

maintain our common resolve, our journey moves forward, our future is hopeful, and the state of our Union will always be strong.

Thank you, God bless you, and may God bless the United States of America.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, January 24, 2012.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:54 a.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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1141. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System.

H.R. 3117. An act to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 5:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3237. An act to amend the SOAR Act by clarifying the scope of coverage of the Act.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1141. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3117. An act to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

The following bill was read, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1791. An act to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works by unanimous consent.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1791. An act to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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-4492. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspending Random Row Diversion Regulations Under the Marketing Order for Tart Cherries" (Docket No. AMS-FV-11-0047; FV11-930-1 FR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4493. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of (14) 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-4494. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Navy Fisher House Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2011"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4495. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Benjamin C. Freakley, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4496. 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 Hong Kong, China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4497. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corporate Credit Unions" (RIN3133-AD95) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 20, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4498. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Rule; Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65) (Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 20, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4499. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule; Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65) (Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 20, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4500. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule; Suspension of Community Eligibility for Repealing Its Floodplain Management Regulations" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2011-0020)) received during adjournment of the Senate

in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 20, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4501. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12947 with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4502. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Export and Reexport License Requirements for Certain Microwave and Millimeter Wave Electronic Components" (RIN0694-AF38) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4503. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Savings (Regulation DD)" (RIN3170-AA06) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4504. 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) (Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 11, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4505. 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) (Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4506. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending (Regulation Z)" (RIN3170-AA06) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4507. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Home Mortgage Disclosure (Regulation C)" (RIN3170-AA06) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4508. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Equal Credit Opportunity (Regulation B)" (RIN3170-AA06) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4509. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on

the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13396 on February 7, 2006, with respect to Cote d'Ivoire; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4510. 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 "Reporting, Procedures and Penalties Regulations; Transnational Criminal Organizations Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Parts 501 and 590) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4511. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury transmitting, pursuant to law, (7) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4512. A communication from the Deputy to the Chairman, Legal Office, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Joint Final Rule: Community Reinvestment Act Regulations, Technical Amendments" (RIN3064-AD90) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4513. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's 2012 Report on Foreign Policy-Based Export Controls; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4514. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report for fiscal year 2011 of the Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4515. A communication from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Export and Reexport License Requirements for Certain Microwave and Millimeter Wave Electronic Components"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4516. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Consolidated Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2012 and the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2012; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-4517. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Automatic Commercial Ice Makers" (RIN1904-AC38) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 11, 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4518. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Renewable Energy Alternate Uses of Existing Facilities on the Outer Continental Shelf—Acquire a Lease Non-competitively; Correction" (RIN1010-AD71) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4519. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, National Park Service,

Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System, Cape Hatteras National Seashore-Off-Road Vehicle Management" (RIN1024-AD85) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 18, 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4520. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report related to the Colorado River System Reservoirs for 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4521. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Attendance at NRC Staff-Sponsored Meetings" (NRC Management Directive 3.5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4522. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance for Fuel Cycle Facility Change Process" (Regulatory Guide 3.74) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4523. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance on Making Changes to Emergency Plans for Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.219) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4524. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "EPAAR Clause for Compliance with EPA Policies for Information Resources Management" (FRL No. 9616-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4525. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Underground Storage Tank Program: Approved State Program for the State of Oregon" (FRL No. 9615-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4526. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans: Alaska" (FRL No. 9616-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4527. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9480-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of

the Senate on January 4, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4528. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; San Joaquin Valley; Reasonably Available Control Technology for Ozone" (FRL No. 9616-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4529. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Interstate Transport of Pollution Revisions for the 1997 PM2.5 and 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS. . . ." (FRL No. 9506-8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4530. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia; Determinations of Attainment of the 1997 Fine Particulate Standard for the Metropolitan Washington, DC-MD-VA and Martinsburg-Hagerstown, WV-MD Nonattainment Areas" (FRL No. 9616-6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4531. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia; Rome; Fine Particulate Matter 2002 Base Year Emissions Inventory" (FRL No. 9617-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 11, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4532. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9615-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 11, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4533. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Mexico: Final Authorization of State-initiated Changes and Incorporation-by-Reference of State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL No. 9613-6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 11, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4534. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval, Disapproval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Colorado: Smoke, Opacity and Sulfur Dioxide Rule Revisions; Regulation 1" (FRL No. 9614-8) received during adjournment of the

Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 11, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4535. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District and Imperial County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9617-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4536. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Placer County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9618-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4537. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incorporation of Revised ASTM Standards that Provide Flexibility in the Use of Alternatives to Mercury-Containing Industrial Thermometers" (FRL No. 8880-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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 Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio):

S. 2034. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to human rights abuses committed against the people of Syria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S.J. Res. 35. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to authorizing regulation of contributions to candidates for State public office and Federal office by corporations, entities organized and operated for profit, and labor organizations, and expenditures by such entities and labor organizations in support of, or opposition to such candidates; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. Res. 353. A resolution congratulating the North Dakota State University football team for winning the 2011 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision title; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 20

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Alabama

(Mr. SHELBY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 20, a bill to protect American job creation by striking the job-killing Federal employer mandate.

S. 84

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 84, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 490

At the request of Mr. TESTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 490, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

S. 504

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 504, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 509

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 509, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Services Act and the Social Security Act to extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 672

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) were added as cosponsors of S. 672, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 704

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 704, a bill to provide for duty-free treatment of certain recreational performance outerwear, and for other purposes.

S. 707

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 707, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide further protection for puppies.

S. 847

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 847, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed, and for other purposes.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1035, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include automated fire sprinkler systems as section 179 property and classify certain automated fire sprinkler systems as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 1214

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1214, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, regarding restrictions on the use of Department of Defense funds and facilities for abortions.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1251, a bill to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 1301

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1301, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 through 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and for other purposes.

S. 1354

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1354, a bill to authorize grants to promote media literacy and youth empowerment programs, to authorize research on the role and impact of depictions of girls and women in the media, to provide for the establishment of a National Task Force on Girls and Women in the Media, and for other purposes.

S. 1360

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1360, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require shareholder authorization before a public company may