

We must carry this promise forward. My Administration has a Civil Rights Division that is once again prosecuting civil rights violations and employment discrimination. We finally strengthened our laws to protect against crimes driven by hate. This year, I will work with Congress and our military to finally repeal the law that denies gay Americans the right to serve the country they love because of who they are. We are going to crack down on violations of equal pay laws—so that women get equal pay for an equal day's work. And we should continue the work of fixing our broken immigration system—to secure our borders and enforce our laws so that everyone plays by the rules.

In the end, it is our ideals, our values that built America—values that allowed us to forge a Nation made up of immigrants from every corner of the globe; values that drive our citizens still. Every day, they meet their responsibilities to their families and their employers. Time and again, they lend a hand to their neighbors and give back to their country. They take pride in their labor, and are generous in spirit. These aren't Republican values or Democratic values they're living by; business values or labor values. They are American values.

Unfortunately, too many of our citizens have lost faith that our biggest institutions—our corporations, our media, and yes, our Government—still reflect these same values. Each of these institutions are full of honorable men and women doing important work for the country. But each time a CEO rewards himself for failure, or a banker puts the rest of us at risk for his own selfish gain, people's doubts grow. Each time lobbyists game the system or politicians tear each other down instead of lifting this country up, we lose faith. The more that TV pundits reduce serious debates into silly arguments, and big issues into sound bites, our citizens turn away.

No wonder there's so much cynicism out there. No wonder there's so much disappointment.

I campaigned on the promise of change—change we can believe in, the slogan went. And right now, I know there are many Americans who aren't sure if they still believe we can change.

But remember this—I never suggested that change would be easy. Democracy in a Nation of three hundred million people can be noisy and messy and complicated. And when you try to do big things and make big changes, it stirs passions and controversy. That's just how it is.

Of course, those of us in public office can respond to this reality by playing it safe and keeping our poll numbers high. We can avoid telling hard truths. We can kick hard problems down the road. We can do what's necessary to get through the next election instead of what's best for the next generation.

But I also know this: if people had made that decision 50 years ago or 100

years ago or 200 years ago, we wouldn't be here tonight. The only reason we are is because generations of Americans were unafraid to do what was hard; to do what was needed even when success was uncertain; to do what it took to keep the dream of this Nation alive for their children and grandchildren.

Our Administration has had some political setbacks this year, and some of them were deserved. But I wake up every day knowing that they are nothing compared to the setbacks that families all across this country have faced this year. And what keeps me going—what keeps me fighting—is that despite all these setbacks, that spirit of determination and optimism—that fundamental decency that has always been at the core of the American people—lives on.

It lives on in the struggling small business owner who wrote to me of his company, "None of us," he said, "... are willing to consider, even slightly, that we might fail."

It lives on in the woman who said that even though she and her neighbors have felt the pain of recession, "We are strong. We are resilient. We are American."

It lives on in the 8-year-old boy in Louisiana, who just sent me his allowance and asked if I would give it to the people of Haiti. And it lives on in all the Americans who've dropped everything to go some place they've never been and pull people they've never known from rubble, prompting chants of "U.S.A.! U.S.A.! U.S.A.!" when another life was saved.

The spirit that has sustained this Nation for more than two centuries lives on in you, its people. We have finished a difficult year. We have come through a difficult decade. But a new year has come. A new decade stretches before us. We don't quit. I don't quit. Let's seize this moment—to start anew, to carry the dream forward, and to strengthen our Union once more.

