

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 5:11 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. 3221. An act to provide needed housing reform and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the president pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 6:59 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 6340. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 300 Quarropas Street in White Plains, New York, as the "Charles L. Brieant, Jr., Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

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-7296. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Almonds Grown in California; Relaxation of the Incoming Quality Control Requirements" (FV080981-1 IFR) received on July 28, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7297. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Changes in Handling Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches" (FV08-916/917-1 FIR) received on July 28, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7298. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California: Revisions to Requirements Regarding Off-Grade Raisins" (FV07-989-4 FR) received on July 28, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7299. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John W. Bergman, United States Marine Corps Reserve, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7300. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the determination and findings on the authority to award a contract for the depot level maintenance and repair of surface ship combatants located in the Mayport homeport area, based on public interest exception to requirement for full and open competition; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7301. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conforming Changes- Standards of Conduct and Extraordinary Contractual Actions" (RIN0750-AG01) received on July 28, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7302. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conforming Changes- Standards of Conduct and Extraordinary Contractual Actions" (RIN0750-AF99) received on July 28, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7303. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Program Name Change" (RIN0750-AG00) received on July 28, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7304. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7305. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Mid-Session Review, containing revised estimates of receipts, outlays, budget authority, and the budget deficit or surplus for fiscal years 2008 through 2013; to the Committees on Appropriations; and the Budget.

EC-7306. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Development of Nationwide Broadband Data to Evaluate Reasonable and Timely Deployment of Advanced Services to All Americans, Improvement of Wireless Broadband Subscriber Data, and Development of Data on Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Subscribership" (FCC 08-148) received on July 28, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7307. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Development of Nationwide Broadband Data to Evaluate Reasonable and Timely Deployment of Advanced Services to All Americans, Improvement of Wireless Broadband Subscriber Data, and Development of Data on Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Subscribership" (FCC 08-89) received on July 28, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7308. A communication from the Deputy Division Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commercial Mobile Alert System, Second Report and Order" (FCC 08-164) received on July 28, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7309. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1-Methylcyclopropene; Pesticide Tolerance; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 8372-9) received on July 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7310. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Envi-

ronmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Montana; Revisions to the Administrative Rules of Montana-Air Quality, Incinerators" (FRL No. 8683-5) received on July 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7311. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gentamicin; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8370-8) received on July 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7312. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyfluthrin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8370-7) received on July 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7313. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inert Ingredients: Extension of Effective Date of Revocation of Certain Tolerance Exemptions with Insufficient Data for Reassessment" (FRL No. 8372-7) received on July 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7314. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyraclostrobin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8373-2) received on July 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7315. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 8695-7) received on July 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7316. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for Petroleum Refineries- Final Rule; Stay of Effective Date" (FRL No. 8698-3) received on July 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7317. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Virginia: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 8698-6) received on July 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7318. A communication from the Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Child Support Enforcement Program Medical Support" (RIN0970-AC22) received on July 28, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7319. A communication from the Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Prohibition of Midyear Benefit Enhancements for Medicare Advantage Organizations" (RIN0938-AO54) received on July 28, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7320. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the

Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bonus Depreciation for the Kansas Disaster Area" (Notice No. 2008-67) received on July 24, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7321. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting two legislative proposals relating to the implementation of treaties concerning maritime terrorism and the maritime transportation of weapons of mass destruction; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

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.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 344. A bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1211. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors.

S. 1515. A bill to establish a domestic violence volunteer attorney network to represent domestic violence victims.

S. 2041. A bill to amend the False Claims Act.

S. 2136. A bill to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Marie L. Yovanovitch, of Connecticut, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Armenia.

Nominee: Marie L. Yovanovitch.

Post: Ambassador to Yerevan, Armenia.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: \$50, 4/7/02, Cole for Congress; \$50, 4/7/02, Herseth for Congress; \$50, 4/7/02, Carnahan for Congress; \$100, 3/3/01, Watson for Congress; \$100, 11/11/00, Clinton for Senate; \$100, 11/11/00, Coyne-McCoy for Congress; \$100, 5/7/00, Gore for President; \$100, 8/26/00, Gore-Lieberman Campaign.

