

hand. At the first opportunity to use a computer, Jeanne automated most of her tasks and encouraged administrators, teachers, and secretaries to take advantage of this new technology.

Over the next several years, Jeanne earned a reputation among co-workers for being an expert on technology solutions. The district quickly recognized Jeanne's expertise and asked her to develop computer classes for fellow staff members. Her knowledge of student management automation resulted in her appointment to the selection committee for the district's first student information system.

Jeanne's experience and reputation led to her selection for a district-wide position in the newly formed Department of Information Technology. In her new role, Jeanne became the sole trainer for over 1,500 employees. She developed technology training for new employees and introduced downloadable video clips to the training process. The groundwork provided by Jeanne Laurence in technical education and training has made a significant contribution to the professional development of the staff and to the educational success of the students in the Rapid City Area Schools. Her tireless efforts have brought great credit to her school district and to herself. Congratulations on a well deserved retirement.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13159 OF JUNE 21, 2000, WITH RESPECT TO THE RISK OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION CREATED BY THE ACCUMULATION OF WEAPONS-USABLE FISSIONABLE MATERIAL IN THE TERRITORY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION—PM 63

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides

for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the emergency declared in Executive Order 13159 of June 21, 2000, with respect to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of a large volume of weapons-usable fissionable material in the territory of the Russian Federation is to continue beyond June 21, 2010.

It remains a major national security goal of the United States to ensure that fissionable material removed from Russian nuclear weapons pursuant to various arms control and disarmament agreements is dedicated to peaceful uses, subject to transparency measures, and protected from diversion to activities of proliferation concern. The accumulation of a large volume of weapons-usable fissionable material in the territory of the Russian Federation continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of a large volume of weapons-usable fissionable material in the territory of the Russian Federation and maintain in force these emergency authorities to respond to this threat.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 17, 2010.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:09 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 2142. An act to require quarterly performance assessments of Government programs for purposes of assessing agency performance and improvement, and to establish agency performance improvement officers and the Performance Improvement Council.

H.R. 4451. An act to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects.

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. 242. Concurrent resolution honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 101st anniversary.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) announced that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 3951. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 2000 Louisiana Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Roy Rondenro, Sr. Post Office Building".

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2142. An act to require quarterly performance assessments of Government programs for purposes of assessing agency performance and improvement, and to establish agency performance improvement officers and the Performance Improvement Council; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4451. An act to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### 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-6256. A communication from the Deputy Associate Commissioner, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Social Security Implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidance for Drug-Free Workplace Requirements" (RIN0960-AH14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6257. A communication from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the actuarial status of the railroad retirement system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6258. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule Relating to Time and Order of Issuance of Domestic Relations Orders" (RIN1210-AB15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6259. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adoption of Amendment to the Class Exemption for the Release of Claims and Extensions of Credit in Connection with Litigation (PTE2003-39)" (RIN1210-ZA03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6260. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation: Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-42; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6261. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments" (FAC 2005-42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6262. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; GSAR Case 2008-G503, Rewrite of GSAR Part 505, Publicizing Contract Actions" (RIN3090-AI71) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6263. A communication from the Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Board's Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2009, through March 31, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6264. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the activities and operations of the Public Integrity Section, Criminal Division, and the nationwide federal law enforcement effort against public corruption for 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

\*John S. Pistole, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

\*Earl F. Weener, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2015.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

\*National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nominations beginning with David A. Score and ending with Demian A. Bailey, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 8, 2010.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

John J. McConnell, Jr., of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island.

Pamela Cothran Marsh, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida for the term of four years.

Peter J. Smith, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Kevin Anthony Carr, of Wisconsin, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Wisconsin for the term of four years.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to

respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

#### 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. HATCH:

S. 3501. A bill to protect American job creation by striking the job-killing Federal employer mandate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 3502. A bill to restore Americans' individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 3503. A bill to authorize grants for an international documentary exchange program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 3504. A bill to establish a public education and awareness program relating to emergency contraception; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 3505. A bill to prohibit the purchases by the Federal Government of Chinese goods and services until China agrees to the Agreement on Government Procurement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 3506. A bill to improve certain programs of the Small Business Administration to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 3507. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to require congressional approval of agreements for peaceful nuclear cooperation with foreign countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 3508. A bill to strengthen the capacity of the United States to lead the international community in reversing renewable natural resource degradation trends around the world that threaten to undermine global prosperity and security and eliminate the diversity of life on Earth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 3509. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to promote the research and development of technologies and best practices for the safe development and extraction of natural gas and other petroleum resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. LEMIEUX):

S. 3510. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the

15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S.J. Res. 33. A joint resolution to provide for the reconsideration and revision of the proposed constitution of the United States Virgin Islands to correct provisions inconsistent with the Constitution and Federal law; considered and passed.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BURRIS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. CASEY, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. Res. 560. A resolution recognizing the immeasurable contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children, supporting responsible fatherhood, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their families, especially on Father's Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 46

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 46, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 729

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 729, a bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.

S. 738

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 738, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1055

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) were added as cosponsors of S. 1055, a bill to grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team,