

all the faculty members, volunteers, mentors, and supporters who were instrumental in their victory.●

#### 41ST BRIGADE DEPLOYMENT

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today I wish to show my appreciation for the dedication and commitment of the Oregon National Guard. They are the best that Oregon has to offer. The best our Nation has to offer. I am honored, this weekend, to personally see off the largest Oregon guard deployment since World War II.

Right now, 2,700 citizen soldiers from across my State are gearing up for a 10-month deployment to Iraq, and I am positive that their actions will bring honor to the United States and to the great State of Oregon.

Despite progress, Iraq remains a dangerous place. But our National Guard soldiers are well-trained, well-led and well-equipped. I know they will do their best to complete their missions and return to their families. I also know that our Nation has done its best to give them the tools they need to do so safely and expeditiously.

I have been fortunate enough to meet with many of Oregon's citizen soldiers more than once—first in the dust and heat of southern Idaho last summer then in their armories in the days leading up to training at Camp Roberts. I made a promise to see them off when they are deployed and I intend to be there to welcome all of them home after their courageous service is complete.

These are uncertain times—not only in the United States but around the world. It is a world that is once again turning its eyes toward America for leadership and inspiration. Now, more than ever, it is time for America to be strong for those in need.

The Oregon National Guard is the face of that strength. Our men and women in uniform are this country's greatest representatives to the world. While being strong, we must also demonstrate our values through compassion, justice, and integrity.

I realize these soldiers have a difficult road ahead, which will involve both professional and personal struggles. Whether this is their first deployment or their fourth, their dedication and commitment will be tested on a daily basis—but, courage and determination are their hallmarks.

Members of the Oregon National Guard are exactly the kind of soldiers that our Founding Fathers believed could best defend this Nation—volunteer citizen soldiers with roots in the community and a patriotic spirit.

I salute Oregon's great band of citizen soldiers. May God bless them and see each and every one of them home safe.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to

the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 10:23 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 586. An act to direct the Librarian of Congress and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out a joint project at the Library of Congress and the National Museum of African American History and Culture to collect video and audio recordings or personal histories and testimonials of individuals who participated in the Civil Rights movement, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1626. An act to make technical amendments to laws containing time periods affecting judicial proceedings.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 12:33 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, without amendment:

S. 735. An act to ensure States receive adoption incentive payments for fiscal year 2008 in accordance with the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 46. An act to provide for payment of an administrative fee to public housing agencies to cover the costs of administering family self-sufficiency programs in connection with the housing choice voucher program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

H.R. 1913. An act to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 45. A joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic

of China: Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Co-Chairman; Ms. KAPTUR of Ohio; Mr. HONDA of California; Mr. WALZ of Minnesota; Mr. WU of Oregon; Mr. SMITH of New Jersey; Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois; Mr. ROYCE of California; and Mr. PITTS of Pennsylvania.

The message further announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker re-appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Mr. Joseph Cooper of Baltimore, Maryland.

The message also announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, the Republican Leader reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Mr. Jeffrey W. Thomas of Ohio.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 333(a)(2) of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-229), the Republican Leader appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino: Mr. Danny Vargas of Herndon, Virginia, as a voting member.

Furthermore: Dr. Aida Levitan of Key Biscayne, Florida, and Mrs. Rosa J. Correa of Bridgeport, Connecticut, were previously appointed and shall remain voting members.

At 5:36 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. 627. An act to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 333(a)(2) of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-229), the Republican Leader appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino: Mr. Nelson Albareda of Miami, Florida.

Furthermore: Dr. Aida Levitan of Key Biscayne, Florida, Mrs. Rosa J. Correa of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and Mr. Danny Vargas of Herndon, Virginia, were previously appointed and shall remain voting members.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 46. An act to provide for payment of an administrative fee to public housing agencies to cover the costs of administering family self-sufficiency programs in connection with the housing choice voucher program of the Department of Housing and

Urban Development; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1913. An act to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.J. Res. 45. Joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt; to the Committee on Finance.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 627. An act to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, and for other purposes.

#### 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-1484. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additions and Revisions to the List of Approved End-Users and Respective Eligible Items for the People's Republic of China (PRC) Under Authorization Validated End-User (VEU)" (RIN0694-AE61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1485. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules" (WP Docket No. 07-100) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1486. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel for Regulations, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rail Transportation Security" (RIN1652-AA51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1487. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Keweenaw Waterway, Houghton, MI" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2009-0132)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1488. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Intra-coastal Waterway (ICW), Beach Thorofare, Atlantic City, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2008-0995)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1489. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department

of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; San Diego Bay, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2009-0044)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1490. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Jordan Bridge Demolition, Elizabeth River, Chesapeake and Portsmouth, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2009-0217)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1491. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; April to May Naval Underwater Detonation; Northwest Harbor, San Clemente Island, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2009-0222)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1492. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Sea World Spring Nights; Mission Bay, San Diego, California" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2009-0154)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1493. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Red River, Minnesota" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2009-0240)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1494. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Waters surrounding Berth 7 at the Port of Oakland, San Francisco Bay, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2009-0278)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1495. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Areas; Herbert C. Bonner Bridge, Oregon Inlet, NC" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2009-0225)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1496. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Volvo Ocean Race 2009, Nahant, Boston Harbor, Massachusetts" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2008-1268)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1497. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adequacy of Iowa Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Permit Program" (FRL-8899-7) re-

ceived in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1498. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) Addendum to Supplemental Funding for Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grantees" (FRL-8899-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1499. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania: Transportation Conformity Requirement" (FRL-8898-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1500. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Morpholine 4-C6-12 Acyl Derivatives; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL-8409-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1501. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL-8898-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1502. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: The 2009 Critical Use Exemption from the Phaseout of Methyl Bromide" (FRL-8899-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1503. A communication from the Acting Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "No FEAR Act: Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1504. A communication from the Acting Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties First Quarter Fiscal Year 2009 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1505. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination in the position of Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1506. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer of the Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Haw River Valley Viticultural Area (2007R-179P)" (RIN1513-AB45) received in the