2. Spouse: N/A.

3. Children and Spouses: N/A.

4. Parents: Michel and Nadia Yovanovitch: \$25, 6/2/07, Hillary for President; \$25, 6/2/07, NC Democratic Party; \$35, 3/11/04, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee; \$35,

3/11/04, John Kerry for President; \$25, 3/11/04, A Lot of People Supporting Tom Daschle; \$25, 11/25/03, Jeffords for Vermont; \$25, 11/12/03, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee; \$25, 9/6/03, Senator Tom Daschle; \$25, 9/6/02, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee; \$25, 7/1/02, Senator Jim Jeffords; \$10, 5/4/01, N.C. Dollars for Democrats; \$25, 3/19/99, Gephardt in Congress Committee.

Note: My mother is traveling and does not have access to her financial records from 2005–2006. If she made any political contributions during this period, she says it would not total more than \$100.00.

5. Grandparents: N/A.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Andre Yovanovitch: None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: N/A.

*Tatiana C. Gfoeller-Volkoff, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Nominee: Tatiana C. Gfoeller-Volkoff.

Post: Bishkek.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: No contributions.

2. Spouse: \$1,000, fall/2000, George W. Bush.

3. Children and Spouses: No contributions.

4. Parents: No contributions.

5. Grandparents: No contributions.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Have no brothers.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Have no sisters.

*W. Stuart Symington, of Missouri, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Rwanda.

Nominee: W. Stuart Symington IV.

Post: Rwanda.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: None.

2. Spouse: None.

3. Children and Spouses: Jane W., and W. Stuart Symington.

4. Parents: Stuart Symington, Jr.: \$100, 3-18-08, Skelton; \$30, 1-20-08, Yale Bulldog Democrats; \$1,000, 1-27-07, Clinton; \$50, 7-05-07, Dem. Sen. Committee; \$500, 5-07-07, Obama \$100, 7-01-05, Skelton; \$500, 1-05-04, Gephardt; \$50, 10-04-04, W. Lacy Clay.

Jane B. Symington: None.

5. Grandparents: W. Stuart Symington: Deceased.

Evelyn Wadsworth Symington: Deceased.

Sidney M. Studdt: Deceased.

Jane S. Studdt: Deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Sidney S. Symington: None.

Martha Wadsworth: None.

John S. Symington: \$2100, 2005, Klobuchar for Minnesota; \$200, 2004, Kerry.

Margaret Symington: \$2000, 2005, Klobuchar for Minnesota; \$2000, 2006, Klobuchar; \$300, 2004, Kerry; \$100, 2004, Emily's list.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Anne W. Symington: Deceased.

*Alan W. Eastham, Jr., of Arkansas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service,

Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of the Congo.

Nominee: Alan W. Eastham Jr.

Post: Brazzaville.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: Alan W. Eastham, None.

2. Spouse: Carolyn L. Eastham, None.

3. Children and Spouses: Mark A. Eastham, None; Michael S.G. Eastham, None.

4. Parents: Alan W. Eastham, Deceased; Ruth C. Eastham, Deceased.

5. Grandparents: Thomas W. Eastham, Deceased; Annie Jo Eastham, Deceased; Dewey T. Clayton, Deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Thomas C. Eastham, None; Jenny Lea Eastham, None; Craig L. Eastham, None; Dawne Deane, None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: None.

*James Christopher Swan, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Djibouti.

Nominee: James Christopher Swan.

Post: Djibouti.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: none.

2. Spouse: none.

3. Children and Spouses: none.

4. Parents: none.

5. Grandparents: none.

6. Brothers and Spouses: none.

7. Sisters and Spouses: none.

*Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Lebanon.

Nominee: Michele J. Sison.

Post: U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: None.

2. Spouse: N/A.

3. Children and Spouses: Alexandra K. Knight: None. Jessica E. Knight: None.

4. Parents: Pastor B. Sison: None. Veronica T. Sison: None.

5. Grandparents: Deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: No brothers.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Victoria Sison Morimoto and Miles Morimoto: None.

Cynthia Sison Morrissey and Patrick Morrissey: \$200 (2004)/\$50 (2005)/\$100 (2006)/\$100 (2007) to Democratic National Committee.

*David D. Pearce, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.