

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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:14 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1541. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

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

At 3:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1586. An act to impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients.

At 3:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1388. An act to reauthorize and reform the national service laws.

At 5:45 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1216. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Matthew P. Patheros Post Office Building".

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1388. An act to reauthorize and reform the national service laws.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 1586. An act to impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients.

S. 651. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on excessive bonuses paid by, and received from, companies receiving Federal emergency economic assistance, to limit the amount of

nonqualified deferred compensation that employees of such companies may defer from taxation, 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-981. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Administrative Regulations; Appeal Procedure" (RIN0563-AC18) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-982. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Administrative Regulations; Submissions of Policies, Provisions of Policies, Rates of Premium and Premium Reduction Plans" (RIN0563-AC20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-983. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Cabbage Crop Insurance Provisions" (RIN0563-AB99) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-984. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the determination and findings for authority to award a single source task or delivery order contract; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-985. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the notification of the intent to initiate a public-private competition for environmental services and pest management functions being performed by ninety-four Department of Defense civilian employees located in Norfolk, Virginia; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-986. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the notification of the intent to initiate a public-private competition for base support, vehicle operations, and equipment functions being performed by three hundred ninety Department of Defense civilian employees located in various locations throughout the Mid-Atlantic region; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-987. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General James J. Lovelace, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-988. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-989. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Depart-

ment of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Direct Investment Surveys: BE-15, Annual Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States" (RIN0691-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-990. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL-8774-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 17, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-991. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for Stationary Combustion Turbines" (FRL-8784-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 17, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-992. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lead; Fees for Accreditation of Training Programs and Certification of Lead-based Paint Activities and Renovation Contractors" (FRL-8404-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 17, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-993. 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 "Tier I—Industry Director Directive on Domestic Production Deduction (DPD) #3—Field Directive related to compensation expenses currently deducted but attributable to prior periods" (LMSB-04-0209-004) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 17, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-994. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer in the position of Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2009; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-995. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer in the position of Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict & Humanitarian Assistance, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2009; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-996. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer in the position of Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Africa, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2009; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-997. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer in the position of Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

March 19, 2009; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-998. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer in the position of Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Global Health, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2009; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-999. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer in the position of Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Asia, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2009; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1000. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer in the position of Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2009; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1001. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer in the position of Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Middle East, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 19, 2009; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1002. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1003. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Board's compliance with the Sunshine Act during calendar year 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1004. A communication from the Acting Chair, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the acquisitions made by the agency during fiscal year 2008 from entities that manufacture articles, materials, or supplies outside of the United States; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1005. A communication from the Attorney of the Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Procurement of Energy Efficient Products" (RIN1904-AB68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 17, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1006. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Attorney General to the Congress of the United States on the Administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended for the six months ending June 30, 2008"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1007. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a legislative proposal

relative to North Dakota Judicial District Divisional Adjustment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1008. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Dr. James Allen Veteran Vision Equity Act of 2007" (RIN2900-AN03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 17, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1009. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Termination of Phase-In Period for Full Concurrent Receipt of Military Retired Pay and Veterans Disability Compensation Based on a VA Determination of Individual Unemployability" (RIN2900-AN19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 17, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-11. A resolution approved by the Westchester County, New York Board of Legislators urging Congress to establish a National Clean and Safe Water Trust fund to provide regular infrastructure funding; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

Whereas, many of our nation's water pipes and sewers were installed in the early part of the 20th century, some as far back as the Civil War; and

Whereas, as water systems age and population grows, more and more leaks develop and sewage overflows into our streams, rivers, lakes and ocean, creating serious public health hazards; and

Whereas, many communities do not even have sanitary sewer systems and are forced to rely on failing individual septic systems; and

Whereas, public health agencies issued more than 20,000 warnings against swimming at beaches on U.S. coasts in 2005, and a majority of beach closings are due to sewage overflows and malfunctioning sewage plants; and

Whereas, the Environmental Protection Agency's 2000 Progress in Water Quality Report finds that America could experience stream impairments that predate achievement of secondary treatment standards by 2016 if improvements are not made; and

Whereas, the Water Infrastructure Network, the Environmental Protection Agency, and other government agencies report that the cost of presently known wastewater infrastructure construction needs total between \$300 billion and \$450 billion; and

Whereas, the federal government has cut the main source of funding for clean water year after year; and

Whereas, the National Research Council recently warned that more water-borne disease outbreaks will occur if substantial investments are not made to improve our water pipes and systems; and

Whereas, the President has called for a comprehensive economic recovery package to assist state and local governments in meeting infrastructure needs while stimulating the economy and creating jobs; and

Whereas, there are federal trust funds for other major national investment needs like highways and airports, yet the federal gov-

ernment has yet to establish a trust fund to protect something all people need to survive: water; Now therefore be it.

Resolved, That the Westchester County Board of Legislators, requests that the incoming Administration prioritize funding for water filtration and distribution and wastewater and stormwater infrastructure in any economic stimulus package; and be it further

Resolved, That the Westchester County Board of Legislators, urges Congress to establish a National Clean and Safe Water Trust Fund to provide regular infrastructure funding; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board forward a copy of this Resolution to President Barack Obama, Vice President Joseph Biden, New York State Governor David Paterson, United States Senators Charles Schumer and Hillary Rodham Clinton, and United States Representatives Eliot Engel, Nita Lowey, and John Hall, so that the intent of this Honorable Board be widely known.

POM-12. A resolution adopted by the City of Pembroke Pines, Florida supporting the passage and adoption of an amendment to the Federal regulations allowing for the issuance of tax-exempt bonds to help cities fund their pension obligations; to the Committee on Finance.

RESOLUTION NO. 3214

Whereas, in recent years the City of Pembroke Pines, Florida (hereinafter referred to as the "City") has issued bonds to help fund its pension obligations; and

Whereas, under the current federal regulatory scheme, such bonds are taxable, which results in a higher cost to the City than if they were tax exempt; and

Whereas, the City incurs an additional cost of approximately twenty-five percent (25%) as a result of issuing taxable bonds rather than tax-exempt bonds; and

Whereas, allowing for a tax-exemption for the issuance of bonds to fund its pension obligations will result in significant savings to the City, and its taxpayers, particularly at a time when the financial stability of cities and counties throughout the State of Florida, as well as the U.S. economy as a whole, is in a period of uncertainty; and

Whereas, the City Commission deems it to be in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the City to support an amendment to the federal regulations, as well as any other regulations on the State level, allowing for the issuance of tax-exempt bonds to help cities fund their pension obligations. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the City Commission of the city of Pembroke Pines, Florida, That:

Section 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. The City Commission of the City of Pembroke Pines, Florida hereby supports an amendment to the federal regulations allowing for the issuance of tax-exempt bonds to help cities fund their pension obligations.

Section 3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions on in conflict herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. If any clause, section, other part or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.