EC-2970. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the security measures at the Hellenikon International Airport, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2971. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on products used for airport pavement maintenance and rehabilitation, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2972. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three rules including a rule entitled “Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska,” received on May 29, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2973. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area,” received on May 30, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2974. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area,” received on May 29, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2975. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pacific Halibut Fisheries,” received on May 29, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2976. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of sixty-two rules including a rule entitled “Vehicle Identification Number Requirements,” (RIN2127-AC66, 2115-9394) received on June 3, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2977. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of twenty-three rules including a rule entitled “Child Restraint Systems,” (RIN2120-AF52, 2120-AF57, 2120-AA3, 2120-AF57, 2120-AF61) received on June 3, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2978. A communication from the Program Management Office, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska,” (RIN9648-A165) received on May 29, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2979. A communication from the Program Management Office, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Outdoor Domestic Fishing,” (RIN9648-AC68) received on May 29, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2980. A communication from the Program Management Office, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Northeast Multispecies Fishery,” (RIN9648-A169) received on June 3, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2981. A communication from the Program Management Office, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Groundfish Multispecies Fishery,” (RIN9648-A164) received on June 3, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. FAIRCLOTH:

S. 1853. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the Federal jurisdiction over offenses relating to damage to religious property; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ASHCROFT, (for himself and Mr. D'AMATO):

S. 1854. A bill to amend Federal criminal law with respect to the prosecution of violent and repeat juvenile offenders and controlled substances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. FAIRCLOTH:

S. 1853. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the Federal jurisdiction over offenses relating to damage to religious property; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, over the weekend in my home State of North Carolina, a small black church—the MatthewMurkland Presbyterian Church—was destroyed by fire.

This is truly a terrible act. I cannot think of a more despicable act than to burn any church. Nevertheless, this is the 30th such fire for a black church in the last 18 months. In fact, there are reports of another occurring last night. We rejoice in the fact there has been some drop in overall crime rates. Frankly, crime rates had nowhere else to go, in general, but down. But they are coming down, and I am pleased by it. But I think it is important we not be deluded, we not be fooled. The fact that, overall, crime rates are coming down should not mask something which should alert us and should literally prompt us into significant responses, and that is that, while, overall, crime rates are going down, juvenile crime rates have been skyrocketing. So those components of the crime rate which would signal what we can expect in the future are telling us to beware, to be alert, to brace ourselves, because between 1988 and 1992, juvenile arrests for violent crime increased by 47 percent while adult violent crime arrests increased only by 19 percent. So we had a 2.5 to 1 higher increase, higher explosion in growth in juvenile crime.

Juvenile murder increased 26 percent, forcible rapes by 41 percent, juvenile robberies by 39 percent, aggravated assaults by 27 percent—an exploding,