

Middle East peace process that was declared in Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995.

GEORGE W. BUSH,
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 24, 2003.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, 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. 2799. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

At 4:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H.R. 2738. An act to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement.

H.R. 2739. An act to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement.

H.R. 2800. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 2738. An act to implement the United States-Chile Trade Agreement.

H.R. 2739. An act to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement.

H.R. 2800. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

The following bill, previously received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2673. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 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-3439. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus Subtilis Var. Amyloliquefacines Stain FZB24; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL7309-8) received on July 23, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3440. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, two pieces of proposed legislation relative to the Emergency Food and Shelter Program; to

the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3441. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Variable Contracts" (Rev. Rul. 2003-92) received on July 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3442. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 269B Notice" (Notice 2003-50) received on July 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3443. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reallocation of Income and Deductions Among Unrelated Parties to a Lease Strip" (Rev. Rul. 2003-96) received on July 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3444. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Notice 95-53 (Lease Stripping)" (Notice 2003-55) received on July 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3445. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Equity Investments Prior to a New Markets Credit Allocation" (Notice 2003-56) received on July 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3446. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Variable Contracts" (Rev. Rul. 2003-91) received on July 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3447. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TD: Prohibited Allocations of Securities in an S Corporation" (RIN1545-BC33) received on July 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3448. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates-August 2003" (Rev. Rul. 2003-94) received on July 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3449. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: NAC-MPC Revision" (RIN3150-AH20) received on July 22, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3450. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Ban on Trade of Methyl Bromide with Non-Parties to Montreal Protocol" (FRL7529-6) received on July 23, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3451. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Jersey; Revised Motor Vehicle Emissions Inventories for 1996, 2005, and 2007 and Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for 2005 and 2007 Using MOBILE6" (FRL7535-4) received on July 23, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and

were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-235. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to low-interest loans for military personnel called to active duty; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 151

Whereas, The recent events in our country have served to remind us of the degree to which our nation relies upon the sacrifices of our men and women in the military. With the call to active duty of thousands of members of National Guard and reserve units for overseas deployment and an increasing range of domestic security assignments, it is clear that our military strength is rooted in both the professional ranks and those working in civilian life while serving as ready reserves; and

Whereas, The men and women called to active duty to help the country respond to a crisis such as we have faced since September 11, 2001, do so at great cost to their families and, often, their careers. The uncertain length of the activation in the current situation can make the return to active duty a devastating blow to the finances of a family or a small business. When the person called to duty is the primary breadwinner in a family, for example, as is often the case, the family can face many difficulties. The mortgage payments, food and utility bills, and costs of raising children do not go away when the regular paycheck is replaced by a military paycheck that is usually far less; and

Whereas, While it would be impossible to cover the entire burden facing many families, it would be helpful for the federal government to do all it can to address this issue. A low-interest loan program for those whose active duty pay is less than civilian levels can provide short-term help with the monthly bills. For families who have sent someone to fight terrorism, whether overseas or on assignments at airports or border crossings, this would be an appropriate step to take: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to provide a program of low-interest loans for military personnel called to active duty; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-236. A joint resolution adopted by the Assembly of the State of Nevada relative to expenditures of money for restoration of and water developments on the public lands in Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas, In recent years, wildfires have caused extensive damage to the public lands of this state by destroying thousands of acres of public lands used for economic, wildlife and recreational purposes, and have increased the threat of infestation of exotic annual grasses and noxious weeds which may, if not controlled cause further degradation of the lands, deterioration of wildlife habitat, erosion, and diminished water quality; and

Whereas, Responsible management and preservation of the public lands of this state require restoration of the public lands through various means, including, without limitation, reseeding, planting indigenous grasses and shrubs, combating exotic annual grasses and noxious weeds and reducing the