

Locally, he is involved with the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board and numerous community development initiatives, such as Grace Project Incorporated, Project UpLift, Mount Canaan Day Care Center, and Shreveport-Bossier Community Renewal. Additionally, he has served as president of the Board of Directors for both Canaan Village Apartments and Canaan Towers, dedicating himself to serving low-income, elderly, and handicapped housing needs.

In addition to these myriad roles in the local, State, and national communities, Reverend Blake has graciously played the role of educator, having lectured at Morehouse School of Divinity, Arkansas Baptist College, Leland College, Wiley College, Bishop College, L.K. Williams Ministers Institute, American Baptist College, Birmingham Bible College, United Theological Seminary, and Union Theological Seminary. Many have been inspired by his counsel and leadership for many years.

Reverend Blake's innovations within his own church should also be commended. By including various ministries as well as tutoring programs at Mount Canaan Baptist Church, Reverend Blake has developed a model prayer service which has been emulated throughout the country.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, Reverend Blake has played the role of dedicated husband, father, and grandfather, raising his four children, Elizabeth, Harry II, Rodney, and Monica, with his wife Norma Jean and taking an active role in the lives of his 15 grandchildren.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Reverend Harry Blake on his distinguished 15 years of service to the Louisiana Missionary Baptist State Convention and in wishing him the best for years to come.●

REMEMBERING NICK BACON

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I honor a true Arkansas and American hero, 1SG Nick Bacon, who passed away this weekend. First Sergeant Bacon, 64, was a Medal of Honor recipient and former director of the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs. He served in the U.S. Army from 1963 to 1984 and was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during a 1968 battle in Vietnam, along with countless awards and decorations including two Distinguished Service Crosses, the Legion of Merit, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

With his passing, Arkansas has lost one of its finest citizens, and his death is a tremendous loss to our State. First Sergeant Bacon served our State and Nation honorably, fighting valiantly in Vietnam. He took command of two platoons after the leaders of each were wounded during a battle near Tam Ky, Vietnam, on Aug. 26, 1968. Using grenades, he destroyed an enemy bunker before singlehandedly killing an enemy

gun crew and disabling an antitank weapon. He then helped rescue several wounded and trapped soldiers.

After 20 years of military service, he returned to Arkansas to serve his fellow veterans as the director of Veterans Affairs for the State from 1993 through 2005. It was an honor to be able to work with him serving the State of Arkansas. As director of the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs, he helped establish the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery and the Arkansas Veterans Coalition. He was also active in establishing a Veterans Cemetery Beautification Program. In addition, First Sergeant Bacon served as Commander, American Legion Post 1, Little Rock, after retiring as the director of the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs.

First Sergeant Bacon was a true "Arkansas son," born Nov. 25, 1945, in Caraway in northeast Arkansas. He moved with his family as a child to Arizona, where he joined the Army, but he returned to Arkansas in 1990 and most recently lived in Rose Bud. First Sergeant Bacon's legacy will live on through projects such as the Nick Bacon VFW Special Veterans Scholarship for selected children and grandchildren of veterans who have a 60-percent or more service-connected disability.

Along with all Arkansans, I am grateful for First Sergeant Bacon's service and for the service and sacrifice of all of our military servicemembers and their families. These men and women have shown tremendous courage and perseverance through the most difficult of times. As neighbors, as Arkansans, and as Americans, it is incumbent upon us to do everything we can to honor their service and to provide for them and their families, not only when they are in harm's way but also when they return home. It is the least we can do for those whom we owe so much.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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 appropriate committees.

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

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE FORMER LIBERIAN REGIME OF CHARLES TAYLOR AND ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY BLOCKING PROPERTY OF CERTAIN PERSONS AND PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN GOODS FROM LIBERIA THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13348 ON JULY 22, 2004—PM 64

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 the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication stating that the national emergency and related measures dealing with the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor are to continue in effect beyond July 22, 2010.

The actions and policies of former Liberian President Charles Taylor and other persons, in particular their unlawful depletion of Liberian resources and their removal from Liberia and secreting of Liberian funds and property, continue to undermine Liberia's transition to democracy and the orderly development of its political, administrative, and economic institutions and resources. These actions and policies continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 19, 2010.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5114. An act to extend the authorization for the national flood insurance program, to identify priorities essential to reform and ongoing stable functioning of the program, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5114. An act to extend the authorization for the national flood insurance program, to identify priorities essential to reform and ongoing stable functioning of the program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 5712. An act to provide for certain clarifications and extensions under Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

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-6687. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class C Airspace; Flint, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0599)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6688. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Yuma, AZ" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2009-1141)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6689. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Kemmerer, WY" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2009-1190)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6690. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Bryce Canyon, UT" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2009-1011)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6691. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Lucin, UT" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2009-1134)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6692. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Hamilton, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2009-0190)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6693. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Osceola, AR" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2009-1183)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6694. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Cherokee, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0085)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6695. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Kelso, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2009-1135)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6696. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Model DHC-8-400 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2009-1223)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6697. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Model CL-600-1A11 (CL-600), CL-600-2A12 (CL-601), CL-600-2B16 (CL-601-3A, CL-601-3R, and CL-604 Variants (Including CL-605 Marketing Variant)) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0039)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6698. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Model 737-200, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2009-1224)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6699. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Model 737-200, -300, -400, -500, -600, -700, -800, and -900 Series Airplanes; Model 747-400 Series Airplanes; Model 757-200 and 757-300 Series Airplanes; Model 767-200, 767-300, and 767-400ER Series Airplanes; and Model 777-200 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2009-1223)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6700. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-100B SUD, 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-200F,

747-300, 747-400, 747-400F, 747SR and 747SP Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0275)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6701. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Corporation Model DC-9-10 Series Airplanes, DC-9-30 Series Airplanes, DC-9-81 (MD-81) Airplanes, DC-9-82 (MD-82) Airplanes, DC-9-83 (MD-83) Airplanes, DC-9-87 (MD-87) Airplanes, MD-88 Airplanes, and MD-90-30 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0637)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6702. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-100B SUD, 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-200F, 747-300, 747-400, 747-400D, 747-400F, 747SR, and 747SP Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2009-0906)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6703. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Air Tractor, Inc. Models AT-802 and AT-802A Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2009-0707)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6704. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CFM International, S.A. CFM56-5, -5B, and -7B Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0026)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6705. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Model CL-600-2B16 (CL-604 Variant) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2009-1227)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6706. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-243, -341, -342, and -343 Airplanes; and Model A340-541 and -642 Airplanes; Equipped with Rolls-Royce Trent 500 and Trent 700 Series Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0177)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6707. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Model 747-100, -200B, and -200F Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0132)) received in the