

notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. Consistent with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency declared with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001, is to continue in effect for an additional year.

The terrorist threat that led to the declaration on September 14, 2001, of a national emergency continues. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect after September 14, 2007, the national emergency with respect to the terrorist threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 12, 2007.

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-3259. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, five quarterly Selected Acquisition Reports for the quarter ended June 30, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3260. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's decision to conduct a public-private competition for the multi-functional Base Operating Support mission at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3261. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reports of Government Property" (DFARS Case 2005-D015) received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3262. 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 "Captan, 2,4-D, Dodine, DCPA, Endothall, Fomesafen, Propyzamide, Ethofumesate, Permethrin, Dimethipin, and Fenarimol; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 8142-2) received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3263. 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 "Comprehensive Procurement Guideline V for Procurement of Products Containing Recovered Materials" (RIN2050-AE23) (FRL No. 8468-3) received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3264. 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 "Nonroad Diesel Technical Amendments and Tier 3 Technical Relief Provision" ((RIN2060-AO37) (FRL No. 8467-2)) received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3265. 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 "Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act and Assessing the Environmental Effects Abroad of EPA Actions" ((RIN2020-AA42) (FRL No. 8467-5)) received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3266. 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 "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 8456-4) received on September 11, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3267. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disaster/Combat Zone Relief and Dischargeability" (Rev. Rul. 2007-59) received on September 10, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3268. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Housing Cost Amounts Eligible for Exclusion or Deduction for 2007" (Notice 2007-77) received on September 10, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3269. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment of Certain Nuclear Decommissioning Funds for Purposes of Allocating Purchase Price in Certain Deemed and Actual Asset Acquisitions" ((RIN1545-BC99) (TD 9358)) received on September 10, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3270. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report detailing payments made to Cuba relative to its telecommunications services; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3271. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. military personnel and civilian contractors involved in the anti-narcotics campaign in Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3272. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Director, received on September 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3273. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison, Office of the General Counsel, Patent and Trademark Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "April 2007 Revision of Patent Cooperation Treaty Procedures" (RIN0651-AC09) received on September 10, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3274. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the activities and operations of the Criminal Division of the Public Integrity Section during calendar year 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute: S. 1256. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize loan programs under that Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-154).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BOND (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 2040. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the alternative tax liability limitation for small property and casualty insurance companies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2041. A bill to amend the False Claims Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2042. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct activities to rapidly advance treatments for spinal muscular atrophy, neuromuscular disease, and other pediatric diseases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 2043. A bill to prohibit the closure or relocation of any county office of the Farm Service Agency until at least 1 year after the enactment of an omnibus law to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs for fiscal years after fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2044. A bill to provide procedures for the proper classification of employees and independent contractors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. 2045. A bill to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 2046. A bill to establish a pilot program for police departments to use anonymous texts from citizens to augment their anonymous tip hotlines; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2047. A bill to require enhanced disclosures to consumers purchasing flood insurance and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2048. A bill for the relief of Jose Buendia Balderas, Alicia Aranda De Buendia, and Ana Laura Buendia Aranda; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. KERRY):