

After his elimination, Matt remained graceful and thanked his fans back home for all of their support.

On behalf of myself and Senator LEVIN, and all the people of the great State of Michigan, we want to return the favor. We want to thank Matt for reaching for the stars, for pushing himself to the limit, and for showing America Michigan's creative and resilient spirit.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. 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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:26 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 resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 774. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 46-02 21st Street in Long Island City, New York, as the "Geraldine Ferraro Post Office Building".

H. R. 1271. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2351 West Atlantic Boulevard in Pompano Beach, Florida, as the "Elijah Pat Larkins Post Office Building".

H. R. 1397. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 41 Purdy Avenue in Rye, New York, as the "Caroline O'Day Post Office Building".

At 5:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 386. An act to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 774. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 46-02 21st Street in Long Island City, New York, as the "Geraldine Ferraro Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1271. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 2351 West Atlantic Boulevard in Pompano Beach, Florida, as the "Elijah Pat Larkins Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1397. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 41 Purdy Avenue in Rye, New York, as the "Caroline O'Day Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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-1510. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Novaluron; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL-8409-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1511. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and has been assigned Army case number 06-07; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1512. A communication from the Vice Director, Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an interim response to the reporting requirement of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stockpiling Act; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1513. A communication from the Vice Director, Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the biennial report on stockpile requirements of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stockpiling Act; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1514. A communication from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the percentage of funds that was expended during the preceding fiscal year and is projected to be expended during the current fiscal year for the Department's depot maintenance and repair workloads by the public and private sectors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1515. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Robert J. Elder, Jr., United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1516. A communication from the Vice Chair and First Vice President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving exports to Canada, China, Panama, India, Ukraine and to other countries yet to be determined; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1517. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, (4) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1518. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, the Department's Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Report as required by the Superfund Amend-

ments and Reauthorization Act of 1986; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1519. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report on the administration of the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Pilot Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1520. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3302-EM in the Commonwealth of Kentucky having exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1521. 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; Indiana; Extended Permit Terms for Renewal of Federally Enforceable State Operating Permits" (FRL-8899-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1522. 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 Implementation Plans; Kentucky; Section 110(a)(1) Maintenance Plans for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard for the Huntington-Ashland Area, Lexington Area and Edmonson County; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule" (FRL-8900-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1523. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finding of Failure to Submit State Implementation Plans Required for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard; North Carolina and South Carolina" (FRL-8901-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1524. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the California State Implementation Plan; North Coast Unified Air Quality Management" (FRL-8780-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1525. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District" (FRL-8782-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1526. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL-8900-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1527. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting,