

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation that was declared in Executive Order 13159 of June 21, 2000.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 11, 2001.

REPORT ON THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR DEMOCRACY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 29

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 Foreign Relations.

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the provisions of section 504(h) of Public Law 98-164, as amended (11 U.S.C. 4413(i)), I transmit herewith the Annual Report of the National Endowment for Democracy for fiscal year 2000.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 11, 2001.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2292. A communication from the Acting Deputy General Counsel, Office of Financial Assistance, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "PRIME Act Grants" (RIN3245-AE52) received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-2293. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling—Determination of Interest Rates, Quarter Beginning July 1, 2001" (Rev. Rul. 2001-32) received on June 11, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2294. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Foreign Agriculture Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of Appendices to the Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Regulation for the 2001 Tariff-Rate Quota Year" (7 CFR Part 6) received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2295. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Noxious Weeds; Permits and Interstate Movement" (Doc. No. 98-091-2) received on June 8, 2001; to the Com-

mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2296. A communication from the Attorney General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the United States Parole Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2297. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division, received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2298. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Director of the National Institute of Justice, received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2299. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Orthopedic Devices: Classification and Re-classification of Pedicle Screw Spinal Systems; Technical Amendment" (Doc. No. 95N-0176) received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2300. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Sector Report on EEO Complaints and Appeals for Fiscal Year 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2301. A communication from the Acting Commissioner for Education Statistics, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Condition of Education" for 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2302. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the single-function cost comparison of the Communications activity at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2303. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness, received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2304. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2305. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Secretary of the Air Force, received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2306. A communication from the Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Secretary of the Army, received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2307. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the proposed obligation of funds provided for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2308. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Military Health System; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2309. A communication from the General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exception Payment Standards to Offset Increase in Utility Costs in the Housing Choice Voucher Program" (RIN2577-AC29) received on June 7, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2310. A communication from the Attorney/Advisor of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2311. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor of the Office of General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Resolution Funding Corporation Operations" (RIN1505-AA79) received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2312. A communication from the Chief Counsel of the Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Call for Large Position Reports" received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2313. A communication from the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the Authorization of Appropriations for Fiscal Years 2002 and 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2314. A communication from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Bank-Focused Regulation Review: Lending Limits Pilot Program" (12 CFR Part 32) received on June 11, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2315. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "To authorize appropriations for the United States contribution to the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Trust Fund administered by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2316. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "To authorize the United States participation in and appropriations for the United States contribution to the fifth replenishment of the resources of the International Fund for Agricultural Development"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2317. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "To authorize the United States participation in and appropriations for the

United States contribution to the seventh replenishment of the resources of the Asian Development Fund"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2318. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Documentation of Nonimmigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, As Amended: Aliens Ineligible to Transit Without Visas (TWOV)—Russia" (22 CFR Part 41) received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2319. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the text and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2320. A communication from the Trial Attorney of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Nonconforming Vehicles Decided to be Eligible for Importation" ((RIN2127-A117)(2000-0001)) received on June 7, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2321. A communication from the Trail Attorney of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule of Fees Authorized by 49 USC 30141" ((RIN2127-A111)(2000-0001)) received on June 7, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2322. A communication from the Attorney for the Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pipeline Safety: Adoption of Industry Standards for Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities" (RIN2137-AD11) received on June 7, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2323. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Modification of a Closure (opens shallow-water species fishery by vessels using trawl gear in the Gulf of Alaska)" received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2324. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the United States; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; Adjustment to the 2000 Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Commercial Quotas" received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2325. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Scup Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for Summer Period" received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2326. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fish-

