

Weapons of Mass Destruction: Mr. Tony Beilenson of Maryland.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 806(c)(1) of Public Law 104-132, the majority leader appoints the following individual to the Commission on the Advancement of Federal Law Enforcement: Mr. Gilbert Gallegos of New Mexico.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 822. An act to facilitate a land exchange involving private land within the exterior boundaries of Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan County, Washington; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 951. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to exchange certain lands located in Hinsdale, Colorado; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 960. An act to validate certain conveyances in the City of Tulare, Tulare County, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1086. An act to codify without substantive change laws related to transportation and to improve the United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1198. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the City of Grants Pass, Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1840. An act to provide a law enforcement exception to the prohibition on the advertising of certain electronic devices; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1658. An act to reauthorize and amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act and related laws; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

H.R. 1847. An act to improve the criminal law relating to fraud against consumers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2016. An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2410. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule entitled "Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 1996" (RIN:2900-AI66), received on July 1, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2411. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule entitled "Veterans Education: Submission of School Catalogs to State Approving Agencies" (RIN: 2900-AH97), received on July 1, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2412. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to export administration regulations (RIN0694-AB60), received on June 27, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2413. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to revisions to the entity list, received on June 27, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2414. A communication from the Acting Executive Director, Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1996 under the Federal Home Loan Bank Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2415. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Release No. 33-7427 concerning the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval system; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2416. A communication from the Program Director, National Fund for Medical Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the audited financial statement for the year ended December 31, 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2417. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize appropriations for refugee and entrant assistance for fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2418. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the employment of Americans by the United Nations and Specialized Agencies under the Foreign Relations Authorization Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2419. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, agreements relative to treaties entered into by the United States under the Case-Zablocki Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2420. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Maritime Terrorism: A Report to Congress" for calendar year 1996 under the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2421. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, U.S. Information Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule relative to the Exchange Visitor Program, received on June 27, 1997; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2422. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a proposal to obligate \$23.5 million in Fiscal Year 1997 to implement the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program under the Fiscal Year 1997 Defense Appropriations Act; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2423. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Calendar Year 1996 Report on Accounting for United States Assistance Under the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2424. A communication from the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office

of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an alternative live fire test; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2425. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to medical care for children of members of the Armed Services under the 1997 National Defense Authorization Act; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2426. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship and Financial Assistance Programs under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2427. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a notice relative to a retirement of General George A. Joulwan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2428. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a notice relative to a retirement of Lieutenant General Paul K. Van Riper; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2429. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a notice relative to a retirement of Vice Admiral Douglas J. Katz; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2430. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to property transferred to the Republic of Panama under the Panama Canal Act of 1979; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2431. A communication from the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the financial status of the railroad unemployment insurance system for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2432. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule entitled "Servicemen's and Veterans' Group Life Insurance" (RIN: 2900-AI73), received on July 7, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2433. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule entitled "Minimum Income Annuity" (RIN2900-AI83), received on July 7, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2434. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to memorialization of spouses of veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-163. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 97-1003

Whereas, The federal "Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991" (ISTEA) was designed to be the comprehensive solution to federal surface transportation funding since it replaced the "Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987", which marked the end of the interstate era; and