

hold many fond memories of him surrounded by his land and tending to his cattle.

Let us honor this man who was the last of a generation, one of an ever dwindling number of men who gave up years of their youth to protect our Nation, and thank Mr. James for his bravery, patriotism, and service. ●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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 11:28 a.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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 839. An act to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to terminate the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to provide new assistance under the Home Affordable Modification Program, while preserving assistance to homeowners who were already extended an offer to participate in the Program, either on a trial or permanent basis.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 5:25 p.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 bill:

H.R. 1079. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

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

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 839. An act to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to terminate the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to provide new assistance under the Home Affordable Modification Program, while preserving assistance to homeowners who were already extended an offer to participate in the Program, either on a trial or permanent basis; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban 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-1036. 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 "Changes in Disease Status of the Brazilian State of Santa Catarina with Regard to Certain Ruminant and Swine Diseases; Technical Amendment" ((RIN0579-AD12) (Docket No. APHIS-2009-0034)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1037. 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 "National Poultry Improvement Plan and Auxiliary Provisions" ((RIN0579-AD21) (Docket No. APHIS-2009-0031)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1038. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Horses From Contagious Equine Metritis-Affected Countries" ((RIN0579-AD31) (Docket No. APHIS-2008 0112)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1039. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting four legislative proposals relative to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1040. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting a legislative proposal relative to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1041. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on the actions taken by the Commission relative to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act during 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1042. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1043. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Hong Kong, China.; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1044. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Fuels Grant Program" (RIN2132-AA91) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President

of the Senate on March 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1045. A communication from the Legal Information Assistant, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibited Service at Savings and Loan Holding Companies; Reinstitution of Expiration Date of Temporary Exemption" (RIN1550-AC14) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1046. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-8173)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1047. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the decision to authorize a noncompetitive extension of up to five years to the Department's contract with the Board of Trustees for Leland Stanford Junior University (Stanford) for the management and operation of the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1048. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning operations at the Naval Petroleum Reserves for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1049. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations of the National Park Service; National Capital Region Correction, Address Change for the National Mall and Memorial Parks, Park Programs Office" (RIN1024-AD96) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1050. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Evaluation of the Rural Hospice Demonstration"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1051. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Correction for Neurological Listing Cross-Reference" (RIN0960-AH33) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1052. 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: Safe Harbors for Sections 143 and 25" (Rev. Proc. 2011-23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 28, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1053. 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 "LB&I Alert-Cases Forwarded to Appeals That Involve a Section 965 Issue and a Transfer Pricing Adjustment under Section 482" (LBandI-4-1110-034) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 28, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.