eries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition of directed fishing for Pacific Cod by vessels catching Pacific Cod for processing by the offshore component in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA)" received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2327. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Closure of Fishery for Loligo Squid" received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2328. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition of directed fishing for species that comprise the deep-water species by vessels using trawl gear in the Gulf of Alaska" received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2329. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition of directed fishing for species that comprise the deep-water species fishery by vessels using trawl gear in the Gulf of Alaska" received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2330. A communication from the Acting General Counsel of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization for 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2331. A communication from the Senior Management Analyst, Division of Policy and Directives Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subparts A, B, and C" (RIN1018-AD68) received on June 7, 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2332. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Montana Regulatory Program" (MT-020-FOR) received on June 7, 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2333. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a Program Update 2000 for the Clean Coal Technology Demonstration Program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2334. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the financial and social impacts of the Compacts of Free Association on United States insular areas and the State of Hawaii; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2335. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Conversion of the Conditional Approval of the NO_x RACT Regulation to a Full Approval and Approval of NO_x RACT Determinations for Three Sources" (FRL6996-5) received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2336. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "North Carolina; Final Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program" (FRL6976-4) received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2337. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Underground Storage Tank Program: Approved State Program for North Carolina" (FRL6976-5) received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2338. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Application of 40 CFR 93.104(e) to Houston Attainment SIP"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2339. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Implementation of Section 303(d) Until the New TMDL Rule Becomes Effective"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2340. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Application of 40 CFR 93.104(e) to Houston Attainment SIP"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2341. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Streamlined Water-Effect Ratio Procedure for Discharges of Copper"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2342. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Clarifications Regarding Toxicity Reduction and Identification Evaluations in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2343. A communication from the Regulations Officer of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Standards for Traffic Control Devices; The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways; Standards for Center Line and Edge Markings" (RIN2125-AD68) received on June 7, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2344. A communication from the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population for 16 Freshwater Mussels and One Freshwater Snail, Alabama" (RIN1018-AE00) received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2345. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Management and Budget, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Use of Water Resources Development Projects Administered by the Chief of Engineers" (36 CFR Part 327) received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2346. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Management and Budget, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Navigation Locks and Approach Channels, Columbia and Snake Rivers, Oregon and Washington" (33 CFR Part 207.718) received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2347. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Personnel Management, Employment Service; Workforce Restructuring Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Career Transition Assistance for Surplus and Displaced Employees" (RIN3206-AJ32) received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2348. A communication from the Administrator of the Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2349. A communication from the Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2350. A communication from the Chairman of the National Science Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2351. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase from People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of additions to the procurement list received on June 8, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2352. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2353. A communication from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2354. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2355. A communication from the Attorney General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2356. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Personnel Manage-

ment, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report relative to the Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2357. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2358. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer/President of the Resolution Funding Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the System of Internal Controls and the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2359. A communication from the Chairwoman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2360. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2361. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the General Service Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2362. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2363. A communication from the Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2364. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2365. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2366. A communication from the Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental 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-94. A resolution adopted by the City Commission of Fort Lauderdale, Florida relative to beach erosion control projects; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

POM-95. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Broward Coun-

ty, Florida relative to beach erosion control projects; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-96. A petition of proposed legislation presented by the Council on Administrative Rights entitled "Unifies Voting Rights Act"; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

POM-97. A petition of proposed legislation presented by the Council on Administrative Rights entitled "Rapid Response"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-98. A petition of proposed legislation presented by the Council on Administrative Rights entitled "Education 3000"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

POM-99. A petition of proposed legislation presented by the Council on Administrative Rights entitled "Health America"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-100. A petition of proposed legislation presented by the Council on Administrative Rights entitled "American Equality"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-101. A resolution adopted by the legislature of the State of Minnesota relative to special education costs; to the Committee on Appropriations.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas, in 1975 the Congress passed Public Law Number 94-142, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and provided a national framework for providing free, appropriate public education to all students regardless of the level or severity of disability; and

Whereas, Congress in its initial passage of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act declared its intent to fund 40 percent of special education costs; and

Whereas, the federal government's share of funding for special education costs in Minnesota has never exceeded 15 percent of total special education costs; and

Whereas, since the passage of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the states have been primarily responsible for providing funding for special education services; and

Whereas, special education services are being provided to all eligible children in the state of Minnesota; and

Whereas, many states, including Minnesota, must provide substantial state funding to fill the gaps left by Congress's unfunded promise; and

Whereas, the recent increases in federal funds for schools, including the increases in special education funding, have come with substantial mandates and limitations on the use of funds; and

Whereas, Congress is now currently debating the most effective ways to improve education among the states; and

Whereas, the federal government is now estimating a surplus of \$5,600,000,000 over the next ten years; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, That Congress should speedily adhere to the goal set forth in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and appropriate to the states significant, genuine assistance to meet the needs of students with disabilities and to relieve schools from the necessity of cross-subsidizing special education revenue with general education revenue. Be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States, the President and Secretary of the Senate, the