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MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Wanda Neiman, 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 and withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 11:28 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 2110. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 North Street in Taft, California, as the "Larry S. Pierce Post Office".

H.R. 5104. An act to extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 15 days.

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

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 5140. An act to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, January 30, 2008, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2110. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 North Street in Taft, California, as the "Larry S. Pierce Post Office".

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-4848. 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 "Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy; Minimal-Risk Regions; Identification of Ruminants and Processing and Importation of Commodities" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0026) received on January 23, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4849. 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 "Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Standard Requirements for Live Vaccines" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0079) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4850. 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 "Addition of Armenia to the List of Regions Where African Swine Fever Exists" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0142) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4851. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the continuation of the national emergency declared with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4852. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving the export of two Boeing 777-200ER passenger aircraft to the Kumho Asiana Group; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4853. A communication from the Senior Vice President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2007 Sub-Saharan Africa Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4854. 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 License Exceptions TMP and BAG: Expansion of Eligible Items" (RIN0694-AD72) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4855. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Seabird Avoidance Measures for the Alaska Fisheries" (RIN0648-AV38) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4856. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2008 Final Harvest Specifications for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (RIN0648-XD68) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4857. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4858. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to

law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing activities during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4859. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the flood damage reduction project at the Santa Barbara Streams in California; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4860. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a feasibility study that was undertaken to evaluate flood damage reduction opportunities for Swope Park Industrial Area, Blue River Basin, Kansas City, Missouri; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4861. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the project at Tanque Verde Creek, Arizona; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4862. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisit User Fee Program for Medicare Survey and Certification Activities" (RIN0938-AP22) received on January 23, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4863. 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 "Guidance Necessary to Facilitate Electronic Tax Administration" ((RIN1545-BA96)(TD 9375)) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4864. 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 "ANPRM: Guidance Regarding Marketing of Refund Anticipation Loans and Other Products" ((RIN1545-BH12)(REG-136596-07)) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4865. 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 "Revenue Procedure 2008-12" (Rev. Proc. 2008-12) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4866. 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 2008-7-2008-9); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4867. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to assistance given to Eurasia during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4868. A communication from the Secretary, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's competitive sourcing activities during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4869. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Head Start Program" (RIN0970-AB90) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.