Thank you. God Bless You. And God Bless the United States of America.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, January 27, 2010.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2009, the Secretary of the Senate, on January 26, 2009, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2949. An act to amend section 1113 of the Social Security Act to provide authority for increased fiscal year 2010 payments for temporary assistance to United States citizens returned from foreign countries, to provide necessary funding to avoid shortfalls in the Medicare cost-sharing program for low-income qualifying individuals, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2009, the en-

rolled bill was signed on today, January 27, 2009, during the adjournment of the Senate by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, January 27, 2010, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2949. An act to amend section 1113 of the Social Security Act to provide authority for increased fiscal year 2010 payments for temporary assistance to United States citizens returned from foreign countries, to provide necessary funding to avoid shortfalls in the Medicare cost-sharing program for low-income qualifying individuals, 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-4502. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred within the Army in fiscal year 2004, and has been assigned Army case number 08-06; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-4503. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, 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. 9094-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4504. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions (Multiple Chemicals)" (FRL No. 8801-9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4505. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dibenzylidene Sorbitol; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8802-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4506. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Choline Chloride; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8802-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4507. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading

Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Adjusted Net Capital Requirements for Futures Commission Merchants and Introducing Brokers" (RIN3038-AC66) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 20, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4508. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commodity Pool Operator Periodic Account Statements and Annual Financial Reports" (RIN3038-AC38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 20, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4509. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Filing of Financial Reports and Notices" (RIN3038-AB87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 20, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4510. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payment Eligibility and Payment Limitation; Miscellaneous Technical Corrections" ((7 CFR 1400)(RIN0560-AH85)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4511. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison: State and Zone Designations; Michigan" (Docket No. APHIS-2009-0046) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4512. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Karnal Bunt; Regulated Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2009-0036) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4513. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change in Disease Status of the Republic of Korea with Regard to Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Rinderpest" (Docket No. APHIS-2008-0147) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4514. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program" (RIN0560-AH90) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4515. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department

of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Haas Avocados from Peru" (Docket No. APHIS-2008-0126) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4516. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 21, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4517. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, (52) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Defense, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4518. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Trade Agreements—Costa Rica and Peru" (DFARS Case 2008-D046) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 20, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4519. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Acquisition Policy and Legislation Branch, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Department of Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation; Restrictions on Foreign Acquisition (HSAR Case 2009-004)" (RIN1601-AA57) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4520. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Acquisition Policy and Legislation Branch, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition on Federal Protective Service Guard Services Contracts with Business Concerns Owned, Controlled, or Operated by an Individual Convicted of a Felony (HSAR Case 2009-001)" (RIN1601-AA55) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4521. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the awarding of a sole-source bridge contract to provide property management support for Federal Housing Administration Single Family Homes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4522. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting of Fraudulent Financial Instruments" (RIN2590-AA11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 25, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4523. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fair Credit Reporting Risk-Based Pricing Regulations" (Docket No. R-1316) received in the Office of

the President of the Senate on January 22, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4524. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Adjustment of Ceiling on Allowable Charge for Certain Disclosures Under Section 612(f) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4525. 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: Energy Conservation Standards for Certain Consumer Products (Dishwashers, Dehumidifiers, Microwave Ovens, and Electric and Gas Kitchen Ranges and Ovens) and for Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment (Commercial Clothes Washers)" (RIN1904-AB93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 25, 2010; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4526. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program; Policies and Procedures for Initial Screening" (FRL No. 8399-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 25, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4527. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting proposed legislation relative to extending funding authority for two work incentive provisions; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4528. A communication from the Chief of Protocol, Department of State, transmitting, a report relative to listings of foreign gifts of more than minimal value reported to employing agencies in calendar year 2009; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4529. A communication from the Acting Director, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4530. 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; Limitations on Guaranteed Benefits; Maximum Guaranteed Benefit" (29 CFR Part 4022) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4531. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Performance Report of the Food and Drug Administration's Office of Combination Products for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4532. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's compliance with the Sunshine Act

