

of Defense and NASA to develop, transfer, and commercialize new technology in partnership with industry.

Congress first appropriated funds in 1996 to establish TechLink as a pilot program. Since then, this program has exceeded all expectations. TechLink has established more than 250 partnerships between Federal laboratories and the private sector, including technology licensing agreements, cooperative R&D agreements, and contracts to small businesses for new technology development. These partnerships involve more than 50 different Federal research centers—including over 40 Department of Defense labs and all 10 NASA centers. TechLink has played a key role in linking the high-tech sector in the Northwestern United States with Federal laboratories nationwide. It has assisted more than 150 companies throughout the Northwest.

Beginning this last October, TechLink became a permanent part of the Department of Defense's technology transfer, transition, and acquisition activities. It is the only Department of Defense-wide technology transfer center serving the Army, Navy, Air Force, and various defense agencies. TechLink accounts for approximately one-fourth of all Department of Defense technology licensing agreements nationwide. It is playing a key role in transitioning innovative technology from Department of Defense labs and the private sector into commercial products that not only support our Nation's military and homeland security, but also contribute to national economic competitiveness and prosperity.

TechLink provides an outstanding return on investment. Partnerships that TechLink has established with industry are returning revenues and in-kind contributions to Department of Defense labs worth more than three times the Federal funds expended to support TechLink's activities.

As a result of its many innovations and achievements, the U.S. Department of Commerce recently recognized TechLink as one of 10 "exemplary models" nationwide of Federal technology transfer. I am proud to have played a key role in establishing TechLink, and wish this center the best in the years to come. ●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

##### 2003 NATIONAL MONEY LAUNDERING STRATEGY—PM 57

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 the Judiciary:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Consistent with section 29(a) of the Money Laundering and Financial Crimes Strategy Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-310; 31 U.S.C. 5341(a)(2)), enclosed is the 2003 National Money

Laundering Strategy, prepared by my Administration.

GEORGE W. BUSH.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, November 18, 2003.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolutions, without amendment:

S. 1066. An act to correct a technical error from Unit T-07 of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System;

S. 1590. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service, located at 315 Empire Boulevard in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, New York as the "James E. Davis Post Office Building";

S.J. Res. 18. Joint resolution commending the Inspectors General for their efforts to prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government during the past 25 years; and

S.J. Res. 22. Joint resolution recognizing the Agricultural Research Service of the Department of Agriculture for 50 years of outstanding service to the Nation through agricultural research.

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

H.R. 1367. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a loan repayment program regarding the provision of veterinary services in shortage situations, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1648. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution systems of the Cachuma Project, California, to the Carpinteria Valley Water District and the Montecito Water District;

H.R. 1732. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Williamson County, Texas, Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2304. An act to resolve boundary conflicts in the vicinity of the Mark Twain National Forest in Barry and Stone Counties, Missouri, that resulted from private landowner reliance on a subsequent Federal survey, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3157. An act to provide for the designation of a department of Agriculture disaster liaison to assist State and local employees of the Department in coordination with other disaster agencies in response to a federally declared disaster area as a result of a disaster.

H.R. 3185. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 38 Spring Street in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the "Hugh Gregg Post Office Building";

H.R. 3198. An act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3209. An act to amend the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972 to clarify the acreage for which the North Loup division is authorized to provide irrigation water under the Missouri River Basin project;

H.R. 3217. An act to provide for the conveyance of several small parcels of National Forest System land in the Apalachicola National Forest, Florida, to resolve boundary

discrepancies involving the Mt. Trial Primitive Baptist Church of Wakulla County, Florida, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 3353. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 525 Main Street in Tarboro, North Carolina, as the "George Henry White Post Office Building".

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 299. Concurrent resolution honoring Mr. Sargent Shriver for his dedication and service to the United States of America, for his service in the United States Navy, and for his lifetime work as an ambassador for the poor and powerless citizens of the United States of America, and for other purposes.

At 5:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6) to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2754) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

At 7:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2417) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GOSS, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. BURR, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. COLLINS, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. REYES, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. HOLT, and Mr. RUPPERSBERGER.

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of defense tactical intelligence and related activities: Mr. HUNTER, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. SKELTON.