the short time he was a judge advocate before attending the graduate course, Lieutenant General Black quickly distinguished himself from his peers as possessing the legal acumen and interpersonal skills to serve in the Judge Advocate General's Corps' most visible and challenging positions. From 1985–1989 he served in the general law branch, administrative law division, Office of The Judge Advocate General. During this time period, he received the high honor and rare distinction of being selected to serve as an assistant counsel to the President of the United States. After leaving the White House, his stellar performance led to his selection to attend the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS. In 1990, he returned to Fort Ord, CA, where he served as the deputy staff judge advocate for the 7th Infantry Division, Light, until 1993. After leaving Fort Ord, Lieutenant General Black continued to expertly fill and excel in challenging positions.

In 1993, Lieutenant General Black and his family moved to Europe where he was the chief, military and civil law division, Office of the Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany. In 1994 he became the staff judge Advocate, 3d Infantry Division, later redesignated 1st Infantry Division, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany. In 1996, he returned to Washington, DC, where he served as the legislative counsel and chief, investigations and legislative division, Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Army, until 1998. From 1998–1999, Lieutenant General Black attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. In 1999 he returned to the Office of The Judge Advocate General to serve as the chief, personnel, plans, and training office. In 2000, Lieutenant General Black returned to Germany as the staff judge advocate, V Corps, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany.

In 2001 Lieutenant General Black was selected for promotion to brigadier general, and so he returned to Washington, DC, to serve as the assistant judge advocate general for military law and operations. In 2003 he was assigned as the first commanding general of the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School. In 2005 he became the 37th The judge advocate general of the Army. He was promoted to lieutenant general on 8 December 2008 to become the Army's first 3-star the judge advocate general.

As the judge advocate general of the Army, Lieutenant General Black served as the principal staff officer responsible for the largest legal services corps within the Department of Defense, with over 9,000 uniformed and civilian attorneys, paralegal noncommissioned officers, and civilian support staff across 651 offices in 19 countries. Lieutenant General Black expertly advised the Secretary of the Army and the Army Staff on sensitive issues affecting the Army and the Department of Defense during a tumultuous and difficult time in our Nation's history. Along with the judge advocate generals of the other services he was the conscious of the nation as he provided counsel on novel legal issues in international law and the ethical values fundamental to the United States.

Under his leadership the Judge Advocate General's Corps transitioned along with the rest of the Army so that judge advocates were more accessible and effective to the commanders who rely on their advice. Lieutenant General Black's awards include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. He has earned the Ranger Tab and the Parachutist Badge.

Lieutenant General Black and his wonderful wife Kim have been married for 33 years. They have four children and one grandchild.

I know all my colleagues join me in saluting LTG Scott C. Black and his family for their many years of truly outstanding service to the Judge Advocate General's Corps, the U.S. Army, and our great Nation.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 2454. An act to create clean energy jobs, achieve energy independence, reduce global warming pollution and transition to a clean energy economy.

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–2190. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Chlorantranilprole; Pesticide Tolerances'' (FRL No. 8413–6) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 26, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–2191. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Sodium 1, 4-Dialkyl Sulfosuccinates; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance'' (FRL No. 8423–2) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–2192. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Pyrimethani; Pesticide Tolerances'' (FRL No. 8423–6) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–2193. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Polyglyceryl Phthalate Ester of Coconut Oil Fatty Acids; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance'' (FRL No. 8423–1)as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–2194. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''d-Phenothrin; Pesticide Tolerances'' (FRL No. 8417–4) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–2195. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Cyazofamid; Pesticide Tolerance'' (FRL No. 8423–5) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–2196. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Movement of Hass Avocados From Areas Where Mexican Fruit Fly or Sapote Fruit Fly Exist'' ((RIN0579–AC67) (Docket No. APHIS–2006–0189)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–2197. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''2-Propenoic acid, 2-methyl-, polymers with Bu acrylate, Et acrylate, Me methacrylate and polyethylene glycol methacrylate C16–18-alkyl ethers; Tolerance Exemption'' (FRL No. 8422–3) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–2198. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to certification, transmittal number: DDTC 019–09, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles, including technical data, and