as they move forward. I congratulate the people of Seneca on reaching this historic anniversary.●

COMMENDING 153RD INFANTRY OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the outstanding humanitarian assistance recently provided by Company C, 153rd Infantry of the Arkansas National Guard.

In early April, Mena, AR, was hit by an F3 tornado which devastated this small town in western Arkansas. These severe storms killed 3, injured more than 100, and left thousands of residents without power. The tornado also damaged important emergency response centers in the town and county, including the hospital, the police and fire departments, and the courthouse, which houses the 911 emergency dispatch center.

However, under the leadership of CPT Rodney Lay, Company C of the 153rd Infantry, including team leaders 1LT Brian Lawrence Inman, 1SG Eric Schnell, SSG James Schnell, SSG Jacob Sullivan, SSG Neal Badger, and WO Jeffrey Shores, helped to immediately restore order to the devastated community. Company C provided downtown security during the aftermath of the tornado and went door to door to check on area citizens. In addition, they provided aid to victims of the storm that could not be transported to the city's hospital.

Our military simply could not function without the thousands of reservists and guardsmen on bases and armories in communities across this country. Since September 11, 2001, they have been called upon to serve in unprecedented numbers. We honor the tremendous service they provide in preserving our freedoms, but we must also not forget the critical role they play in responding on the homefront in communities like Mena that desperately need their help in restoring order and stability in their time of need.

I am honored to recognize the outstanding service of these citizen soldiers to the State of Arkansas and to the thousands of others who have helped provide assistance and support to communities in need.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, 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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:44 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 2346) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following Members as managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. OBEY, Mr. MURTHA, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, and Ms. GRANGER.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1232. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2751. An act to accelerate motor fuel savings nationwide and provide incentives to registered owners of high polluting automobiles to replace such automobiles with new fuel efficient and less polluting automobiles.

MEASURES HELD AT THE DESK

The following concurrent resolution was ordered held at the desk, by unanimous consent:

S. Con. Res. 26. Concurrent resolution apologizing for the enslavement and racial segregation of African Americans.

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–1912. 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 ''Karnal Bunt; Regulated Areas'' (Docket No. APHIS–2009–0036) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–1913. 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 ''Importation of Eggplant from Israel'' (Docket No. APHIS–2007–0153) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–1914. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Triflumizole; Pesticide Tolerances'' (FRL No. 8414–6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–1915. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Aspergillus flavus AF36 on Pistachio; Extension of Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance'' (FRL No. 8416–7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–1916. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Residues of Silver in Foods from Food Contact Surfaces Sanitizing Solutions; Exemption from the Requirement of Tolerance'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–1917. A communication from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Reachback Distributed Decision Support; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–1918. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Department of Energy Activities Relating to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board''; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–1919. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for a document entitled ''The Ground Water Rule Implementation Guidance'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1920. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for a document entitled ''The Ground Water Rule Triggered and Representative Source Water Monitoring Public Review Guidance'' received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1921. 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 Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana'' (FRL No. 8900–5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1922. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan; Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District and Placer County Air Pollution Control District'' (FRL No. 8900–8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1923. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan; Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District and South Coast Air Quality Management District'' (FRL No. 8902–1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 8, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1924. 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 for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Davidson, Knox, and Memphis-Shelby Counties, Tennessee'' (FRL No. 8912–3) received in the Office of the President of the