

oil and become the world leader in the new clean energy economy.

Fiscal discipline is another critical pillar in this economic foundation. My Administration came into office facing a budget deficit of \$1.3 trillion for this year alone, and the cost of confronting the recession and financial crisis has been high. While these are extraordinary times that have demanded extraordinary responses, it is impossible to put our Nation on a course for long-term growth without beginning to rein in unsustainable deficits and debt. We no longer can afford to tolerate investments in programs that are outdated, duplicative, ineffective, or wasteful.

That is why the Budget I am sending to you includes a separate volume of terminations, reductions, and savings that my Administration has identified since we sent the budget overview to you 10 weeks ago. In it, we identify programs that do not accomplish the goals set for them, do not do so efficiently, or do a job already done by another initiative. Overall, we have targeted more than 100 programs that should be ended or substantially changed, moves that will save nearly \$17 billion next year alone.

These efforts are just the next phase of a larger and longer effort needed to change how Washington does business and put our fiscal house in order. To that end, the Budget includes billions of dollars in savings from steps ranging from ending subsidies for big oil and gas companies, to eliminating entitlements to banks and lenders making student loans. It provides an historic down payment on health care reform, the key to our long-term fiscal future, and was constructed without commonly used budget gimmicks that, for instance, hide the true costs of war and natural disasters. Even with these costs on the books, the Budget will cut the deficit in half by the end of my first term, and we will bring non-defense discretionary spending to its lowest level as a share of GDP since 1962.

Finally, in order to keep America strong and secure, the Budget includes critical investments in rebuilding our military, securing our homeland, and expanding our diplomatic efforts because we need to use all elements of our power to provide for our national security. We are not only proposing significant funding for our national security, but also being careful with those investments by, for instance, reforming defense contracting so that we are using our defense dollars to their maximum effect.

I have little doubt that there will be various interests—vocal and powerful—who will oppose different aspects of this Budget. Change is never easy. However, I believe that after an era of profound irresponsibility, Americans are ready to embrace the shared responsibilities we have to each other and to generations to come. They want to put old arguments and the divisions of the past behind us, put problem-solving ahead of point-scoring, and recon-

struct an economy that is built on a solid new foundation. If we do that, America once again will teem with new industry and commerce, hum with the energy of new discoveries and inventions, and be a place where anyone with a good idea and the will to work can live their dreams.

I am gratified and encouraged by the support I have received from the Congress thus far, and I look forward to working with you in the weeks ahead as we put these plans into practice and make this vision of America a reality.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 7, 2009.

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13338 OF MAY 11, 2004, WITH RESPECT TO THE BLOCKING OF PROPERTY OF CERTAIN PERSONS AND PROHIBITION OF EXPORTATION AND RE-EXPORTATION OF CERTAIN GOODS TO SYRIA—PM 17

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 to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the actions of the Government of Syria declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, and Executive Order 13460 of February 13, 2008, is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2009.

The actions of the Government of Syria in supporting terrorism, pursuing weapons of mass destruction and missile programs, and undermining U.S. and international efforts with respect to the stabilization and reconstruction of Iraq pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect the national emergency declared with respect to this threat and to maintain in force the sanctions to address this national emergency.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 7, 2009.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:36 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. 1107. An act to enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, "Public Contracts".

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 80. A resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1107. An act to enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, "Public Contracts"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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-1536. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Pre-market Approval of Pediatric Uses of Devices—FY 2008"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1537. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a performance report relative to the Animal Drug User Fee Act for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1538. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Freight Intermodal Distribution Pilot Grant Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1539. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting the report of proposed legislation relative to limiting the application of the requirement to delay the effective date of certain student aid regulations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1540. A communication from the Acting Director, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1541. A communication from the Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Privacy Office Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2009 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1542. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of General Counsel, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2009; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-1543. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Analysis of the Effectiveness of the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1544. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's recent appointment of members to the Georgia Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1545. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's recent appointment of members to the Tennessee Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1546. A communication from the Chair, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the federal sentencing guidelines that were proposed by the Commission during the 2008 - 2009 amendment cycle; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1547. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of a draft bill entitled "Multidistrict Litigation Restoration Act of 2009"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1548. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of a draft bill entitled "Federal Judgeship Act of 2009"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1549. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2008 Annual Report and Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1550. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer of the Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Lake Chelan Viticultural Area (2007R-103P)" (RIN1513-AB42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1551. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Per Diem for Veterans in State Nursing Homes" (RIN2900-AM97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 49. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of public diplomacy.

S. Res. 84. A resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 327. A bill to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and the Omnibus

Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve assistance to domestic and sexual violence victims and provide for technical corrections.

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 838. A bill to provide for the appointment of United States Science Envoys.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

*Cynthia J. Giles, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

*Mathy Stanislaus, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

*Michelle DePass, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

*John Morton, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

William K. Sessions III, of Vermont, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission.

*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 Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 993. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the installation of residential micro-combined heat and power property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. HAGAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 994. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase awareness of the risks of breast cancer in young women and provide support for young women diagnosed with breast cancer; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 995. A bill to amend the Energy and Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize a provision relating to geothermal lease revenue, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a pilot project to streamline certain Federal renewable energy permitting processes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 996. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for S corporation reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 997. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide income tax relief for families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. REED):

S. 998. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five-month waiting period in the disability insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 999. A bill to increase the number of well-trained mental health service professionals (including those based in schools) providing clinical mental health care to children and adolescents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1000. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to improve access to high quality early learning and child care for low-income children and working families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1001. A bill to provide for increased research, coordination and expansion of health promotion programs through the Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1002. A bill to provide for the acquisition, construction, renovation, and improvement of child care facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1003. A bill to increase immunization rates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1004. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiaries with access to geriatric assessments and chronic care management and coordination services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1005. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1006. A bill to require a supermajority shareholder vote to approve excessive compensation of any employee of a publicly-traded company; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1007. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny a deduction for excessive compensation of any employee of an employer; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KOHL):

S. 1008. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit requirements of separation pay, special separation benefits, and voluntary separation incentive from members of the Armed Forces subsequently receiving retired or retainer pay; to the Committee on Armed Services.