

awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2314. An act to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity.

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-5034. A communication from the Chief of Research and Analysis, Food and Nutrition Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Emergency Food Assistance Program: Amendments to Requirements Regarding the Submission of State Plans and Allowability of Certain Administrative Costs" (RIN0584-AD94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5035. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of (4) officers 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-5036. A communication from the Director, Pentagon Renovation and Construction Program Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Annual Report for the year ending March 1, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5037. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a biennial report entitled "Implementation of the Deep Sea Coral Research and Technology Program"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5038. 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; (Birmingham, Alabama)" (MB Docket No. 10-21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5039. 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 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Port Angeles, Washington)" (MB Docket No. 08-228) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5040. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Closure of the Recreational Fishery for Greater Amberjack in Federal Waters of the Gulf of Mexico" (RIN0648-XS50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5041. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Minimum Atlantic Surfclam Size Limit for Fishing Year 2010" (RIN0648-XS18) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5042. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment 15B to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region" (RIN0648-AW12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5043. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Correcting Amendment to Implement Recordkeeping and Reporting Revisions" (RIN0648-AY37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5044. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reopening of the Commercial Fishery for Gulf Group King Mackerel in the Florida East Coast Subzone for the 2009-2010 Fishing Year" (RIN0648-XU38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5045. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Coast Groundfish: Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (RIN0648-AY40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5046. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trade Regulation Rule Relating to Power Output Claims for Amplifiers Utilized in Home Entertainment Products" (RIN3084-AB09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5047. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, 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-XU65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5048. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fish-

eries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Closed Directed Fishing for Pacific Cod, Jig and Hook-and-Line Vessels, Bering Sea, Bogoslof Area" (RIN0648-XU64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5049. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Closed Directed Fishing for Pacific Cod, Offshore Component, Central Gulf of Alaska, A Season" (RIN0648-XU63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5050. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Closed Directed Fishing for Pacific Cod, Non-American Fisheries Act Crab Vessels, Offshore Component, Western Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XU62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5051. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Correction" (RIN0648-XU17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5052. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Assistance Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 206)(Docket No. FEMA-2006-0028)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2008-0020)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5054. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Australia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5055. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment: Test Procedure for Metal Halide Lamp Ballasts (Active and Standby Modes) and Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Certification, Compliance, and Enforcement Requirements for Consumer Products and Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment; Final Rule and Notice" (RIN1904-AB87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2010; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5056. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons: Maintaining the Privacy of Applicants for and Recipients of Services" (RIN1904-AC16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2010; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5057. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Topeka, Kansas, Flood Risk Management Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5058. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the transfer of Phalanx Close-In Weapon System Block 1B Baseline 1 systems, including spare and repair parts, installation, and maintenance to the United Arab Emirates in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5059. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Japan relative to the design, manufacture, and repair of the Long Range Chinook Helicopter Variants (CH-47JA+) and the modification of CH-47JA helicopters in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5060. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to overseas surplus property; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5061. A communication from the Deputy Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Classification of Benzoyl Peroxide as Safe and Effective and Revision of Labeling to Drug Facts Format; Topical Acne Drug Products for Over-The-Counter Human Use; Final Rule" ((RIN0910-AG00)(Docket Nos. FDA-1981-N-0114 and FDA-1992-N-0049)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5062. A communication from the Acting Director, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5063. A communication from the Acting Director, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "USERRA Benefits Under Title IV of ERISA" (RIN1212-AB19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5064. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a

vacancy in the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5065. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Fiscal Year 2009 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5066. A communication from the Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Privacy Office Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2009 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5067. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5068. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Acquisition Regulation: Supporting Veteran-Owned and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses" (RIN2900-AM92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5069. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone of Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XU73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-90. A message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations petitioning support for Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL,
FEBRUARY 26, 2010.

Mr. JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.,
President, Senate, United States of America,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., We stand at a watershed moment for the achievement of international security through a world free of nuclear weapons. For several years now, momentum has been building towards this goal, due in no small part to the diligent efforts of civil society and parliamentarians.

I have tried to do my part to revitalize the peace and disarmament agenda. In October 2008, I presented a five-point proposal for nuclear disarmament. Greatly encouraged by the support that has been expressed for my initiative, I welcomed, in particular, the call by the Inter-Parliamentary Union in April 2009 for parliaments to instruct their Governments to support this proposal. I salute the Parliamentary Network for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament for its related efforts and for its work towards building support for a nuclear weapon convention.

Since 2008, we have seen progress. The Russian Federation and the United States have

negotiated on further reductions of their strategic nuclear arsenals. The Security Council held a historic summit on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. Treaties establishing nuclear-weapon-free zones have entered into force in Africa and Central Asia. Calls for global nuclear disarmament have emanated from many quarters and detailed plans have been proposed containing practical ideas to achieve the goal of global zero.

In order to sustain this momentum ahead of the 2010 Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, I have proposed an Action Plan on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation. My plan is founded on a fundamental principle: nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation are mutually reinforcing and inseparable. In my action plan, I promised to explore ways to encourage greater involvement by civil society and parliamentarians.

Parliamentarians and parliaments play a key role in the success of disarmament and non-proliferation efforts. Parliaments support the implementation of treaties and global agreements contributing to the rule of law and promoting adherence to commitments. They adopt legislation that increases transparency and accountability, thus building trust, facilitating verification and creating conditions that are conducive to the further pursuit of disarmament.

At a time when the international community is facing unprecedented global challenges, parliamentarians can take on leading roles in ensuring sustainable global security, while reducing the diversion of precious resources from human needs. As parliaments set the fiscal priorities for their respective countries, they can determine how much to invest in the pursuit of peace and cooperative security. Towards this end, parliaments can establish the institutional infrastructures to support the development of necessary practical measures.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to encourage all parliamentarians to join in efforts to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world. In particular, I call upon parliamentarians to increase their support for peace and disarmament, to bring disarmament and non-proliferation treaties into force, and to start work now on the legislative agendas needed to achieve and sustain the objective of nuclear disarmament.

I look forward to opportunities to work with you to advance global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

Yours sincerely,
BAN KI-MOON.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

H.R. 885. A bill to elevate the Inspector General of certain Federal entities to an Inspector General appointed pursuant to section 3 of the Inspector General Act of 1978.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Jessie Hill Roberson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2013.

*Joseph F. Bader, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear