

A wide variety of aeronautics and space developments took place during fiscal year 1995. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) successfully completed seven Space Shuttle flights. A Shuttle program highlight was the docking of the Shuttle Atlantis with the Russian space station *Mir*.

NASA launched three Expendable Launch Vehicles (ELV), while the Department of Defense (DOD) successfully conducted five ELV launches. These launches included satellites to study space physics, track Earth's weather patterns, and support military communications. In addition, there were 12 commercial launches carried out from Government facilities that the Office of Commercial Space Transportation (OCST), within the Department of Transportation (DOT), licensed and monitored.

NASA continued the search for a more affordable space launch system for the coming years with its Reusable Launch Vehicle program. NASA hopes to develop new kinds of launch technologies that will enable a private launch industry to become financially feasible.

In aeronautics, activities included development of technologies to improve performance, increase safety, reduce engine noise, and assist U.S. industry to be more competitive in the world market. Air traffic control activities focused on various automation systems to increase flight safety and enhance the efficient use of airspace.

Scientists made some dramatic new discoveries in various space-related fields. Astronomers gained new insights into the size and age of our universe in addition to studying our solar system. Earth scientists continued to study the complex interactions of physical forces that influence our weather and environment and reached new conclusions about ozone depletion. Agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as well as the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior, used remote-sensing technologies to better understand terrestrial changes. Microgravity researchers conducted studies to prepare for the long-duration stays of humans that are planned for the upcoming International Space Station.

International cooperation, particularly with Russia, occurred in a variety of aerospace areas. In addition to the Shuttle-*Mir* docking mission and the Russian partnership on the International Space Station, U.S. and Russian personnel also continued close cooperation on various aeronautics projects.

Thus, fiscal year 1995 was a very successful one for U.S. aeronautics and space programs. Efforts in these areas have contributed significantly to the Nation's scientific and technical knowledge, international cooperation, a healthier environment, and a more competitive economy.

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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-3135. A communication from the Assistant Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Pesticide Worker Protection Standard; Decontamination Requirements," (RIN2070-AC93); to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3136. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to pork and pork products from Mexico transiting the United States, received on June 25, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3137. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to screening at privately owned bird quarantine facilities, received on June 25, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3138. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to viruses, serums, toxins, analogous products, received on June 25, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3139. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule relative to 1996 amendment to cotton board rules and regulations adjusting supplemental assessment on imports, received on June 21, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3140. A communication from the Administrator and Executive Vice President of the Commodity Credit Corporation, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two final rules including a rule entitled "End-Use Certificate Program," (RIN 0560-AE37) received on June 21, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3141. A communication from the Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Pesticide Worker Protection Standard; Language and Size Requirement for Warning Sign," (RIN2070-AC93); to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3142. A communication from the Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Notification Procedures for Pesticides Registration Modifications," (RIN2070-AC98); to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3143. A communication from the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Stamp Program: Automated Data Processing and Services; Reduction in Reporting Requirements," (RIN0584-AB92)

received on June 25, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3144. A communication from the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program," (RIN0572-AB77) received on June 24, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3145. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the assessment of whether major and non-major acquisition programs and achievements of cost performance, and schedule goals; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3146. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on payment of restructuring costs under defense contracts for fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3147. A communication from the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3148. A communication from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the regulation entitled "Joint Agency Policy Statement: Interest Rate Risk," received on June 21, 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3149. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to flood damage reduction in the Chicago River; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3150. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to flood damage reduction in Molly Ann's Brook, New Jersey; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3151. A communication from the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule relative to endangered and threatened wildlife plants, (RIN1018-AC71) received on June 13, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3152. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Importation, Exportation, and Transportation of Wildlife," (RIN1018-AB49) received on June 13, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3153. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Redwood National Park Bypass Project"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3154. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three final rules entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans," (FRL5463-3, 5375-6, 5519-6) received on June 11, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3155. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules entitled "Hazardous Air Pollutant List," (FRL5520-5, 5368-3) received