during calendar year 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4533. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Compliance, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Counsel's Report on Americans with Disabilities Act inspections conducted during the 110th Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4534. A communication from the Program Manager, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commerce in Explosives—Storage of Shock Tube with Detonators (2005R-3P)" ((RIN1140-AA30)(Docket No. ATF 15F)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 21, 2010; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4535. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Jurisdictional Thresholds for Section 8 of the Clayton Act" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4536. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Direct Investment Surveys: BE-10, 2009 Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad" (RIN0691-AA71) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4537. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Precision Measurement Grants Program; Availability of Funds" (RIN0693-ZA93) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4538. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Broadband Technology Opportunities Program" (RIN0660-ZA28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 25, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4539. 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 "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; North and South Atlantic Swordfish Quotas" (RIN0648-AX07) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4540. 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 "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Swordfish Quotas" (RIN0648-AV10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4541. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Cincinnati, OH" (MB Docket No. 09-178) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4542. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; High Point, North Carolina" (MB Docket No. 09-196) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4543. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Columbus, Ohio" (MB Docket No. 09-124) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4544. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Anchorage, Alaska" (MB Docket No. 09-210) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4545. 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 (Maupin, Oregon)" (MB Docket No. 09-130) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4546. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalty Factors" (16 CFR Part 1119) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4547. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Children's Products Containing Lead; Determinations Regarding Lead Content Limits on Certain Materials or Products; Final Rule" (16 CFR Part 1500) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4548. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Children's Products Containing Lead; Interpretive Rules on Inaccessible Component Parts" (16 CFR Part 1500) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4549. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ban of Lead-Containing Paint and Certain Consumer Products Bearing Lead-Containing Paint" (16 CFR Part 1303) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

January 4, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4550. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labeling Amendment of Blasting Caps" (16 CFR Part 1500) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4551. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule: Standard for All Terrain Vehicles" (16 CFR Part 1420) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4552. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Children's Products Containing Lead; Final Rule; Procedures and Requirements for a Commission Determination or Exclusion" (16 CFR Part 1500) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4553. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Children's Products Containing Lead; Exemptions for Certain Electronic Devices; Interim Final Rule" (16 CFR Part 1500) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4554. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labeling Requirement for Toy and Game Advertisements; Final Rule" (16 CFR Part 1500) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4555. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption From Classification as Banned Hazardous Substance; Exemption for Boston Billow Nursing Pillow and Substantially Similar Nursing Pillows" (16 CFR Part 1500) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4556. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Disclosure Under Section 6(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Act" (16 CFR Part 1101) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4557. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certificates of Compliance" (16 CFR Part 1110) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4558. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendment to the Flammability Standards for Carpets and Rugs" (RIN3041-AC38) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4559. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Portable Generators; Final Rule; Labeling Requirements" (RIN3041-AC37) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2958. A bill to provide funding and incentives for caregiver support and long-term care assistance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRANKEN:

S. 2959. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to protect Federal, State, and local elections from the influence of foreign nationals; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 827

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 827, a bill to establish a program to reunite bondholders with matured unredeemed United States savings bonds.

S. 833

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas

(Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 833, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide Medicaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 1320

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1320, a bill to provide assistance to owners of manufactured homes constructed before January 1, 1976, to purchase Energy Star-qualified manufactured homes.

S. 1400

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. LEMIEUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1400, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes.

S. 1524

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1524, a bill to strengthen the capacity, transparency, and accountability of United States foreign assistance programs to effectively adapt and respond to new challenges of the 21st century, and for other purposes.

S. 1532

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1532, a bill to establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers, and for other purposes.

S. 1627

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1627, a bill to improve choices for consumers for vehicles and fuel, and for other purposes.

S. 1674

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1674, a bill to provide for an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 2924

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2924, a bill to reauthorize the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, in the wake of its Centennial, and its programs and activities.

S. RES. 396

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 396, a resolution to enable each newly constituted Senate to carry out its responsibility to determine the Rules of its Proceedings at the beginning of each Congress.

AMENDMENT NO. 3305

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3305 proposed to H.J. Res. 45, a joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

At the conclusion of the joint session of the two Houses, and in accordance with the order previously entered, at 10:27 p.m., the Senate adjourned until Thursday, January 28, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.