

the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13581 with respect to transnational criminal organizations.

BARACK OBAMA,
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 21, 2015.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Novotny, 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. 2898. An act to provide drought relief in the State of California, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the Speaker appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission, for a term expiring on December 31, 2016: Mr. Larry Wortzel of Williamsburg, Virginia, and Mr. Peter Brookes of Springfield, Virginia.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 4:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 971. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in the limit on the length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program.

At 5:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 984. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and to remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program with respect to speech generating devices.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2898. An act to provide drought relief in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2159(i) and Section 601(b)(4) of Public Law 94-329, and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 19. Joint resolution to express the disfavor of Congress regarding the proposed agreement for cooperation between the

United States and the People's Republic of China transmitted to the Congress by the President on April 21, 2015, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 3038. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

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-2313. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiabendazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 9929-95) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2314. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Novaluron; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9929-57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2315. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Distillates, (Fischer-Tropsch), heavy, C18-C50, branched, cyclic and linear; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9929-27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2316. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual report for calendar year 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2317. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Noel T. Jones, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2318. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarifications and Corrections to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR): Control of Spacecraft Systems and Related Items the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List (USML)" (RIN0694-AG59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2319. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report rel-

ative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Under Secretary (Legislative Affairs), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2320. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2321. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to pre-dispute arbitration clauses in consumer financial markets; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2322. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports entitled "The District's School Modernization Program Has Failed to Comply with D.C. Code and Lacks Accountability, Transparency and Basic Financial Management" and "Audits of Public School Construction Programs: A Literature Review"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2323. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment New Source Review" (FRL No. 9927-32-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2324. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Midwest Generation Variances" (FRL No. 9929-71-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2325. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation Request and Associated Maintenance Plan for the Lancaster Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual and 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Standard" (FRL No. 9930-56-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2326. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Revision to the Definition of Volatile Organic Compounds" (FRL No. 9930-63-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2327. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina; Nitrogen Dioxide and Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards Changes" (FRL No. 9930-76-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.