on June 13, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3156. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "National Priorities List for Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites," (FRL5520-2) received on June 13, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3157. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "The Environmental Review for Renewal of Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses," received on June 7, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3158. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the seventh special impoundment message for fiscal year 1996; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3159. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the Period ending March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3160. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind Or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to additions to the procurement list, received on June 19, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3161. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of General Accounting Office reports and testimony for May 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3162. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm Credit Administration, transmitting pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 to March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3163. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3164. A communication from the Public Printer of the Government Printing Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3165. A communication from the Regulatory Policy Official, National Archives (College Park), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule concerning Audiovisual Records Management (RIN3095-AA18), received on June 25, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3166. A communication from the Chairman and General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3167. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Agency Relationships with Organizations Representing Federal Employee and Other Organization," (RIN3206-AG38) received

on June 24, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3168. A communication from the Chairman of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the final report on the District of Columbia fiscal year 1997 budget and Financial Plan; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3169. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Indian Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to Indian country and detention facilities and programs (RIN1076-AD77), received on June 19, 1996; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3170. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Indian Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to leasing of tribal and allotted lands for mineral development, (RIN1076-AD82) received on June 29, 1996; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3171. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report with respect to the Freedom of Information Act for calendar years 1994 and 1995; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3172. A communication from the Chairman of the United States Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Sex Offenses Against Children: Findings and Recommendations Regarding Federal Penalties"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3173. A communication from the Chairman of the United States Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Adequacy of Federal Sentencing Guidelines Penalties for Computer Fraud and Vandalism Offenses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3174. A communication from the Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report with respect to the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3175. A communication from the Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule relative to affecting motions and appeals (RIN1125-AA01), received on June 21, 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3176. A communication from the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Priority Dates for Employment-Base Petitions" (RIN1115-AE24), received on June 21, 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3177. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the interim final rule entitled "Acquisition regulation; Department of Energy management and operating contracts," received on June 24, 1996; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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-632. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, referred jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, to the Committee on Governmental Affairs, and to the Committee on the Budget.

"HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 341

"Whereas, The Federal Highway Revenue Act of 1956 and the Federal Airport and Air-

way Development Act of 1970 created the Federal Highway Trust Fund and the Federal Airport and Airway Trust Fund, respectively; and

"Whereas, These funds were established to deposit dedicated taxes and user fees to be used to construct and maintain a transportation infrastructure that is more safe and efficient than any nation in the world; and

"Whereas, The Federal Government has also established the Inland Waterways Trust Fund and the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund maintained by taxes and user fees; and

"Whereas, Pennsylvanians paid approximately \$635 million of the \$14.7 billion paid into the Highway Trust Fund in 1994; and

"Whereas, The Highway Trust Fund balance has grown from \$9.6 billion in 1983 to \$21.4 billion in 1996, with the money being withheld as a way to make the Federal budget deficit appear smaller; and

"Whereas, By the year 2002, the cash balances with total \$60.4 billion; and

"Whereas, The Federal Airport and Airway Trust Fund, with a balance of \$11.4 billion in 1995, will grow to \$17 billion in 2002 according to the President's proposed 1996-97 Federal budget; and

"Whereas, In Fiscal Year 1996-97 proposed transportation spending is reduced by \$1 billion; and

"Whereas, The Federal Government is withholding and diverting billions of transportation trust fund dollars and delaying critically needed highway improvements; and

"Whereas, For nearly a decade Congress spent below the financial capacity of the trust funds while delaying critically needed highway improvements; and

"Whereas, Over \$200 billion is needed to address current United States highway deficiencies; and

"Whereas, Pennsylvania infrastructure is in need of major repairs; and

"Whereas, Statistics show that for every \$1 billion spent on infrastructure, 42,000 good high-wage jobs are created; and

"Whereas, Sound infrastructure is a major factor in business' decision on where to locate; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize Congress to remove the Transportation Trust Funds from the Unified Federal Budget and to release those revenues for transportation improvements; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania support the efforts of Congress to vote on this issue in April 1996; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania."

POM-633. A resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Manteo, North Carolina relative to dredging projects and the Oregon Inlet; to the Committee on Appropriations.

POM-634. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

"ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION No. 58

"Whereas, There are approximately 137,000 inmates incarcerated in California's 31 state prison facilities and 38 prison camps; and

"Whereas, The cost of housing one inmate in state prison in California for one year exceeds \$21,000; and

"Whereas, The number of felons incarcerated in California's state prison system is expected to increase by 15,000 felons each year; and

"Whereas, Felons are often housed two per cell, and in double-bunked dormitory beds; and