

the Police Social Services Section, PSS, of Lafourche Parish, LA, for their victim advocacy, courage, Federal leadership, and professional innovation in victim services. I would like to take some time to make a few remarks on their tireless efforts and work on behalf of crime victims.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be observed from April 26 to May 2, 2009. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the passage of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, which created the Office for Victims of Crime and is responsible for nearly \$7 billion in support for crime victim compensation, assistance, and other programs that serve victims. On Thursday, April 23, Attorney General Holder will preside over a national candlelight observance and will join victims, victim advocates, criminal justice professionals, and members of the public to remember crime victims and reflect on progress made in improving victims' rights.

On Friday, April 24, the PSS of Lafourche Parish will receive the Award for Professional Innovation in Victim Services. Team members include: LT. Karla S. Beck, Ms. Deanna Dufrene, SGT. Valerie Day, Deputy Dale Savoie, Deputy Walter Tenney, Deputy Delaune Boudreaux, Advocate Tamera Joseph, Deputy Rebecca Shaver, Deputy Amy Guillot, Deputy Pam Guedry, and Reservist Bernard Lafaso. The team is unique in their innovative and significant efforts on behalf of victim services. The PSS Elderly Services Officer is a devoted, full-time, extensive case manager, visiting the local nursing home and community Council on Aging groups to provide assistance, services, and education to older victims, their family members and caregivers. They also implemented the Crime Victims with Disabilities Program to address victims with disabilities, and also developed a model curriculum, "Beyond the Barriers: Crisis Intervention Training," that has been used to educate law enforcement personnel throughout Louisiana. They were also awarded a grant in 2007 to establish Supervised Visitation Centers—a safe space for children to transition from one parent to another. Due to PSS, the Sheriff's Office has received numerous awards and national and State recognition. PSS started with one full-time deputy and one volunteer. Today, PSS has 12 full-time deputies, two auxiliary deputies, two volunteers, and administrative support, all of whom work together to improve the lives of victims in the aftermath of crime.

Today, I applaud the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office for being honored by the Department of Justice for their victim advocacy and thank them for their continued service to the people of Louisiana and the rest of the Nation.●

#### 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.)

TRANSMITTING CERTIFICATION THAT THE EXPORT OF ONE CONTINUOUS MIXER, ONE JET MILL, AND ONE FILAMENT WINDING CELL IS NOT DETRIMENTAL TO THE U.S. SPACE LAUNCH INDUSTRY, AND THAT THE MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING ANY INDIRECT TECHNICAL BENEFIT THAT COULD BE DERIVED FROM THESE EXPORTS, WILL NOT MEASURABLY IMPROVE THE MISSILE OR SPACE LAUNCH CAPABILITIES OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA—PM 14

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 Foreign Relations:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with the provisions of section 1512 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-261), I hereby certify to the Congress that the export of one continuous mixer to be used to manufacture conductive polymer compounds to be further processed to make circuit protection devices, one jet mill to be used for particle size reduction of pigments and other powder products for cosmetic formulations, and one filament winding cell to be used to manufacture fiberglass assembly shelter poles for use in tents and shelters is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry, and that the material and equipment, including any indirect technical benefit that could be derived from these exports, will not measurably improve the missile or space launch capabilities of the People's Republic of China.

BARACK OBAMA.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 21, 2009.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 131. An act to establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission.

#### 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-1286. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiamethoxam; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL-8407-8) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1287. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Pesticide Tolerance Revocation for Diazinon" (FRL-8410-1) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1288. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Product Improvement Pilot Program (PIPP); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1289. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 (Regional Jet Series 100 & 440 Airplanes)" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2008-0888)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1290. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 (Regional Jet Series 100 & 440 Airplanes)" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2008-0521)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1291. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Death Valley, CA" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-0137) (Airspace Docket No. 08-AWP-2)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1292. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Reno, NV" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-1108) (Airspace Docket No. 08-AWP-11)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1293. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 Series Airplanes and Model A300-600 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2008-0018)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1294. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd & Co KG (RRD) BR700-715A1-30, BR700-715B1-30, and BR700-715C1-30 Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2008-0224)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1295. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A318, A319, A320, and A321 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2008-1327)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 21, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1296. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Average Fuel Economy Standards Passenger Cars and Light Trucks Model Year 2011" ((RIN2127-AK29) (Docket No. NHTSA-2009-0062)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 21, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1297. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-100B SUD, 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-200F, 747-300, 747-400, 747SR, and 747SP Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2008-1072)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1298. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Government in the Sunshine Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1299. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Version Two Facilities Design, Connections and Maintenance Reliability Standards" ((Docket No. RM08-11-000) (Order No. 722)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 7, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1300. A communication from the Attorney of the Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Certain Consumer Products (Dishwashers, Dehumidifiers, Microwave Ovens, and Electric and Gas Kitchen Ranges and Ovens) and for Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment (Commercial Clothes Washers)" (RIN1904-AB49) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1301. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Permits; Revision of Expiration Dates for Double Crested Cormorant Depredation Orders" (RIN1018-AW11)

received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1302. A communication from the Acting Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska - 2009-10 and 2010-11 Subsistence Taking of Fish Regulations" (RIN1018-AV72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1303. 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; Kansas; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL-8760-9) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1304. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List, Final Rule No. 46" (RIN2050-AD75) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 3, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1305. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment of the One-Hour Ozone Standard for the Southern New Jersey Portion of the Philadelphia Metropolitan Nonattainment Area" (FRL-8775-5) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1306. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) Supplemental Funding for Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grantees" (FRL-8791-3) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1307. 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 and Operating Permits Program; State of Missouri" (FRL-8791-6) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1308. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ocean Dumping; Designation of Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site Offshore of the Rogue River, Oregon" (FRL-8791-2) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1309. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wisconsin: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL-8788-9) as received during ad-

jourment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1310. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Withdrawal of NPDES Voluntary Permit Fee Incentive for Clean Water Act Section 108 Grants; Allotment Formula" (FRL-8792-3) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1311. 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; Delaware; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL-8789-7) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1312. 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; Georgia; Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance Plan" (FRL-8892-8) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1313. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wisconsin: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL-8789-6) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1314. 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; New Jersey; Diesel Idling Rule Revisions" (FRL-8757-6) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1315. 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, Approval of the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District—Reasonably Available Control Technology Analysis" (FRL-8784-2) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1316. 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; North Dakota; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL-8892-7) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1317. 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; Minnesota” (FRL-8894-1) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1318. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment to Requirements for Providing Information on the Delegation of the Administrator’s Authorities and Responsibilities for Certain States” (FRL-8893-7) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1319. 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; Texas; Reasonable Further Progress Plan, Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets, and 2002 Base Year Emissions Inventory; Houston-Galveston-Brazoria 1997 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area” (FRL-8895-3) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1320. 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; South Carolina; NOx SIP Call Phase II” (FRL-8894-8) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1321. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, (13) reports relative to vacancy announcements, changes in previously submitted reported information, and designation of acting officers, as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1322. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative to vacancy announcements, nominations, action on nominations, and designation of acting officers, as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1323. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Use of Funds Appropriated to the Office of Inspector General for Medicaid-Related Program Integrity Activities”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1324. A communication from the Program Manager of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicaid Program; State Flexibility for Medicaid Benefit Packages” (RIN0938-AP72) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1325. A communication from the Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “State Par-

ent Locator Service; Safeguarding Child Support Information; Proposed Delay of Effective Date” (RIN0970-AC01) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1326. 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 “Section 911(d)(4)—2008 Update” (Rev. Proc. 2009-22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1327. 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 “Nonconventional Source Fuel Credit, Section 45K Inflation Adjustment Factor, and Section 45K Reference Price” (Notice 2009-32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 2, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1328. 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 “Request for Comments on Certain Section 263A Rules Relating to Property Acquired for Resale” (Notice 2009-25) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1329. 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 “Qualified Energy Conservation Bond Allocations for 2009” (Notice 2009-29) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1330. 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 “Premium Assistance for COBRA Benefits” (Notice 2009-27) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1331. 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 “Home Affordable Modification Program” (Rev. Proc. 2009-23) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1332. 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 “Qualifying Advanced Coal Project Program” (Notice 2009-24) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1333. 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 “Qualifying Gasification Project Program” (Notice 2009-23) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1334. 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 “ARRA Update to Annual Indexing Revenue Procedures” (Rev. Proc. 2009-21) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1335. 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 “2009 Automobile Inflation Adjustments” (Rev. Proc. 2009-24) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1336. 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 “Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates” (Notice 2009-39) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1337. 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 “Request for Comments on Revenue Procedure for Section 403(b) Prototype Plans” (Announcement 2009-34) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1338. 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 “Build America Bonds and Direct Payment Subsidy Implementation” (Notice 2009-26) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1339. 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 “Tax Effects of the Acquisition of Instruments by the Treasury Department Under Certain Programs Pursuant to the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008” (Notice 2009-38) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1340. 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 “Qualified Zone Academy Bond Allocations for 2008 and 2009” (Notice 2009-30) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1341. 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 “Qualified School Construction Bond Allocations for 2009” (Notice 2009-35) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1342. 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 “New Clean Renewable Energy Bonds Application Solicitation and Requirements” (Notice 2009-33) as received during adjournment of the Senate in

the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1343. 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 "Phase-out of Credit for New Qualified Hybrid Motor Vehicles and New Advanced Lean Burn Technology Motor Vehicles" (Notice 2009-37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 21, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1344. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more with Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1345. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more with Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1346. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more with Greece; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1347. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense services and defense articles in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more with the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1348. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense services and defense articles in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more with South Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1349. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles and defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more with Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1350. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles that are firearms controlled under Category I of the United States Munitions List sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more to Canada; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1351. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative

Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more with the United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1352. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1353. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2009-0036 - 2009-0046); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1354. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the waiver of Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1355. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more with Sweden; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS for the Committee on Finance.

\*Kathleen Sebelius, of Kansas, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

#### 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. LUGAR:

S. 838. A bill to provide for the appointment of United States Science Envoys; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 839. A bill to assist States in making voluntary high quality universal prekindergarten programs available to 3- to 5-year olds for at least 1 year preceding kindergarten; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BOND, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BURR, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 840. A bill to establish a Development and Commercialization Committee on Clean and Efficient Energy Technologies within the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Devel-

opment and Climate Program Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 841. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to study and establish a motor vehicle safety standard that provides for a means of alerting blind and other pedestrians of motor vehicle operation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 842. A bill to repeal the sunset of certain enhancements of protections of servicemembers relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay mortgage holders unpaid balances on housing loans guaranteed by Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 843. A bill to establish background check procedures for gun shows; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 844. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prevent and treat diabetes, to promote and improve the care of individuals with diabetes, and to reduce health disparities relating to diabetes within racial and ethnic minority groups, including African-American, Hispanic American, Asian American, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander, and American Indian and Alaskan Native communities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOPE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 845. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to allow citizens who have concealed carry permits from the State in which they reside to carry concealed firearms in another State that grants concealed carry permits, if the individual complies with the laws of the State; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CASEY, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 846. A bill to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WEBB:

S. 847. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that utilization of survivors' and dependents' educational assistance shall not be subject to the 48-month limitation on the aggregate amount of assistance utilizable under multiple veterans and related educational assistance programs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.