

Obstacles to the orderly reconstruction of Iraq, the restoration and maintenance of peace and security in the country, and the development of political, administrative, and economic institutions in Iraq continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Accordingly, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to this threat and maintain in force the measures taken to deal with that national emergency.

BARACK OBAMA,
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 19, 2009.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:49 a.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:

S. 896. An Act to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability.

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

At 11:53 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, 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. 1088. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a one-year period for the training of new disabled veterans' outreach program specialists and local veterans' employment representatives by National Veterans' Employment and Training Services Institute.

H.R. 1089. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the enforcement through the Office of Special Counsel of the employment and reemployment rights of veterans and members of the Armed Forces employed by Federal executive agencies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1170. An Act to amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for special adapted housing.

H.R. 2182. An Act to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to provide for enhanced State and local oversight of activities conducted pursuant to such Act, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 120. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003, and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Co-Chairman, Mr.

MARKEY of Massachusetts, Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York, Mr. MCINTYRE of North Carolina, Mr. BUTTERFIELD of North Carolina, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ADERHOLT of Alabama, Mr. PITTS of Pennsylvania, and Mr. ISSA of California.

At 2:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 627) 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.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1088. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a one-year period for the training of new disabled veterans' outreach program specialists and local veterans' employment representatives by National Veterans' Employment and Training Services Institute; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1089. To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the enforcement through the Office of Special Counsel of the employment and reemployment rights of veterans and members of the Armed Forces employed by Federal executive agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1170. An act to amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adapted housing; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

H. Con. Res. 120. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that today, May 20, 2009, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 896. An Act to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability.

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-1669. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carbofuran; Final Tolerance Revocations" (FRL-8413-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1670. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Envi-

ronmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Iodosulfuron-methyl-sodium; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL-8412-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1671. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report on Joint Officer Management; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1672. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Clyde A. Vaughn, Army National Guard of the United States, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1673. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, the report of legislative proposals relative to the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1674. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1675. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Defense Production Act Annual Fund Report for Fiscal Year 2008"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1676. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fair Credit Reporting Affiliate Marketing Regulations; Identity Theft Red Flags and Address Discrepancies Under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003" (RIN1557-AD14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1677. 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 Implementation Plans; New Jersey Reasonable Further Progress Plans, Reasonably Available Control Technology, Reasonably Available Control Measures and Conformity Budgets" (FRL-8905-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1678. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegation of New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the States of Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada" (FRL-8905-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1679. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NSR): Aggregation" (FRL-8904-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1680. 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; Michigan; Consumer Product Rule" (FRL-8908-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1681. 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; Minnesota" (FRL-8907-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1682. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Louisiana: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL-8905-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1683. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events (Exceptional Event Rule): Revised Exceptional Event Data Flagging Submittal and Documentation Schedule for Monitoring Data Used in Designations for the 2008 Ozone NAAQS" (FRL-8907-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1684. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Port Limits of St. Louis, Missouri" (CBP Dec. 09-16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1685. A communication from the Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Annual Report for 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1686. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of the Requirements for Publication of License Revocation" (Docket No. FDA-2009-N-0100) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1687. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Substances Prohibited From Use in Animal Food or Feed; Confirmation of Effective Date of Final Rule; Correction" (RIN0910-AF46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1688. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-32, Technical Amendments" (FAC 2005-

32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1689. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on applications made by the Government for authority to conduct electronic surveillance and physical searches during calendar year 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1690. 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 Regulations; Smith Creek at Wilmington, NC" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2008-0302)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1691. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Crewmember Identification Documents" ((RIN1625-AB19)(Docket No. USCG-2007-28648)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1692. 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; Blue Water Resort and Casino APBA National Tour Rounds 1 & 2; Colorado River, Parker AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2008-1220)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1693. 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; Mill Creek, Fort Monroe, VA, USNORTHCOM Civic Leader Tour and Aviation Demonstration" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2009-0263)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1694. 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; Allegheny River, Pittsburgh, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2009-0175)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1695. 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; Barge BDL235, Pago Pago Harbor, American Samoa" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2009-0159)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1696. 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; St. Thomas Harbor, Charlotte Amalie, U.S.V.I." ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2009-0179)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1697. 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; Allegheny River, Pittsburgh, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2009-0149)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1698. 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 Bull Air Races; San Diego Bay, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2009-0119)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1699. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alternate Compliance Program: Vessel Inspection" ((RIN1625-AA92)(Docket No. USCG-2004-19823)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1700. 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; Corrections; Hatteras Boat Parade and Firework Display, Trent River, New Bern, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2008-0309 formerly USCG-2008-0046)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1701. 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; IJSBA World Finals, Colorado River, Lake Havasu City, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2008-0320)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1702. 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 Zones (including 2 regulations): [USCG-2008-0245], [USCG-2008-0246]" ((RIN1625-AA00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1703. 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 Regulations for Marine Events; Severn River, College Creek, Weems Creek and Carr Creek, Annapolis, MD" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USCG-2008-0154)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1704. A communication from the Acting Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "STB Ex Parte No. 542 (Sub-No. 16) Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection With Licensing and Related Services—2009 Update" (Board Decision No. 39783) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1705. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations; Derby, Kansas" (MB Docket No. 09-33) received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on May 14, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1706. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Promoting Diversification of Ownership in the Broadcasting Services" (MB Docket No. 07-294) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-20. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington relative to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service working cooperatively with the state's regulatory agencies and energy producers; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8001

Whereas, in 2006 the voters passed Initiative No. 937, targets for energy conservation and the use of eligible resources, including wind, by the state's large utilities; and

