

AGREEMENT WITH KINGDOM OF DENMARK ON SOCIAL SECURITY—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 110-97)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Social Security Amendments of 1977 (Public Law 95-216, 42 U.S.C. 433(e)(1)), I transmit herewith the Agreement Between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Denmark on Social Security, which consists of two separate instruments: a principal agreement and an administrative arrangement. The agreement was signed at Copenhagen on June 13, 2007.

The United States-Denmark Agreement is similar in objective to the social security agreements already in force with Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Such bilateral agreements provide for limited coordination between the United States and foreign social security systems to eliminate dual social security coverage and taxation, and to help prevent the loss of benefit protection that can occur when workers divide their careers between two countries. The United States-Denmark Agreement contains all provisions mandated by section 233 and other provisions that I deem appropriate to carry out the purposes of section 233, pursuant to section 233(c)(4).

I also transmit for the information of the Congress a report prepared by the Social Security Administration explaining the key points of the Agreement, along with a paragraph-by-paragraph explanation of the provisions of the principal agreement and the related administrative arrangement. Attached to this report is the report required by section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act, which describes the effect of the Agreement on income and expenditures of the U.S. Social Security program and the number of individuals affected by the Agreement.

I commend to the Congress the United States-Denmark Social Security Agreement and related documents.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 28, 2008.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 996. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to expand passenger facility fee

eligibility for certain noise compatibility projects; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

S. 2146. An act to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 5264. An act to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5478. An act to provide for the continued minting and issuance of certain \$1 coins in 2008.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced her signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 2272. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service known as the Southpark Station in Alexandria, Louisiana, as the John "Marty" Thiels Southpark Station, in honor and memory of Thiels, a Louisiana postal worker who was killed in the line of duty on October 4, 2007.

S. 2478. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 59 Colby Corner in East Hampstead, New Hampshire, as the "Captain Jonathan D. Grassbaugh Post Office".

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reports that on February 28, 2008 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 5264. To extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5478. To provide for the continued minting and issuance of certain \$1 coins in 2008.

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reports that on February 29, 2008 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 2082. To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. tomorrow for morning hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 12:30 p.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5569. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Mexican Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area [Docket No. APHIS-2007-0129] received January 31, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5570. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Change in Disease Status of Surrey County, England, Because of Foot-and-Mouth Disease [Docket No. APHIS-2007-0124] received January 31, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5571. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's report on the Critical Skills Retention Bonus (CSRB) program for FY 2007, pursuant to 37 U.S.C. 323 (h) Public Law 106-398, section 633 (a); to the Committee on Armed Services.

5572. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Daniel P. Leaf, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5573. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report pursuant to Pub. L. 106-569; to the Committee on Financial Services.

5574. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations — received January 21, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5575. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No. FEMA-8007] received January 31, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5576. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-B-7754] received January 31, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5577. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations — received January 31, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5578. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations — received January 31, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5579. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No. FEMA-8009] received February 14, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5580. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Institute on

Disability and Rehabilitation Research-Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program-Disability Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRPs), Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers (RRTCs), and Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers (RERCs) — received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

5581. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Third Annual Report to Congress on Testing for Rapid Detection of Adulteration of Food; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5582. A letter from the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Direct Investment Surveys: BE-12, 2007 Benchmark Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States [Docket No. 070301044-7814-02] (RIN: 0691-AA64) received January 31, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5583. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's Memorandum of Justification for determination on the Major Methamphetamine Precursor Chemical Exporting and Importing Countries, pursuant to Section 490(b)(1)(A) of the Foreign Assistance Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5584. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's 2008 Annual Performance Plan, in accordance with the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5585. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of Rock Island, Illinois, as a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area (RIN: 3206-AL44) received February 14, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5586. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Prevailing Rate Systems; Definition of the Municipality of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, to a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area (RIN: 3206-AL43) received February 14, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5587. A letter from the Director, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — SOLICITATION OF FEDERAL CIVILIAN AND UNIFORMED SERVICE PERSONNEL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS — Eligibility and Public Accountability Standards (RIN: 3206-AL47) received February 14, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5588. A letter from the Acting Director Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2008 Bering Sea Pollock Total Allowable Catch Amount [Docket No. 070213033-7033-01] (RIN: 0648-XE78) received January 31, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5589. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's report on obligations and unobligated balances of funds provided for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs for Fiscal Year 2005, pur-

suant to 23 U.S.C. 104(j); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5590. A letter from the Trial Attorney, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Passenger Train Emergency Systems; Emergency Communication, Emergency Egress, and Rescue Access [Docket No. FRA-2006-25273, Notice No. 2] (RIN: 2130-AB72) received February 20, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5591. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Event Data Recorders [Docket No. NHTSA-2008-0004] received February 20, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5592. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Confidential Business Information [Docket No. NHTSA-06-26140; Notice 2] (RIN: 2127-AJ95) received February 20, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5593. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Occupant Crash Protection; Fuel System Integrity [Docket No. NHTSA 2007-0010] (RIN: 2127-AK03) received February 20, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5594. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an Agreement between the United States of America and Denmark on Social Security, with a principal agreement and an administrative arrangement, both signed at Copenhagen on June 13, 2007, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 433(e)(1); (H. Doc. No. 110-97); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

5595. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — 2008 Economic Stimulus Payments: Filing Instructions for Certain Individuals Not Otherwise Required to File and Income Tax Return [Notice 2008-28] received February 26, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5596. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — 2008 Calendar Year Resident Population Estimates [Notice 2008-22] received February 26, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5597. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Section 162(m)-Excessive Compensation (Rev. Rul. 2008-13) received February 26, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5598. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Voluntary Closing Agreement Program For Tax-Exempt Bonds and Tax Credit Bonds [Notice 2008-31] received February 27, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5599. A letter from the Social Security Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Suspension of New Claims to the Federal Reviewing Official Review Level [Docket No. SSA-2007-0045] (RIN: 0960-AG53) received January 31, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5600. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's report on Ultra-Deepwater and Un-

conventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Research Program, pursuant to Public Law 109-58, section 999B; jointly to the Committees on Science and Technology and Natural Resources.

5601. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's report prepared by the Bureau of Economic Analysis pursuant to Section 8001 of the America Competes Act; jointly to the Committees on Science and Technology, Education and Labor, Foreign Affairs, and Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and references to the proper calendar, as follows:

[Omitted from the Record of Feb. 28, 2008]

Mr. RAHALL: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 816. A bill to provide for the release of certain land from the Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area in the State of Nevada and to grant a right-of-way across the released land for the construction and maintenance of a flood control project; with an amendment (Rept. 110-531). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. RAHALL: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1143. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 110-532). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. RAHALL: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1311. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Alta-Hualapai Site to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the development of a cancer treatment facility; with an amendments (Rept. 110-533). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. RAHALL: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3473. A bill to provide for a land exchange with City of Bountiful, Utah, involving National Forest System land in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and to further land ownership consolidation in that national forest, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 110-534). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Submitted on March 3, 2008]

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania: Committee on House Administration. H.R. 5159. A bill to establish the Office of the Capitol Visitor Center within the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, headed by the Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services, to provide for the effective management and administration of the Capitol Visitor Center, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 110-535). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. RAHALL: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1922. A bill to designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System, and for other purposes; with an amendments (Rept. 110-536 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XXI, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1922 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.