

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAQ AS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13303 OF MAY 22, 2003, AS RECEIVED DURING THE RECESS OF THE SENATE ON MAY 18, 2007—PM 15

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. This notice states that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, as modified in scope and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13315 of August 28, 2003, Executive Order 13350 of July 29, 2004, and Executive Order 13364 of November 29, 2004, is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2007.

The threats of attachment or other judicial process against (i) the Development Fund for Iraq, (ii) Iraqi petroleum and petroleum products, and interests therein, and proceeds, obligations, or any financial instruments of any nature whatsoever arising from or related to the sale or marketing thereof, and interests therein, or (iii) any accounts, assets, investments, or any other property of any kind owned by, belonging to, or held by, on behalf of, or otherwise for the Central Bank of Iraq obstruct the orderly reconstruction of Iraq. These threats also impede the restoration and maintenance of peace and security and the development of political, administrative, and economic institutions in Iraq. These threats continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Accordingly, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency protecting the Development Fund for Iraq, certain other property in which Iraq has an interest, and the Central Bank of Iraq and maintain in force the measures to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH,
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 18, 2007.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:03 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 joint resolution, in which

it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 43. Joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following joint resolution was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.J. Res. 43. Joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt; to the Committee on Finance.

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-1962. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aspergillus flavus AF36 on Pistachio; Temporary Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8129-4) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1963. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coumaphos; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8131-4) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1964. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Famoxadone; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8128-6) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1965. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Propanil, Phenmedipham, Triallate, and MCPA; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 8126-6) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1966. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mexican Fruit Fly; Addition of Quarantined Area" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0051) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1967. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a legislative proposal that would shift funding for the research, development, and maintenance of information technology functions of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation from the Government to the insurance companies participating in the program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1968. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the National Guard Counterdrug Schools; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1969. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Con-

trol, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Former Liberian Regime of Charles Taylor Sanctions Regulations" (31 C.F.R. Part 593) received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1970. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, the report of a draft bill intended to "amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide for Net Receipts Sharing and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1971. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 8313-2) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1972. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia; Removal of Douglas County Transportation Control Measure; Correcting Amendment" (FRL No. 8317-3) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1973. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule on the Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events; Correction" (FRL No. 8316-5) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1974. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Listing of Substitutes for Ozone-Depleting Substances-n-Propyl Bromide in Solvent Cleaning" ((RIN2060-A010)(FRL No. 8316-8)) received on May 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1975. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences: Fiscal Year 2006"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1976. 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 "Statistical Sampling for Purposes of Section 199" (Rev. Proc. 2007-35) received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1977. 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 "Qualifying In-Kind Partnerships Involving Mining" (Rev. Rul. 2007-30) received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1978. 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 "Federal Universal Service Support" (Rev. Rul. 2007-31) received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1979. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, the report of a legislative proposal entitled "Student Loan Fairness Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1980. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-41, "Verizon Center Sales Tax Revenue Bond Approval Act of 2007" received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1981. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-39, "Human Papillomavirus Vaccination and Reporting Act of 2007" received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1982. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-40, "Lorraine H. Whitlock Memorial Bridge Designation Act of 2007" received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1983. A communication from the Acting Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Director, received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 1079. A bill to establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted on May 21, 2007:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Howard Charles Weizmann, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted on May 17, 2007:

By Mr. DODD for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Michael W. Tankersley, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank.

David George Nason, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Mario Mancuso, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

Robert M. Couch, of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Janis Herschkowitz, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for a term of three years.

David George Nason, of Rhode Island, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for a term of three years.

Nguyen Van Hanh, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for a term of three years.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(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 Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1433. A bill to amend the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to provide competitive status to certain Federal employees in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1434. A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to promote the use of energy and water efficiency measures in Federal buildings, to promote energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 1435. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to increase the capacity of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1436. A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to add clementines to the list of fruits and vegetables subject to minimum quality import requirements issued by the Secretary of Agriculture; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BROWN, Mr. REID, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1437. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the semicentennial of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1438. A bill to improve railroad safety; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1439. A bill to reauthorize the broadband loan and loan guarantee program under title VI of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1440. A bill to provide for judicial determination of injury in certain cases involving dumped and subsidized merchandise imported into the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1441. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify authorities for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to accept new applications for grants for State home construction projects to authorize the Secretary

to award grants for construction of facilities used in non-institutional care programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. THOMAS:

S. 1442. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish new units of Customs Patrol Officers; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 1443. A bill to provide standards for renewable fuels and coal-derived fuels; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S.J. Res. 13. A joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 211. A resolution expressing the profound concerns of the Senate regarding the transgression against freedom of thought and expression that is being carried out in Venezuela, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 212. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate relating to legislation to curb global warming; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 280

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 280, a bill to provide for a program to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradeable allowances, to support the deployment of new climate change-related technologies, and to ensure benefits to consumers from trading in such allowances, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special period of limitation when uniformed services retirement pay is reduced as result of award of disability compensation.