

of indiscriminately pouring money into a system that doesn't always work, we are challenging schools and States to compete in a "Race to the Top" to see who can come up with reforms that raise standards, recruit and retain good teachers, and raise student achievement, especially in math and science. We are expanding the "Race to the Top" to school districts, and since in today's economy learning must last a lifetime, we are extending this competitive framework to early childhood education, universities and colleges, and job training.

Once our students graduate with the skills they need for the jobs of the future, we also need to make sure those jobs end up in America. In today's high-tech, global economy, that means the United States must be the best place to do business and the best place to innovate. That will take reforming our tax code, and I am calling for immediate action to rid the corporate tax code of special interest loopholes and to lower the corporate rate to restore competitiveness and encourage job creation—while not adding a dime to the deficit.

And since many companies do not invest in basic research that does not have an immediate pay off, we—as a Nation—must devote our resources to these fundamental areas of scientific inquiry. In this Budget, we are increasing our investment in research and development that contributes to fields as varied as biomedicine, cyber-security, nano-technology, and advanced manufacturing. We are eliminating subsidies to fossil fuels and instead making a significant investment in clean energy technology—boosting our investment in this high-growth field by a third—because the country that leads in clean energy will lead in the global economy. Through a range of programs and tax incentives, this Budget supports my goals of the United States becoming the first country to have one million electric vehicles on the road by 2015 and for us to reach a point by 2035 where 80 percent of our electricity will come from clean energy sources. We also are working toward a 20 percent decrease in energy usage in commercial and institutional buildings by 2020, complementing our ongoing efforts to improving the efficiency of the residential sector. If this is truly our Sputnik moment, we need a commitment to innovation that we have not seen since President Kennedy challenged us to go to the moon.

To flourish in the global economy, we need a world-class infrastructure—the roads, rails, runways, and information superhighways that are fundamental to commerce. Over the last 2 years, our investments in infrastructure projects already have led to hundreds of thousands of good private sector jobs and begun upgrading our infrastructure across the country. But we still have a long way to go.

In this Budget, I am proposing a historic investment in repairing, rebuild-

ing, and modernizing our transportation infrastructure. The Budget features an immediate, up-front investment of \$50 billion to both generate jobs now and lay a foundation for future economic growth. Looking toward the future, the Budget provides funds to develop and dramatically expand access to high-speed rail as well as the creation of a National Infrastructure Bank to support projects critical to our national competitiveness. While this transportation bill is a major investment of funds, it is also a major reform of how transportation funds have been invested in the past. We are committing to paying for our surface transportation plan and making it subject to the Congress' pay-as-you-go law; to consolidating duplicative, earmarked programs; and to making tens of billions of dollars of funds subject to a competitive "Race to the Top" process.

And looking to what we will need to thrive in the 21st century, I am proposing an ambitious effort to speed the development of a cutting-edge, high-speed wireless data network that will reach across our country to 98 percent of Americans and provide for the needs of both our citizens and our first responders. We are the Nation that built the transcontinental railroad and the first airplanes to take flight. We constructed a massive interstate highway system and introduced the Internet to the world. America has always been built to compete, and if we want to attract the best jobs and businesses to our shores, we have to be that Nation again.

Finally, to make it easier for our businesses and workers to sell their products all over the globe, we are working toward our goal of doubling U.S. exports by 2014. This will take specific efforts to open up markets and promote American goods and services. It also will take maintaining American leadership abroad and ensuring our security at home. This Budget invests in all elements of our national power—including our military—to achieve our goals of winding down the war in Iraq; defeating al Qaeda in Afghanistan and around the world; reducing the threat of nuclear weapons; and preparing our Nation for emerging threats. We also invest resources to provide for our men and women in uniform and to honor the service of our veterans. And we do this all with an eye to cutting waste, finding efficiencies, and focusing resources on what is essential to our security.

Throughout our history, the investments this Budget makes—in education, innovation, and infrastructure—have commanded support from both Democrats and Republicans. It was Abraham Lincoln who launched the transcontinental railroad and opened the National Academy of Sciences; Dwight Eisenhower who helped build our highways; and Republican Members of Congress who worked with Franklin Roosevelt to pass the GI Bill. In our own time, leaders from

both sides of the aisle have come together to invest in our infrastructure, create incentives for research and development, and support education reform such as those my Administration has been pursuing. Moreover, when faced with tough, fiscal challenges, our country's leaders have come together to find a way forward to save Social Security in the 1980s and balance the budget in the 1990s.

There are no inherent ideological differences that should prevent Democrats and Republicans from making our economy more competitive with the rest of the world. We are all Americans, and we are all in this race together. So those of us who work in Washington have a choice to make in this coming year: we can focus on what is necessary for each party to win the news cycle or the next election, or we can focus on what is necessary for America to win the future.

I believe we must do what this moment demands, and do what we must to spur job creation and make the United States competitive in the world economy. For as difficult as the times may be, the good news is that we know what the future could look like for the United States. We can see it in the classrooms that are experimenting with groundbreaking reforms and giving children new math and science skills at an early age. We can see it in the wind farms and advanced battery factories that are opening across America. We can see it in the laboratories and research facilities all over this country that are churning out discoveries and turning them into new startups and new jobs.

And when you meet these children and their teachers, these scientists and technicians, and these entrepreneurs and their employees, you come away knowing that despite all we have been through these past 2 years, we will succeed. The idea of America is alive and well. As long as there are people willing to dream, willing to work hard, and willing to look past the disagreements of the moment to focus on the future we share, I have no doubt that this will be remembered as another American century.

BARACK OBAMA.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, *February 14, 2011.*

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 359. An act to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on February 11, 2011, during the adjournment of the Senate, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 188. An act to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 98

West First Street, Yuman, Arizona, as the "John M. Roll United States Courthouse."

### 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-492. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emerald Ash Borer; Addition of Quarantined Areas in Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Wisconsin" (Docket No. APHIS-2009-0098) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-493. 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 "Asparagus Revenue Market Loss Assistance Payment Program" (RIN0560-A102) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-494. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the department's intent to disestablish United States Joint Forces Command; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-495. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Secretary's personnel management demonstration project authorities for Department of Defense Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratories; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-496. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General George W. Casey, Jr., United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-497. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General William E. Ward, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-498. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a proposed change to the Fiscal Year 2009 National Guard and Reserve Equipment Appropriation (NGREA) procurement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-499. 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; Reporting of Government Property Lost, Stolen, or Destroyed" ((RIN0750-AG64)(DFARS Case 2008-D049)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-500. 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; Marking of Government-Furnished Property" ((RIN0750-AG44)

(DFARS Case 2008-D050)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-501. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-502. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe declared in Executive Order 13288; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-503. 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-2011-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-504. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (44 CFR Part 65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 8, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-505. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to authorizing an unconditional guarantee on a supply chain finance facility; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-506. A communication from the Assistant Director for Policy, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Iranian Human Rights Abuses Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 562) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-507. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Simplified Network Application Processing System, On-line Registration and Account Maintenance" (RIN0694-AE98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 8, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-508. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA Implementation of Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Award Fee Language Revision" (RIN2700-AD69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 10, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-509. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Forms, Statements, and Reporting Requirements for Natural Gas Pipelines" ((RIN1902-AE11)(Docket No. RM07-9-003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-510. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regu-

latory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: NUHOMS HD System Revision 1" (RIN3150-AI89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 7, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 340. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-1).

### 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. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 327. A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs telehealth clinic in Craig, Colorado, as the "Major William Edward Adams Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 328. A bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to clarify that countervailing duties may be imposed to address subsidies relating to fundamentally undervalued currency of any foreign country; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 329. A bill to prohibit sex offenders from using property management or maintenance functions to access the residence of an individual; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 330. A bill to prohibit the sale of any product to a consumer that is subject to a recall, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 331. A bill to ensure that military voters have the right to bring a civil action under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to safeguard their right to vote; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 332. A bill to promote the enforcement of immigration laws and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 333. A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 334. A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 335. A bill for the relief of Salah Naji Sujaa; to the Committee on the Judiciary.