Whereas, in 2007 the Legislature adopted the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, reducing emissions to 25 percent below 1990 levels by 2035, and reducing emissions to 50 percent below 1990 levels by 2050; and

Whereas, during this time of economic uncertainty, the construction and operation of wind and other alternative energy sites presents an opportunity to bring new jobs and valuable economic opportunities to Washington communities; and

Whereas, the increased use of wind and other alternative energy resources produced in Washington will help move the state towards energy independence, and help to decrease the billions of dollars Washingtonians currently pay each year for imported fuel; and

Whereas, the federal endangered species act (16 U.S.C. Sec. 1531 et seq.) can pose significant challenges, including regulatory uncertainty, for those seeking to develop wind and other alternative energy projects in locations that could potentially impact any wildlife listed as threatened or endangered; and

Whereas, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, housed within the United States Department of the Interior, is the agency with primary responsibility for implementing and enforcing the federal endangered species act;

Now, Therefore, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service work cooperatively with the state's regulatory agencies and energy producers to resolve these federal endangered species act issues in a manner that allows the continued development of Washington's wind and other alternative energy resources while at the same time protecting threatened and endangered wildlife.

Be it resolved, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

POM-21. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington relative to urging the enactment of legislation to eliminate the 24 month Medicare waiting

period for participants in Social Security Disability Insurance; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8013

Whereas, created in 1965, the federal Medicare program provides health insurance coverage for more than 40 million Americans; although most of those enrolled are senior citizens, approximately 6 million enrollees under the age of 65 have qualified because of permanent and severe disabilities, such as spinal cord injuries, multiple sclerosis, cardiovascular disease, cancer, or other illness or disorder; and

Whereas, despite the physical and financial hardships wrought by these conditions and the fact that Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) is designed for individuals with a work history who paid into the social security system before the onset of their disability, federal law mandates a 24 month waiting period from the time a disabled individual first receives SSDI benefits to the time Medicare coverage begins; a prerequisite to Medicare, the SSDI program itself delays benefits for 5 months while the person's disability is determined, effectively creating a 29 month waiting period for Medicare; and

Whereas, this restriction affects a significant number of Americans in need; as of January 2002, there were approximately 1.2 million disabled persons who qualified for SSDI and were awaiting Medicare coverage, many of whom were unemployed because of their disability; consequently, under these conditions, by the time Medicare began, an estimated 77 percent of those individuals would be poor or nearly poor, 45 percent would have incomes below the federal poverty line, and close to 40 percent would be enrolled in state Medicaid programs; and

Whereas, furthermore, it has been estimated that as many as one-third of the individuals currently awaiting coverage may be uninsured and likely to incur significant medical expenses during the 2 year waiting period, often with devastating consequences; studies indicate that the uninsured are likely to delay or forgo needed care, leading to worsening health and even premature death, and the American Medical Association has determined that death rates among SSDI recipients are the highest in the first 24 months of enrollment; and

Whereas, eliminating the 24 month waiting period not only would prevent worsening illness and disability for SSDI beneficiaries, thereby reducing more costly future medical needs and potential longterm reliance on public health care programs, but could also save the Medicaid program as much as 4.3 billion dollars at 2002 program levels, including nearly 1.8 billion dollars in savings to states and 2.5 billion dollars in federal savings that would help offset a substantial portion of the accompanying increase in Medicare expenditures; and

Whereas, recognizing the consequences of the waiting period to those suffering from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or Lou Gehrig's disease, the 106th Congress passed H.R. 5661 in 2000 and eliminated the requirement for enrollees diagnosed with the disease; in passing H.R. 5661, the congress acknowledged the enormous difficulties faced by those diagnosed with severe disabilities and established precedent for the exception to be extended to all the disabled on the Medicare waiting list;

Now, therefore, your Memorialists respectfully urge the United States Congress to enact legislation to eliminate the 24 month Medicare waiting period for participants in Social Security Disability Insurance.

Be it resolved, that copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honor-

able Barack Obama, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

POM-22. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington relative to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8012

Whereas, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 1979, became an international treaty on September 3, 1981, and by August 2006, one hundred eighty-five nations including all of the industrialized world, except the United States, have agreed to pursue the Convention's goals; and

Whereas, the United States supports and has a position of leadership in the United Nations, was an active participant in the drafting of the Convention and signed the Convention in 1980, but to date has not ratified it; and

Whereas, the spirit of the Convention is to affirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of each person, and in the goal of equal rights, opportunities, and protections for women and girls; and

Whereas, the Convention provides a comprehensive framework for advancing the rights, opportunities, and protections for women and girls, half the world's population, which framework is implemented by individual countries in ways appropriate to their own countries; and

Whereas, much research has found that discrimination based on sex results in less education for girls and women, fewer job opportunities and lower pay for women, slower national economic productivity and growth, and retards the ability of developing countries to grow their economies and contribute to global economic recovery; and

Whereas, women in every country play fundamentally important economic roles in their economies and frequently constitute the major economic support for their families; and

Whereas, although women in many parts of the world have made major gains in struggles for equality in social, business, political, legal, education, and other fields, much more needs to be accomplished; and

Whereas, through its active support and moral leadership, the United States can help create a world where women and girls have equal legal protections, human rights, education and economic opportunities, personal safety, health care, and more;

Now, therefore, your Memorialists respectfully pray that President Obama and Secretary Clinton place the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women in the highest category of priority in order to accelerate the treaty's passage through the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the full United States Senate with the goal of ratification by the United States; and that the Washington State Legislature urge the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to pass this treaty favorably out of Committee and recommend it be approved by the full United States Senate; Be it

Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States, Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State, Hilda Solis, Secretary of Labor, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each