. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Ponce, Puerto Rico, as the "Euripides Rubio Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

S. 231. An act to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 2607. An act to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

S. 3145. An act to designate a portion of United States Route 20A, located in Orchard Park, New York, as the "Timothy J. Russert Highway".

S. 3218. An act to extend the pilot program for volunteer groups to obtain criminal history background checks.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3297. A bill to advance America's priorities.

#### ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate announced that on today, July 22, 2008, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

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#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 3301. An original bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-428).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2657. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to prescribe regulations to reduce the incidence of vessels colliding with North Atlantic right whales by limiting the speed of vessels, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-429).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Jeffrey A. Remington, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Jack L. Rives, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Donald J. Hoffman, to be General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Kelly K. McKeague, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Col. Timothy K. Adams, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, to be General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. David M. Rodriguez, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Edgar E. Stanton III, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Matthew L. Kambic, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, to be General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Carter F. Ham, to be General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Richard P. Zahner, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Robert E. Durbin, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Ronald L. Burgess, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. John F. Kimmons, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Douglas M. Stone, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. George J. Flynn, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Colonel Juan G. Ayala and ending with Colonel Glenn M. Walters, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 14, 2008.

Navy nomination of Capt. Cynthia A. Covell, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Capt. Elizabeth S. Niemyer, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Robert S. Harward, Jr., to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Bruce E. MacDonald, to be Vice Admiral.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Frank J. Hale, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Douglas K. Dunbar, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Tamara A. Herzog, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Keri L. Azuar and ending with Pamela P. Warddemo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 26, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Kenneth L. Beale, Jr. and ending with Thomas H. Brouillard, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 19, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Lenard M. Kerr and ending with Masaki G. Kuwana, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 19, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Ralf C. Beilhardt and ending with Richard L. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 19, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Michael P. Abel and ending with Johnnie Wright, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 19, 2008.

Army nomination of John D. Muther, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Stephen L. Aki and ending with D060701, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 14, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Earl E. Abonadi and ending with X0007, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 14, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Jeffrey W. Abbott and ending with D060688, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 14, 2008.

Marine Corps nomination of Bryan K. Wood, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Navy nominations beginning with David R. Brown and ending with Timothy R. White, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 19, 2008.

Navy nominations beginning with Bradley A. Appleman and ending with Florencio J. Yuzon, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 19, 2008.

Navy nominations beginning with Sue A. Adamson and ending with Julie L. Working, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 19, 2008.

Navy nominations beginning with Mark R. Boone and ending with John C. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 19, 2008.

Navy nominations beginning with Christopher G. Adams and ending with Nicolas D. I. Yamodis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 19, 2008.

Navy nominations beginning with Alan L. Adams and ending with Georges E. Younes, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 19, 2008.

Navy nominations beginning with Craig L. Abraham and ending with Christopher M. Wise, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 19, 2008.

Navy nominations beginning with Calliope E. Allen and ending with Patrick E. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 19, 2008.

#### 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 Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 3297. A bill to advance America's priorities; read the first time.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. WICKER, Ms. CANTWELL, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3298. A bill to clarify the circumstances during which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and applicable States may require permits for discharges from certain vessels, and to require the Administrator to conduct a study of discharges

incidental to the normal operation of vessels; considered and passed.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 3299. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the demonstration project on adjustable rate mortgages and the demonstration project on hybrid adjustable rate mortgages; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 3300. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for temporary improvements to the Medicare inpatient hospital payment adjustment for low-volume hospitals and to provide for the use of the non-wage adjusted PPS rate under the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 3301. An original bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SMITH, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 3302. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 3303. A bill to require automobile manufacturers to ensure that not less than 80 percent of the automobiles manufactured or sold in the United States by each manufacturer to operate on fuel mixtures containing 85 percent ethanol, 85 percent methanol, or biodiesel; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 3304. A bill to designate the North Palisade in the Sierra Nevada in the State of California as "Brower Palisade" in honor of the late David Brower; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 3305. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to establish, modify, charge, and collect recreation fees with respect to land and water administered by the Corps of Engineers; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3306. A bill to ban the exportation of crude oil produced on Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 3307. A bill to provide veterans with individualized notice about available benefits, to streamline application processes for the benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REID, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3308. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BROWN:

S. Res. 617. A resolution honoring the life and recognizing the accomplishments of Eric Nord, co-founder of the Nordson Corporation, innovative businessman and engineer, and generous Ohio philanthropist; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 618. A resolution recognizing the tenth anniversary of the bombings of the United States embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and memorializing the citizens of the United States, Kenya, and Tanzania whose lives were claimed as a result of the al Qaeda led terrorist attacks; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. Res. 619. A resolution expressing support for a constructive dialogue on human rights issues between the United States and Bahrain; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. Con. Res. 94. A concurrent resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the integration of the United States Armed Forces; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 400

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 400, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 972

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 972, a bill to provide for the reduction of adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 1232

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1232, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 1492

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr.