

The Agreement will have an initial term of 30 years from the date of its entry into force, and will continue in force thereafter for additional periods of five years each. Either Party may terminate the proposed Agreement on six months advance written notice at the end of the initial 30 year term or at the end of any subsequent five year period. Additionally, either Party may terminate the proposed Agreement on one year's written notice.

The Agreement permits the transfer of information, material, equipment (including reactors), and components for nuclear research and nuclear power production. It does not permit transfers of restricted data, sensitive nuclear technology, sensitive nuclear facilities, or major critical components of such facilities. In the event of termination of the Agreement, key nonproliferation conditions and controls continue with respect to material, equipment, and components subject to the Agreement.

Vietnam is a non-nuclear-weapon State party to the Treaty on the Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons. Vietnam has in force a comprehensive safeguards agreement and an Additional Protocol with the International Atomic Energy Agency. Vietnam is a party to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, which establishes international standards of physical protection for the use, storage, and transport of nuclear material, and has ratified the 2005 Amendment to the Convention. A more detailed discussion of Vietnam's intended civil nuclear program and its nuclear nonproliferation policies and practices, including its nuclear export policies and practices, is provided in the Nuclear Proliferation Assessment Statement ("NPAS"), and in a classified annex to the NPAS submitted to you separately. An addendum to the NPAS containing a comprehensive analysis of the export control system of Vietnam with respect to nuclear-related matters, including interactions with countries of proliferation concern and the actual or suspected nuclear, dual-use, or missile-related transfers to such countries, pursuant to section 102A of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 403-1), as amended, is being submitted to you separately by the Director of National Intelligence.

In accordance with the provisions of section 123 of the Act, the proposed Agreement was negotiated by the Department of State, with the technical assistance and concurrence of the Department of Energy. The proposed Agreement has also been reviewed by the members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The Commission's views are being submitted to you separately.

In our judgment, the proposed Agreement satisfies all requirements of U.S. law for agreements of this type. We believe, as well, that U.S. cooperation with Vietnam in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy under the proposed Agreement will be supportive of U.S. nonproliferation, foreign policy, and commercial interests. We recommend, therefore, that you determine, pursuant to section 123 b. of the Act, that performance of the Agreement will promote, and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to, the common defense and security; and that you approve the Agreement and authorize its execution.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the determination, approval, and authorization at Attachment 1 and the transmittal letter to Congress at Attachment 2. (The transmittal will be held until the Agreement is signed.)

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Tab 1—Draft Presidential determination, approval, and authorization.

Tab 2—Draft transmittal letter to the Congress (To be held until after the Agreement is signed).

Tab 3—Text of Proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the United States of America and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.

Tab 4—Unclassified Nuclear Proliferation Assessment Statement.

UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION,  
Washington, DC, December 3, 2013.

THE PRESIDENT,  
The White House,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: In accordance with the provisions of Section 123 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission reviewed the proposed Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy. It is the view of the Commission that the proposed Agreement includes all of the provisions required by law and provides a sufficient framework for civilian nuclear cooperation between the United States and Vietnam. The Commission therefore recommends that you make the requisite positive statutory determination, approve the proposed Agreement, and authorize its execution.

Respectfully,

ALLISON M. MACFARLANE.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:23 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 863. An act to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 83. Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 5:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3627. An act to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2824. An act to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to stop the ongoing waste by the Department of the Interior of taxpayer resources and implement the final rule on excess spoil, mining waste, and buffers for perennial and intermittent streams, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3826. An act to provide direction to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the establishment of standards for emissions of any greenhouse gas from fossil fuel-fired electric

utility generating units, 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-5665. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD215) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5666. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Reopening of Commercial Penaeid Shrimp Trawling Off South Carolina" (RIN0648-XD232) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5667. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD236) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5668. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial Salmon Fisheries Inseason Actions No. 1, 2 and 3" (RIN0648-XD198) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5669. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries" (RIN0648-XD222) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5670. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2014 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Vermilion Snapper" (RIN0648-XD173) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5671. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Chief Counsel for Safety, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Critical Incident Stress Plans" (RIN2130-AC00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5672. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Demurrage Liability" (RIN2140-AB07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5673. A communication from the Attorney, General Affairs Division, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Substances and Articles; Administration and Enforcement Regulations: Revisions to Animal Testing Regulations" (Docket No. CPSC-2012-0036) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Darrin P. Gayles, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Paul G. Byron, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Carlos Eduardo Mendoza, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Beth Bloom, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

(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 Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 2305. A bill to amend the method by which the Social Security Administration determines the validity of marriages under title II of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2306. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to build on and help coordinate funding for restoration and protection efforts of the 4-State Delaware River Basin region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KIRK, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2307. A bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 2308. A bill to designate Union Station in Washington, DC, as "Harry S. Truman Union Station"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 2309. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capsi-cum spray to officers and employees of the Bureau of Prison; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 2310. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Mother's Day; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. WALSH):

S. 2311. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. REED:

S. 2312. A bill to amend titles 5, 10, and 32, United States Code, to eliminate inequities in the treatment of National Guard technicians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2313. A bill to prohibit Congressional recesses until Congress adopts a concurrent resolution on the budget that results in a balanced federal budget by fiscal year 2024 and to control Congressional travel budgets; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2314. A bill to delegate to the Secretary of State the authority to approve or deny certain permits; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2315. A bill to expand the Global Entry Program and strengthen the Model Ports of Entry Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COONS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 440. A resolution recognizing the contributions of teachers to the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. Res. 441. A resolution designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2014, as "National Physical Education and Sport Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits

provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 576

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 576, a bill to reform laws relating to small public housing agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 654

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, *supra*.

S. 1056

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1056, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit.

S. 1387

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1387, a bill to establish a pilot program to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to nonprofit organizations to rehabilitate and modify homes of disabled and low-income veterans.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1649

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1649, a bill to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr.