

country in this body. There is room in this debate for opposing views. But in the case of the environmentalist concerns on the Bush administrations new look at the roadless area conservation rule and their efforts to gain political support to ignore the courts on this issue, I would hope that none of us would want this, or any future administration to ignore decisions made by the Federal courts.

In closing, I applaud the efforts undertaken by this administration to take a careful look at this wrong-headed rule. I hope they listen to Judge Lodge and any other court rulings that result from the other cases. I am happy to see that the new chief of the Forest Service is more sensitive to local communities and the private and State landowners who will be affected by this or any new roadless area policy.●

87TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, tomorrow marks the 87th anniversary of the start of the Armenian genocide, and I rise today to honor the victims of this horrific event.

As we take time to reflect on this dark chapter of world history, I am not sure what is more troubling: The fact that so many people no longer remember the Armenian genocide, or that there are still people who deny it ever took place. To those who would deny it, I refer them to the U.S. National Archives which contains thousands of pages of source material proving the Armenian genocide did occur. To those who no longer remember, we must tell the story or face the possibility that history may repeat itself.

On April 24, 1915, approximately 200 Armenian religious, political, and intellectual leaders were arrested in Constantinople and subsequently killed. Shortly afterward, the entire Armenian people were forcibly removed from their homeland in present-day eastern Turkey and deported. Over a million and a half Armenians were killed or died as a result of the deportation between 1915 and 1923, and another 500,000 were forced into exile. All told, one-third of the Armenian population was killed during this brutal episode.

Despite having their population decimated and scattered into exile, the Armenian people have been able to maintain a rich culture and a strong sense of their own history. They should be proud of their many accomplishments in the nearly nine decades since the genocide. It is with this strong sense of the past that the Armenian people today are building a brighter future.

As we know all too well, the Armenian genocide was the first, but not the last, genocide of the 20th Century. We join with the Armenian people to remember the victims and to keep alive the memory to ensure such a tragic event never occurs again.●

PERIODIC REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SIGNIFICANT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS CENTERED IN COLOMBIA—PM 81

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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c) and 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report that my Administration has prepared on the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia that was declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995.

GEORGE BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, April 23, 2002.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. HILL of Indiana.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 801 of title 2 of the United States Code, the minority leader appoints the following Members to the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Awards Board: Mr. HINCHEY of New York and Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota.

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-6554. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Program of Research on Reading Comprehension—Notice of Final Priority" received on April 17, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6555. A communication from the Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Release of Information Regarding Immigration and Naturalization Service Detainees in Non-Federal Facilities" (RIN1115-AG67) received on April 17, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6556. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Attorney General, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the fifth Annual Report on the Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6557. A communication from the Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Standards: Claims on Securities Firms" (12 CFR Part 3) received on April 17, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6558. A communication from the Senior Regulations Analyst, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Compensation of Air Carriers" ((RIN2105-AD06)(2002-0002)) received on April 16, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6559. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sodium Starch Glycolate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL6833-9) received on April 18, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6560. A communication from the Administrator, Livestock and Seed Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lamb Promotion, Research and Information Order" ((Doc. No. LS-01-12)(RIN0581-AC06)) received on April 17, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6561. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Cuban Immigration Policies"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6562. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, Presidential Determination Number 2002-14, relative to Palestine Liberation Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6563. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Designation of Critical Habitat for the San Bernardino Kangaroo Rat" (RIN1018-AH07) received on April 17, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6564. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL17175-3) received on April 18, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6565. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Arkansas: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL17173-7) received on April 18, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6566. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Determination that State has Corrected the Rule Deficiencies and Stay of Sanction in California, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL17174-2) received on April 18, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6567. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the