

As a veteran and as an American, I thank Marie Jordan Speer and every member, past and present, of the Gold Star Wives of America for their patriotic service, for their advocacy, and for making sure that this country lives up to its obligation to soldiers long after the battlefield falls quiet and troops come home.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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 nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT REQUESTED IN SECTION 2106 OF THE EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND TSUNAMI RELIEF, 2005 (PUBLIC LAW 109-13) PROVIDING INFORMATION ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE PALESTINIAN SECURITY SERVICES AND PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY REFORM—PM 17

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 Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with section 2106 of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005 (Public Law 109-13), and in order to keep the Congress fully informed, I herewith submit the enclosed report prepared by my Administration providing information on matters relating to the Palestinian Security Services and Palestinian Authority reform.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 14, 2005.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:22 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1220. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2005, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2113. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 McDonough Street in Joliet, Illinois, as the "John F. Whiteside Joliet Post Office Building".

H.R. 2183. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 567 Tompkins Avenue in Staten Island, New York, as the "Vincent Palladino Post Office".

H.R. 2385. An act to extend by 10 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program.

H.R. 2630. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1927 Sangamon Avenue in Springfield, Illinois, as the "J.M. Dietrich Northeast Annex".

The message also announced that pursuant to the request of the Senate, on July 11, 2005, the bill (H.R. 2985) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, together with all accompanying papers is hereby returned to the Senate.

At 4:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 191. Concurrent resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the conclusion of the War in the Pacific and honoring veterans of both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters of the Second World War.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6) to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy; it agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following as managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. BARTON of Texas, HALL, BILIRAKIS, UPTON, STEAMS, GILLMOR, SHIMKUS, SHADEGG, PICKERING, BLUNT, BASS, DINGELL, WAXMAN, MARKEY, BOUCHER, STUPAK, WYNN, and Ms. SOLIS.

Provided that Mrs. CAPPS is appointed in lieu of Mr. WYNN for consideration of secs. 1501-1506 of the House bill, and secs. 221 and 223-225 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference.

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of secs. 332, 344, 346, 1701, 1806, 2008, 2019, 2024, 2029, and 2030 of the House bill, and secs. 251-253, 264, 303, 319, 342, 343, 345, and 347 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. GOODLATTE, LUCAS, and PETERSON of Minnesota.

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of secs. 104, 231, 601-607, 609-612, and 661 of the House bill, and secs. 104, 281, 601-607, 609, 610, 625, 741-743, 1005, and 1006 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HUNTER, WELDON of Pennsylvania, and SKELTON.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of secs. 121, 632, 640, 2206, and 2209 of the House bill, and secs. 625, 1103, 1104, and 1106 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. NORWOOD, SAM JOHNSON of Texas, and KIND.

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of secs. 141-149 of the House bill, and secs. 161-164 and 505 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. OXLEY, NEY, and Ms. WATERS.

From the Committee on Government Reform, for consideration of secs. 102, 104, 105, 203, 205, 502, 624, 632, 701, 704, 1002, 1227, and 2304 of the House bill, and secs. 102, 104, 105, 108, 203, 502, 625, 701-703, 723-725, 741-743, 939, and 1011 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, ISSA, and Ms. WATSON.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 320, 377, 612, 625, 632, 663, 665, 1221, 1265, 1270, 1283, 1442, 1502, and 2208 of the House bill, and secs. 137, 211, 328, 384, 389, 625, 1221, 1264, 1269, 1270, 1275, 1280, and 1402 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SENSENBRENNER, CHABOT, and Conyers.

From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of secs. 204, 231, 330, 344, 346, 355, 358, 377, 379, Title V, secs. 969-976, 1701, 1702, Title XVIII, secs. 1902, 2001-2019, 2022-2031, 2033, 2041, 2042, 2051-2055, Title XXI, Title XXII, and Title XXIV of the House bill, and secs. 241-245, 252, 253, 261-270, 281, 311-317, 319-323, 326, 327, 342-346, 348, 371, 387, 391, 411-414, 416, and 501-506 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. POMBO, Mrs. CUBIN, and Mr. RAHALL.

From the Committee on Rules, for consideration of sec. 713 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. DREIER, LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, and Ms. SLAUGHTER.

From the Committee on Science, for consideration of secs. 108, 126, 205, 209, 302, 401-404, 411, 416, 441, 601-607, 609-612, 631, 651, 652, 661, 711, 712, 721-724, 731, 741-744, 751, 754, 757, 759, 801-811, Title IX, secs. 1002, 1225-1227, 1451, 1452, 1701, 1820, and Title XXIV of the House bill, and secs. 125, 126, 142, 212, 230-232, 251-253, 302, 318, 327, 346, 401-407, 415, 503, 601-607, 609, 610, 624, 631-635, 706, 721, 722, 725, 731, 734, 751, 752, 757, 801, Title IX, Title X, secs. 1102, 1103, 1105, 1106, 1224, Title XIV, secs. 1601, 1602, and 1611 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BOEHLERT, Mrs. BIGGERT, and Mr. GORDON.

Provided that Mr. COSTELLO is appointed in lieu of Mr. GORDON for consideration of secs. 401-404, 411, 416, and 441 of the House bill, and secs. 401-407 and 415 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 101–103, 105, 108, 109, 137, 205, 208, 231, 241, 242, 320, 328–330, 377, 379, 721–724, 741–744, 751, 755, 756, 758, 811, 1211, 1221, 1231, 1234, 1236, 1241, 1281–1283, 1285, 1295, 1442, 1446, 2008, 2010, 2026, 2029, 2030, 2207, and 2210 of the House bill, and secs. 101–103, 105, 107, 108, 281, 325, 344, 345, 383, 731–733, 752, 1211, 1221, 1231, 1233, 1235, 1261, 1263, 1266, and 1291 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. YOUNG of Alaska, PETRI, and OBERSTAR.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of Title XIII of the House bill, and secs. 135, 405, Title XV, and sec. 1611 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. THOMAS, CAMP, and RANGEL.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 5:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3071. An act to permit the individuals currently serving as Executive Director, Deputy Executive Directors, and General Counsel of the Office of Compliance to serve one additional term.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1220. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2005, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2113. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 McDonough Street in Joliet, Illinois, as the "John F. Whiteside Joliet Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2183. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 567 Tompkins Avenue in Staten Island, New York, as the "Vincent Palladino Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2385. To extend by 10 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

H.R. 2630. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1927 Sangamon Avenue in Springfield, Illinois, as the "J.M. Dietrich Northeast Annex"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1394. A bill to reform the United Nations, 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-2970. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Potassium Triiodide; Pesticide Chemical Not Requiring a Tolerance or and Exemption from Tolerance" (FRL7714-4) received on July 6, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2971. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spirodiclofen; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL7714-3) received on July 6, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2972. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL7720-1) received on July 6, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2973. A communication from the Director, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "School Food Safety Inspections" (RIN0584-AD64) received on July 6, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2974. A communication from the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "School Food Safety Inspections" (RIN0584-AD64) received on July 6, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2975. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to bring certain Federal Agricultural programs into compliance with agreements of the World Trade Organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2976. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Forest Service Facility Realignment and Enhancement Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2977. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Program" (RIN0570-AA50) received on July 11, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2978. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to Control Volatile Organic Compound Emissions; Correction" (FRL1936-8); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2979. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL7936-7); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2980. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants, Commonwealth of Virginia; Control of Municipal Waste Combustor Emissions from Small Existing Municipal Solid Waste Combustor Unites" (FRL7937-5); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2981. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of Emissions of Air Pollution From Diesel Fuel" (FRL1937-3); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2982. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Washington; Correcting Amendments" (FRL7936-3); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2983. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan; Idaho" (FRL1936-1); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2984. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegation of National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories; State of Arizona; Pima County Department of Environmental Quality; State of Nevada; Nevada Division of Environmental Protection" (FRL7935-2); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2985. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Enforceable Consent Agreement and Testing Consent Order for Four Formulated Composites of Fluoropolymer Chemicals; Export Notification" (FRL7710-5); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2986. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Enforceable Consent Agreement and Testing Consent Order for Two Formulated Composites of Fluoropolymer-based Polymer Chemicals; Export Notification" (FRL7710-4); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2987. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Requirements for Control Technology Determinations for Major Sources in Accordance with Clean Air Act Sections; Sections 112(g) and 112(j)" (FRL7935-4); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2988. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nonattainment Major New Source Review Implementation Under 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard; Reconsideration" (FRL1934-9); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2989. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting,