

I am advised that Mr. Williams has cultivated a culture of community involvement at Sanofi Pasteur and demonstrated a commitment to philanthropy through the company's contributions to United Way and donations of vaccines through UNICEF, the Global Alliance for Vaccines Immunization, GAVI, the World Health Organization's Global Polio Eradication Initiative and various humanitarian relief efforts.

Mr. Williams has also been committed to the economic growth and development of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This includes expanding the impressive campus in Swiftwater to maintain a domestic manufacturing base for many vaccines, including influenza. Under his guidance, Sanofi Pasteur has grown to be the largest private employer in Monroe County and a purchaser of over \$145 million in goods and services from Pennsylvania-based vendors. I have been pleased to assist in this important expansion through appropriation of Federal funding which not only benefits the county but the entire Commonwealth and Nation.

On January 16, 2008, after 30 years of service, David J. Williams will retire as the chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Sanofi Pasteur. I commend Dr. Williams for his distinguished career and leadership in the advancement of immunizations and the eradication of vaccine-preventable diseases.●

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 and treaties which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY RELATIVE TO PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY—PM 34

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:

I transmit to the Congress, pursuant to sections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2153(b), (d)) (the "Act"), the

text of the proposed Agreement for Cooperation between the United States of America and the Republic of Turkey Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (the "Agreement") together with a copy of the unclassified Nuclear Proliferation Assessment Statement (NPAS) and of my approval of the proposed Agreement and determination that the proposed Agreement will promote, and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to, the common defense and security. The Secretary of State will submit the classified NPAS and accompanying annexes separately in appropriate secure channels.

The Agreement was signed on July 26, 2000, and President Clinton approved and authorized execution and made the determinations required by section 123 b. of the Act (Presidential Determination 2000-26, 65 FR 44403 (July 18, 2000)). However, immediately after signature, U.S. agencies received information that called into question the conclusions that had been drawn in the required NPAS and the original classified annex, specifically, information implicating Turkish private entities in certain activities directly relating to nuclear proliferation. Consequently, the Agreement was not submitted to the Congress and the executive branch undertook a review of the NPAS evaluation.

My Administration has completed the NPAS review as well as an evaluation of actions taken by the Turkish government to address the proliferation activities of certain Turkish entities (once officials of the U.S. Government brought them to the Turkish government's attention). The Secretary of State, the Secretary of Energy, and the members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission are confident that the pertinent issues have been sufficiently resolved and that there is a sufficient basis (as set forth in the classified annexes, which will be transmitted separately by the Secretary of State) to proceed with congressional review of the Agreement and, if legislation is not enacted to disapprove it, to bring the Agreement into force.

In my judgment, entry into force of the Agreement will serve as a strong incentive for Turkey to continue its support for nonproliferation objectives and enact future sound nonproliferation policies and practices. It will also promote closer political and economic ties with a NATO ally, and provide the necessary legal framework for U.S. industry to make nuclear exports to Turkey's planned civil nuclear sector.

This transmittal shall constitute a submittal for purposes of both section 123 b. and 123 d. of the Act. My Administration is prepared to begin immediate consultations with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee as provided in section 123 b. Upon completion of the period of 30 days of continuous session provided for in section 123 b., the period of 60 days of continuous

session provided for in section 123 d. shall commence.

GEORGE W. BUSH,
THE WHITE HOUSE, January 22, 2008.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1216. An act to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1374. An act to amend the Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003 to authorize the conveyance of an additional tract of National Forest System land under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2517. An act to amend the Missing Children's Assistance Act to authorize appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2768. An act to establish improved mandatory standards to protect miners during emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 3179. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to authorize the use of Federal supply schedules for the acquisition of law enforcement, security, and certain other related items by State and local governments; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3524. An act to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3866. An act to reauthorize certain programs under the Small Business Act for each of fiscal years 2008 and 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 3911. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 95 Church Street in Jessup, Pennsylvania, as the "Lance Corporal Dennis James Veater Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4210. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Washington Avenue in Weldon, North Carolina, as the "Dock M. Brown Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4220. An act to encourage the donation of excess food to nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to food-insecure people in the United States in contracts entered into by executive agencies for the provision, service, or sale of food; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4286. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in recognition of her courageous and unwavering commitment to peace, nonviolence, human rights, and democracy in Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4341. An act to extend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 4342. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 824 Manatee Avenue West in Bradenton, Florida, as the "Dan Miller Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4351. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide individuals temporary relief from the alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 246. Concurrent resolution honoring the United States Marine Corps for serving and defending the United States on the anniversary of its founding on November 10, 1775; to the Committee on Armed Services.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 783. An act to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park, 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-4532. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, Tangelos Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0088) received on January 2, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4533. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Organic Program—Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (Crops and Livestock)" (RIN0581-AC61) received on January 2, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4534. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pistachios Grown in California; Changes in Handling Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0082) received on January 2, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4535. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Organic Program—Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (Livestock)" (RIN0581-AC62) received on January 2, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4536. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 3 Spearmint Oil for the 2007-2008 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0134) received on January 2, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4537. 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 "Veterinary Diagnostic Services User Fees" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0161) received on January 2, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4538. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to violations of the Antideficiency Act in the Health and Resource Services Administration's National Health Service Corps Scholarship and Loan Repayment Programs; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-4539. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's decision to cancel a public-private competition for the Naval Supply Systems Command's ocean terminal operations and maintenance services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4540. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (23) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4541. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lead System Integrators" (DFARS Case 2006-D051) received on January 3, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4542. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report relative to the Regional Defense Combating Terrorism Fellowship Program for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4543. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Adjustment of Ceiling on Allowable Charge for Certain Disclosures Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act Section 612(f)" (FR Doc. E7-24672) received on January 3, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4544. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acceptance from Foreign Private Issuers of Financial Statements Prepared in Accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards without Reconciliation to U.S. GAAP" (RIN3235-AJ90) received on January 2, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4545. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving the export of railway equipment to China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4546. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving the export of materials needed to construct a natural gas plant in Peru; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4547. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Eligibility Requirements for Primary Securities Offerings on Forms S-3 and F-3" (RIN3235-AJ89) received on December 19, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4548. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Smaller Reporting Company Regulatory Relief and Simplification" (RIN3235-AJ86) received on December 19, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4549. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Reinvestment Act Regulations" (RIN1557-AD05) received on January 3, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4550. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Empowerment Zones: Performance Standards for Utilization of Grant Funds" (RIN2506-AC16) received on January 3, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4551. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4552. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Annual Performance Budget for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4553. A communication from the Federal Register Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Government Participation in the Automated Clearing House" (RIN1510-AB00) received on January 3, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4554. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Reinvestment Act" (Docket No. R-1302) received on December 21, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4555. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Home Mortgage Disclosure Act" (Docket No. R-1303) received on December 21, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4556. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to competitions initiated or completed by the Commission during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4557. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Regulatory Amendment to Modify Recordkeeping and Reporting and Observer Requirements; Emergency Secretarial Action; Correction" (RIN0648-AW20) received on December 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4558. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting,