

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 12978 WITH RESPECT TO SIGNIFICANT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS CENTERED IN COLOMBIA—PM 27

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, 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 the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the emergency declared with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia is to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2005. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on October 20, 2004 (69 Fed. Reg. 61733).

The circumstances that led to the declaration on October 21, 1995, of a national emergency have not been resolved. The actions of significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States and to cause unparalleled violence, corruption, and harm in the United States and abroad. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain economic pressure on significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia by blocking their property and interests in property that are in the United States or within the possession or control of United States persons and by depriving them of access to the U.S. market and financial system.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, October 19, 2005.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, 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. 177. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Prado Basin Natural Treatment System Project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1409. An act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for orphans and other vulnerable children in developing countries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3549. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 West 3rd Avenue in Warren, Pennsylvania, as the "William F. Clinger, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 3830. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 East Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda, Florida, as the "U.S. Cleveland Post Office Building".

H.R. 3853. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 208 South Main Street in Parkdale, Arkansas, as the Willie Vaughn Post Office.

The message also announced that the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill H.R. 3971, an act to provide assistance to individuals and States affected by Hurricane Katrina, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 156. An act to designate the Ojito Wilderness Study Area as wilderness, to take certain land into trust for the Pueblo of Zia, and for other purposes.

S. 55. An act to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed today, October 19, 2005, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

H.R. 3765. An act to extend through March 31, 2006, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities and to expedite the processing of permits.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 177. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Prado Basin

Natural Treatment System Project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3549. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 West 3rd Avenue in Warren, Pennsylvania, as the "William F. Clinger, Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3830. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 East Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda, Florida, as the "U.S. Cleveland Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3853. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 208 South Main Street in Parkdale, Arkansas, as the Willie Vaughn Post Office; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, October 19, 2005, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 55. An act to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado.

S. 156. An act to designate the Ojito Wilderness Study Area as wilderness, to take certain land into trust for the Pueblo of Zia, 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-4271. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Probationary Period: A Critical Assessment Opportunity"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4272. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 2006 Annual Performance Budget; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4273. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Retirement Credit for Certain Government Service Performed Abroad" (RIN3206-AK84) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4274. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-170, "Walter Reed Property Tax Exemption Reconfirmation Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4275. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-171, "Prescription Drug Excessive Pricing Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4276. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-172, "Brentwood Retail Center Real Property Tax Exemption Temporary Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4277. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-173, "District of Columbia Bus Shelter Temporary Amendment Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4278. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-182, "Dog Park Establishment Amendment Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4279. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-183, "District of Columbia Emancipation Day Alternate Date Temporary Amendment Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4280. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-184, "Income Withholding Transfer and Revision Temporary Amendment Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4281. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Policy Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report on grants streamlining and standardization; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4282. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidelines for Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Reporting" (RIN1901-AB11) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4283. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil And Gas Leasing; Geothermal Resources Leasing; Coal Management; Management of Solid Minerals Other than Coal; Mineral Materials Disposal; and Mining Claims Under the General Mining Laws (Cost Recovery)" (RIN1004-AC64) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4284. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report describing the efforts undertaken by the Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) during Fiscal Years 2003 and 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4285. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Annual Report for Fiscal Years 2003 and 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4286. A communication from the Chairman, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Procurement After Adarand"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4287. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the

designation of an acting officer for the position of United States Attorney/Western District of Oklahoma, received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4288. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of United States Attorney/Western District of Tennessee, received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4289. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of United States Attorney/Southern District of West Virginia, received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4290. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of First Assistant, received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4291. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4292. A communication from the President, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of the Personnel Demonstration Project timeline expiration (October 31, 2005) for a period of two years; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-4293. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report in response to the Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) Commission's Report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4294. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Gerald L. Hoewing, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4295. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Michael A. Hough, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4296. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of General Kevin P. Byrnes, United States Army, and the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 206. A bill to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-144).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 242. A bill to establish 4 memorials to the Space Shuttle Columbia in the State of Texas (Rept. No. 109-145).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 584. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to allow the continued occupancy and use of certain land and improvements within Rocky Mountain National Park (Rept. No. 109-146).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 652. A bill to provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin (Rept. No. 109-147).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 895. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States to provide a clean, safe affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents (Rept. No. 109-148).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 955. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including in the National Park System certain sites in Williamson County, Tennessee, relating to the Battle of Franklin (Rept. No. 109-149).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 958. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail (Rept. No. 109-150).

S. 1154. A bill to extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-151).

S. 1238. A bill to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to provide for the conduct of projects that protect forests, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-152).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1627. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study to evaluate resources along the coastal region of the State of Delaware and to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing a unit of the National Park System in Delaware (Rept. No. 109-153).

H.R. 126. A bill to amend Public Law 89-366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore (Rept. No. 109-154).

H.R. 539. A bill to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System (Rept. No. 109-155).

H.R. 584. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with, or facilitate, the activities of various agencies and offices of the Department of the Interior (Rept. No. 109-156).

H.R. 606. A bill to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of the Interior for the restoration of the Angel Island Immigration Station in the State of California (Rept. No. 109-157).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted: