

including trade union rights. Provisions in the Agreement requiring effective enforcement of environmental laws will contribute to high levels of environmental protection.

The approval of this Agreement will be another significant step towards creating a Middle East Free Trade Area by 2013. This Agreement offers the United States yet another opportunity to encourage economic reform in a moderate Muslim nation as we have done through our free trade agreements with Jordan and Morocco. Leaders in Bahrain are supporting the pursuit of social and economic reforms in the region, encouraging foreign investment connected to broad-based development, and providing better protection for women and workers. It is strongly in our national interest to embrace and encourage these reforms, and passing this legislation is a crucial step toward that end.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, November 16, 2005.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Brandon, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1713. An act to make amendments to the Iran Nonproliferation Act of 2000 related to International Space Station Payments, and for other purposes.

S. 1894. An act to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide for the making of foster care maintenance payments to private for-profit agencies.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 2:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 318. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Castle Nugent Farms located on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 323. An act to redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the "Bob Hope Memorial Library".

H.R. 326. An act to amend the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 2000 to adjust the boundary of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area and to extend the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance under that Act.

H.R. 856. An act to establish a Federal Youth Development Council to improve the administration and coordination of Federal programs serving youth, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1564. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District.

H.R. 1972. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including in the National Park System certain sites in Williamson County, Tennessee, relating to the Battle of Franklin.

H.R. 3507. An act to transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, and San Diego County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3721. An act to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to allow certain commercial vehicles to continue to use Route 209 within Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and to allow the National Park Service to continue to collect fees from those vehicles, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3975. An act to ease the provision of services to individuals affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3981. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out certain land exchanges involving small parcels of National Forest System land in the Tahoe National Forest in the State of California, and for other purposes.

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. 288. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 30th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 and reaffirming support for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act so that all children with disabilities have access to a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment.

At 6:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Brandon, 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. 4326. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to enter into a contract for the nuclear refueling and complex overhaul of the U.S.S. Carl Vinson (CVN-70).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 318. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Castle Nugent Farms located on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 323. An act to redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the "Bob Hope Memorial Library"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 326. An act to amend the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 2000 to adjust the boundary of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 856. An act to establish a Federal Youth Development Council to improve the administration and coordination of Federal programs serving youth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 1564. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3507. An act to transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, and San Diego County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3721. An act to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to allow certain commercial vehicles to continue to use Route 209 within Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and to allow the National Park Service to continue to collect fees from those vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3975. An act to ease the provision of services to individuals affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 3981. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out certain land exchanges involving small parcels of National Forest System land in the Tahoe National Forest in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 288. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 30th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 and reaffirming support for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act so that all children with disabilities have access to a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2008. A bill to improve cargo security, and for other purposes.

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1972. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including in the National Park System certain sites in Williamson County, Tennessee, relating to the Battle of Franklin.

MEASURES HELD AT DESK

The following measure was discharged from committee, passed without amendment, and was ordered held at the desk, by unanimous consent:

S. 695. A bill to suspend temporarily new shipper bonding privileges.

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-4652. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office

of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Metropolitan Washington D.C. 1-Hour Ozone Attainment Plan, Lifting of Earlier Rules Resulting in Removal of Sanctions and Federal Implementation Clocks" (FRL7997-5) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4653. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants, Commonwealth of Virginia; Control of Emissions From Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerator Units; Correction" (FRL7997-6) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4654. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Indiana; Redesignation of Delaware County to Attainment of the 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL7997-8) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4655. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of Air Pollution From Aircraft and Aircraft Engines; Emission Standards and Test Procedures" (FRL7997-3) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4656. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of Air Pollution from New Motor Vehicles; Revisions to Motor Vehicle Diesel Fuel Sulfur Transition Provisions; and Technical Amendments to the Highway Diesel, Nonroad Diesel, and Tier 2 Gasoline Programs" (FRL7996-9) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4657. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Brick and Structural Clay Products Manufacturing: Reconsideration" (FRL7997-9) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4658. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard—Phase 2; Final Rule to Implement Certain Aspects of the 1990 Amendments Relating to New Source Review and Prevention of Significant Deterioration as they Apply in Carbon Monoxide, Particulate Matter and Ozone NAAQS; Final Rule for Reformulated Gasoline" (FRL7996-8) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4659. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmit-

ting, a report of draft legislation which would provide for the Secretary of Agriculture to meet certain reporting requirements relating to strategic planning; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4660. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report that funding for the State of Minnesota as a result of the emergency conditions resulting from the influx of evacuees from areas struck by Hurricane Katrina beginning on August 29, 2005, and continuing, has exceeded \$5,000,000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4661. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deposit Insurance Coverage; Accounts in Qualified Tuition Savings Programs Under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code" (RIN3064-AC90) received on November 15, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4662. A communication from the Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Fiscal Year 2005 Competitive Sourcing Efforts and the Commission's Fiscal Year 2005 Inventory of Commercial and Inherently Governmental Activities Report, dated May 24, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4663. A communication from the Independent Counsel, Office of Independent Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Annual Report on Audit and Investigative Activities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4664. A communication from the Director of Selective Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report in accordance with the Federal Managers' Integrity Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4665. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Agency's compliance with the Inspector General Act of 1978 and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4666. A communication from the Staff Director, Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act Report for fiscal year 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4667. A communication from the Director, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of Defense Human Resources Management and Labor Relations Systems" (RIN3206-AK76/0790-AH82) received on November 15, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4668. A communication from the Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Fiscal Year 2005 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4669. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4670. A communication from the Attorney General, Department of Justice, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Fiscal Year 2005 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4671. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Fiscal Year 2005 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4672. A communication from the Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Performance and Accountability Reports including audited financial statements for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRAIG, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 716. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance services provided by vet centers, to clarify and improve the provision of bereavement counseling by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-180).

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 363. A bill to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to establish vessel ballast water management requirements, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-181).

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 467. A bill to extend the applicability of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002.

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 2020. An original bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

Army nominations beginning with Brigadier General Robert P. French and ending with Colonel Terry L. Wiley, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 4, 2005.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brigadier General Larita A. Aragon and ending with Colonel Alex D. Roberts, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 4, 2005.

Air Force nomination of Colonel Steven R. Doohen to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Colonel Daniel R. Eagle to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. David D. McKiernan to be General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Keith W. Dayton to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. John R. Wood to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. William T. Nesbitt to be Major General.

Army nomination of Col. Guy L. Sands-Pingot to be Brigadier General.