

Group, he was an integral part of long range homeland defense planning. He was also a member of the Current Operations Group and played a key role as the J-4 representative during crisis operations and exercises.

Colonel Wilson had the distinct honor of leading the 249th Engineer Battalion, the only Prime Power Engineer Battalion in the Army. He was responsible for contingency deployment of power production personnel, as well as power generation and distribution of equipment in support of Combat Commanders, Joint Task Forces, and Installation Commanders worldwide. His soldiers kept up an unbelievable operations tempo during Operation Iraqi Freedom and deployments to Afghanistan, Kuwait, Philippines, Kyrgyzstan, Guam, and Turkey. Support operations included major deployments in disaster relief. Colonel Wilson was also responsible for the Prime Power School, for its training program and for recruitment and retention. As a battalion commander, he was a proven professional who always accomplished the mission, took care of his soldiers, and planned, thought, and communicated as a leader.

I would like to extend my deepest thanks to Colonel Wilson for his many years of service to our Nation. I wish the absolute best to him and his family as they begin this next stage in their lives.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, 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 messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 43. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony honoring the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela on the occasion of the 95th anniversary of his birth.

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-2199. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Novaluron; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 98389-7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2200. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenbuconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9390-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2201. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to balances carried forward at the end of fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2202. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) two reports relative to vacancies in the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2203. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2013-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2204. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibitions and Conditions on the Importation and Exportation of Rough Diamonds" (RIN1515-AD85) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2205. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Streamlining Requirements Governing the Use of Funding for Supportive Housing for the Elderly and Persons With Disabilities Programs" (RIN2502-A167) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2206. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Production of FHFA Records, Information, and Employee Testimony in Third-Party Legal Proceedings" (RIN2590-AA51) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 3, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2207. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance

Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Availability of Non-Public Information" (RIN2590-AA06) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 3, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2208. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2209. A communication from the Management Analyst, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of a Ski Area" (RIN0596-AD12) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2210. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Department of Energy Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 3 Disposition Decision Analysis and Timeline Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2211. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2013 Annual Plan: Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Research and Development Program"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2212. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Format and Content for Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report" (Regulatory Guide 1.185, Revision 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2213. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Nuclear Material Control and Accounting Systems for Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 5.29, Revision 2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2214. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: MAGNASTOR System" (RIN3150-AJ22) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2215. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegation of Authority to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to Implement and Enforce National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants and New Source Performance Standards" (FRL No. 9828-6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2216. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities