

Jim White is the owner and founder of Sound Pro, a small business that he has operated for the past 32 years. He began the business as a young man and through hard work and dedication, grew the business into an establishment that is both customer and employee friendly. He has been a shining example of a hard-working and reliable businessman.

In addition to his dedication to the local business community, Mr. White has a special concern for the local young people. After reading a newspaper article about a local girl in need of a kidney transplant, he didn't hesitate to get tested as a potential donor. Upon hearing that he was a perfect match, Mr. White generously and selflessly gave his kidney to the young girl in order to save her life.

Mr. White is not only a generous local businessman, he also actively gives his time as a volunteer for many community organizations. He currently serves as a board member and also participates as a Big Brother mentor himself. Jim is a positive influence and great role model for these boys as well as the rest of his community.

Outside of Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Mr. White also willingly donates his time to mentor those in the community struggling with substance abuse and addiction. Despite his extremely busy schedule, he puts a high priority on encouraging and supporting people in the community from all walks of life. This support is also shown by his service as a member of the board of directors of the Wellspring Treatment Center, a local nonprofit agency that provides treatment and services to young people struggling with behavioral, emotional and chemical dependency problems.

In addition to all of his other commitments, Mr. White is the chairman of the Military Affairs Committee for the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce. He is extremely dedicated to this position and has even been given the title of "Honorary Commander" for the Ellsworth AFB Wing Commander.

This honorable recognition is clearly well-deserved. It is dedicated folks like Jim who make up the backbone of South Dakota's communities and it gives me great pleasure to commemorate Jim White on this special occasion and to wish him continued success in the years to come.●

REPORT OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER BLOCKING THE PROPERTY AND INTERESTS IN PROPERTY OF PERSONS DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE CORRUPTION OF SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA—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:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, as amended (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.)(IEEPA), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order taking additional steps with respect to the Government of Syria's continued engagement in certain conduct that formed the basis for the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, including but not limited to its efforts to undermine the stabilization and reconstruction of Iraq.

This order will block the property and interests in property of persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, to be responsible for, to have engaged in, to have facilitated, or to have secured improper advantage as a result of, public corruption by senior officials within the Government of Syria. The order also revises a provision in Executive Order 13338 to block the property and interests in property of persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, to be responsible for or otherwise significantly contributing to actions or decisions of the Government of Syria that have the purpose or effect of undermining efforts to stabilize Iraq or of allowing the use of Syrian territory or facilities to undermine efforts to stabilize Iraq.

I delegated to the Secretary of the Treasury the authority to take such actions, after consultation with the Secretary of State, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of my order.

I wish to emphasize, as well, my ongoing concern over the destabilizing role Syria continues to play in Lebanon, including its efforts to obstruct, through intimidation and violence, Lebanon's democratic processes.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 13, 2008.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:04 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 29. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2251. An act to extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3332. An act to provide for the establishment of a memorial within Kalaupapa National Historical Park located on the island of Molokai, in the State of Hawaii, to

honor and perpetuate the memory of those individuals who were forcibly relocated to the Kalaupapa Peninsula from 1866 to 1969, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3468. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1704 Weeksville Road in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "Dr. Clifford Bell Jones, Sr. Post Office."

H.R. 3532. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5815 McLeod Street in Lula, Georgia, as the "Private Johnathon Millican Lula Post Office."

H.R. 4203. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3035 Stone Mountain Street in Lithonia, Georgia, as the "Specialist Jamaal RaShard Addison Post Office Building."

H.R. 5135. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Greenway Street in Derby, Kansas, as the "Sergeant Jamie O. Murgans Post Office Building."

H.R. 5270. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 209. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Museum of the American Quilter's Society, located in Paducah, Kentucky, should be designated as the "National Quilt Museum of the United States".

H. Con. Res. 281. Concurrent resolution celebrating the birth of Abraham Lincoln and recognizing the prominence the Declaration of Independence played in the development of Abraham Lincoln's beliefs.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 975. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Tom Lantos, a Representative from the State of California.

At 4:58 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 293. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 29. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2251. An act to extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3332. An act to provide for the establishment of a memorial within Kalaupapa National Historical Park located on the island of Molokai, in the State of Hawaii, to honor and perpetuate the memory of those individuals who were forcibly relocated to

the Kalaupapa Peninsula from 1866 to 1969, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3468. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1704 Weeksville Road in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "Dr. Clifford Bell Jones, Sr. Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3532. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5815 McLeod Street in Lula, Georgia, as the "Private Johnathon Millican Lula Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

H. Con. Res. 281. Concurrent resolution celebrating the birth of Abraham Lincoln and recognizing the prominence the Declaration of Independence played in the development of Abraham Lincoln's beliefs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 2633. A bill to provide for the safe redeployment of United States troops from Iraq.

S. 2634. A bill to require a report setting forth the global strategy of the United States to combat and defeat al Qaeda and its affiliates.

S. 2636. A bill to provide needed housing reform.

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-5047. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1,3-Dichloropropene and Metabolites; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8345-1) received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5048. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5049. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5050. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting,

pursuant to law, a report relative to the amount of funds the Department intends to obligate for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5051. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5052. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a review of the C-5 Reliability Enhancement and Re-Engining Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5053. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (72 FR 2816) received on February 1, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5054. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 2835) received on February 1, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5055. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 2830) received on February 1, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5056. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 2818) received on February 1, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5057. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 2827) received on February 1, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5058. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 2822) received on February 1, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5059. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Processors Using Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XF06) received on February 12, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5060. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the U.S. Coast Guard's compliance with the Edible Oil Regulatory Reform Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5061. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communica-

tions Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Third Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television" (MB Docket No. 07-91) received on February 8, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5062. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5063. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone (including 4 regulations beginning with USCG-2007-0128)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on February 12, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5064. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations (including 2 regulations beginning with USCG-2007-0026)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on February 12, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5065. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations (including 4 regulations beginning with USCG-2008-0015)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on February 12, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5066. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anchorage Regulations (including 3 regulations beginning with USCG-2007-0023)" (RIN1625-AA01) received on February 12, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5067. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations: Recurring Marine Events in the Seventh Coast Guard District" ((RIN1625-AA08)(USCG-2007-0179)) received on February 12, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5068. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Potomac and Anacostia Rivers, Washington, DC and Arlington and Fairfax Counties, VA" ((RIN1625-AA87)(USCG-2008-0005)) received on February 12, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5069. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations (including 3 regulations beginning with USCG-2007-0146)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on February 12, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5070. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Tampa Bay, Port of Tampa, Port of St. Petersburg, Rattlesnake, Old Port Tampa, Big