Schexnayder; Francis P. Schwing; George E. Schwing; Jerry E. Shea, Sr.; George C. Simar; Emile J. Tauzin; Paul A. Traywick; Daniel L. Verret, Sr.; Laines W. Vincent; RoseMary R. Walker; Johnnie A. Webb; Oliver A. Williams, Jr.; Robert L. Williams; Howard E. Winston.

While visiting Washington, DC, these veterans will tour Arlington National Cemetery, the Iwo Jima Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, the Korean Memorial, and the World War II Memorial. This program provides many veterans with their only opportunity to see the great memorials dedicated to their service.

Thus, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these great Americans and thanking them for their devotion and service to our Nation.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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.)

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S INTENT TO ADD THE SOLOMON ISLANDS TO THE LIST OF LEAST-DEVELOPED BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES UNDER THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES PROGRAM—PM 44

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 Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 502(f)(1)(B) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the ''Act''), I am providing notification of my intent to add the Solomon Islands to the list of least-developed beneficiary developing countries under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program. In Executive Order 12302 of April 1, 1981, the Solomon Islands was designated as a beneficiary developing country for purposes of the GSP program. After considering the criteria set forth in sections 501 and 502 of the Act, I have determined that it is appropriate to extend least-developed beneficiary developing country benefits to the Solomon Islands.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *April 17, 2008*.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:04 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2537. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 2:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 5813. An act to amend Public Law 110–196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 18, 2008.

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

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 793. An act to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs.

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

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2537. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, April 17, 2008, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 793. An act to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs.

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–5849. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Council's Annual Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–5850. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revisions to Form S–11 to Permit Historical Incorporation by Reference'' (RIN3235–AK02) received on April 15, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–5851. 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; New York'' (FRL No. 8554–8) received on April 11, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–5852. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Lead; Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program'' ((RIN2070–AC83)(FRL No. 8355–7)) received on April 11, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–5853. 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 ''Coordinated Issue: Section 118—Characterization of Bioenergy Program Payments'' (Docket No. LMSB–04–0308–019) received on April 15, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–5854. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the International Atomic Energy Agency's programs in Burma, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, and Syria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–5855. A communication from the Acting Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2008–44—2008–54); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–5856. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Suitability'' (RIN3206–AL08) received on April 15, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–5857. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, ''2007 Annual Report and Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. INHOFE:

S. 2876. A bill to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON):