the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13413 OF OCTOBER 27, 2006, WITH RESPECT TO THE SITUATION IN OR IN RELATION TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO—PM 29

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, within 90 days 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 national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006, is to continue in effect beyond October 27, 2015.

The situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which has been marked by widespread violence and atrocities that continue to threaten regional stability, continues 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 declared in Executive Order 13413 with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

BARACK OBAMA. THE WHITE HOUSE, October 21, 2015.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 20, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1735. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH) on October 20, 2015.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:30 p.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, without amendment:

S. 2162. An act to establish a 10-year term for the service of the Librarian of Congress.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1315. An act to amend section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, to require that annual budget submissions of the President to Congress provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1428. An act to extend Privacy Act remedies to citizens of certified states, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3350. An act to require a terrorism threat assessment regarding the transportation of chemical, biological, nuclear, and radiological materials through United States land borders and within the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3493. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Securing the Cities program to enhance the ability of the United States to detect and prevent terrorist attacks and other high consequence events utilizing nuclear or other radiological materials that post a high risk to homeland security in high-risk urban areas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3572. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reform, streamline, and make improvements to the Department of Homeland Security and support the Department's efforts to implement better policy, planning, management, and performance, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1315. An act to amend section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, to require that annual budget submissions of the President to Congress provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

H.R. 1428. An act to extend Privacy Act remedies to citizens of certified states, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3350. An act to require a terrorism threat assessment regarding the transportation of chemical, biological, nuclear, and radiological materials through United States land borders and within the United States,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3493. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Securing the Cities program to enhance the ability of the United States to detect and prevent terrorist attacks and other high consequence events utilizing nuclear or other radiological materials that pose a high risk to homeland security in high-risk urban areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3572. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reform, streamline, and make improvements to the Department of Homeland Security and support the Department's efforts to implement better policy, planning, management, and performance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2193. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed 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-3199. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services

EC-3200. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, five (5) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Defense, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3201. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rules: Implementation of Risk-Based Capital Surcharges for Global Systemically Important Bank Holding Companies" ((RIN7100-AE26) (12 CFR Parts 208 and 217)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3202. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3203. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 on April 12, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3204. 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 "Revisions to the Unverified List (UVL)" (RIN0694-AG72) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

EC-3205. 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 "Updated Statements of Legal Authority for the Export Administration Regulations to Include Continuation of Emergency Declared in Executive Order 13224" (RIN0694–AG75) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3206. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disturbance Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Reliability Standard" ((RIN1902-AF02) (Docket No. RM15-4-000)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

EC-3207. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: The 2016 Critical Use Exemption from the Phaseout of Methyl Bromide" ((RIN2060-AS44) (FRL No. 9935-69-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3208. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-propen-1-aminium, N,N-dimethyl-N-propenyl-, chloride, homopolymer; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9933-98) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and

EC-3209. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Redesignation Substitute for the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria 1-hour Ozone Nonattainment Area; Texas" (FRL No. 9935-68-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

EC-3210. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmiting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Albuquerque/Bernalillo County; Revisions to State Boards and Conflict of Interest Provisions" (FRL No. 9935-53-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3211. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Michigan; 2006 PM2.5 and 2008 Lead NAAQS State Board Infrastructure SIP Requirements" (FRL No. 9935-63-Region 5) received during adjourn-

ment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3212. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "High Frequency Program: Application Guidance for Functional Confirmation and Fragility Evaluation" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3213. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force: 2015 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3214. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Medicare Payments for Clinical Laboratory Tests in 2014: Baseline Data": to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3215. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Collection of Administrative Debts" (RIN0960-AH36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3216. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Recovery Health and Medicare for Fiscal Year 2014"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3217. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Reporting on Minimum Essential Coverage" (Notice 2015-68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3218. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Assistance for Palestinian Security Forces and Benchmarks for Palestinian Security Assistance Funds"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3219. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0103—2015-0116); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3220. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Procedures for Issuing Visas" (RIN1400-AD84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3221. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Environmental Policy Act; Environmental Assessments for Tobacco Products; Categorical Exclusions" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-1282) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3222. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management,

transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Student Loan Repayment Program Calendar Year 2014"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affoire.

EC-3223. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Scup Fishery; Adjustment to the 2015 Winter II Quota" (RIN0648-XE156) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3224. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XE113) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3225. A communication from the 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; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Snowy Grouper" (RIN0648-XE181) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3226. A communication from the 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; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Vermilion Snapper" (RIN0648-XE186) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3227. 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; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction" (RIN0648-XD779) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3228. 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; Reapportionment of the 2015 Gulf of Alaska Pacific Halibut Prohibited Species Catch Limits for the Trawl Deep-Water and Shallow-Water Fishery Categories" (RIN0648-XE180) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3229. 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 Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Trip Limit Adjustment for the Common Pool Fishery" (RIN0648-XE155) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3230. 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 Northeastern United

States; Bluefish Fishery and Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for the State of Massachusetts' (RIN0648–XE189) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3231. 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 and Recreational Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions No. 30 Through No. 36" (RIN0648-XE187) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3232. 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; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Mexico" (RIN0648-XE174) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3233. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3234. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Improving 911 Reliability; Reliability and Continuity of communications Networks, Including Broadband Technologies" ((FCC 15-95) (PS Docket Nos. 13-75 and 11-60)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3235. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Auctions and Spectrum Access Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Competitive Bidding in Auction 1000, Including Initial Clearing Target Determinations, Qualifying to Bid, and Bidding in Auctions 1001 (Reverse) and 1002 (Forward)" ((FCC 15-78) (AU Docket No. 14-252, GN Docket No. 12-268, WT Docket No. 12-269, and MB Docket No. 15-146)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3236. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Commission's Rules Concerning Market Modification; Implementation of Section 102 of the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014" ((FCC 15-111) (MB Docket No. 15-71)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3237. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workforce and Mission Critical Systems Personnel Reliability Program"

(RIN2700-AE17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 8, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ISAKSON, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 113th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs" (Rept. No. 114–156).

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. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 2187. A bill to establish a third-party quality system assessment program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 2188. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the humanitarian device exemption; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. UDALL, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 2189. A bill to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 2190. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a scholarship program for educators of rural students and provide for loan forgiveness for rural educators, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide professional development grants for rural elementary schools and secondary schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 2191. A bill to establish Federal-State higher education financing partnerships to drive down the cost of tuition for millions of American students; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2192. A bill to ensure that States submit all records of individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm to the national instant criminal background check system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. GRASS-LEY, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. 2193. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed and for other purposes; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. NEL-SON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KING, Mr. KAINE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. COONS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. PERDUE, Ms. WARREN, and Mrs. GILLI-BRAND):

S. Res. 291. A resolution honoring the lives of the 33 crew members aboard the *El Faro*; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 235

At the request of Mr. Wyden, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. Franken) was added as a cosponsor of S. 235, a bill to provide for wild-fire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 479

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. Moran) was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 804

At the request of Mrs. Shaheen, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Blumenthal) was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices, and for other purposes.

S. 1473

At the request of Mr. Markey, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. Cardin) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1473, a bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention.

S. 1491

At the request of Mr. Brown, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. Klobuchar) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1491, a bill to provide sensible relief to community financial institutions, to protect consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 1503

At the request of Mr. Blumenthal, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. Baldwin) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1503, a bill to provide for enhanced Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme disease and other tickborne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee.