

Congresses to get a time agreement from the Senator from Arkansas. So we are all working on this. I think by the time we get to tomorrow we will be a little clearer on the order and our pacing. It is just a matter of getting everybody focused. People are just flying in now from the break.

Mr. BOND. I thank the Senator from Maryland. We can have debate on the space station all night tonight, as far as I am concerned. For those who wish to debate a new entitlement program, that could go on as long as we want tonight. This facility is not being used otherwise. I hope that when we get ready to begin voting tomorrow, we will be able to have votes in a timely fashion.

At this point, the floor staff is checking with the leadership. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that there be a period for the transaction of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO SOPHIE GERSON

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Sophie Gerson, a remarkable New Yorker who provides a superb example of how one citizen can make an important difference. In particular, she has shown how one dedicated educator can pass on a brighter future to numerous young people. Through her dedication to education, as a parent, parent association leader, teacher, school board member and president, Sophie has been an important leader for better education in the city of New York and our Nation.

Sophie Gerson taught physical education and health in public junior high schools in lower income areas of New York City for over 36 years. She endured budget cuts, increases in class sizes and other adverse conditions to make sure all of her students would enjoy a healthier and more successful future. She imparted health skills, athletic skills, and the values of team work, sportsmanship, and healthy competition. She took an interest in coaching students in dance and, as a result, students were able to rise out of poverty by pursuing dance-related careers. Upon Sophie Gerson's retirement from teaching, her students composed the following tribute to her:

Mrs. Gerson gave new meaning to the word protect

Because she taught us to apply it to ourselves

We will not be a generation whose health is wrecked

And we'll put trophies she inspired on our shelves.

Recently, many of her former students paid the ultimate tribute that could be bestowed on a teacher by remembering and honoring Sophie many years after she had taught them at an award ceremony by the Puerto Rican Family Institute. She shall be missed.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 a treaty and sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 1995, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 6, 1996, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1975. An act to improve the management of royalties from Federal and Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leases, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2739. An act to provide for a representational allowance for Members of the House of Representatives, to make technical and conforming changes to sundry provisions of law in consequence of administrative reforms in the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3103. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, to simplify the administration of health insurance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3139. An act to redesignate the United States Post Office building located at 245 Centereach Mall on Middle Country Road in Centereach, New York, as the "Rose Y. Caracappa United States Post Office Building".

H.R. 3448. An act to provide tax relief for small business, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, to increase the take home pay for workers, to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer owned vehicles, and to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the minimum wage rate and to prevent job loss by providing flexibility to employers in complying with minimum wage and overtime requirements under the act.

H.R. 3834. An act to redesignate the Dunning Post Office in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Roger P. McAuliffe Post Office."

H.R. 3680. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to carry out the international obligations of the United States under the Geneva Conventions to provide criminal penalties for certain war crimes.

H.R. 3870. An act to authorize the Agency for International Development to offer voluntary separation incentive payments to employees of that agency.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 1995, the enrolled bills were signed on August 6, 1996, during the adjournment of the Senate by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 1995, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 8, 1996, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3734. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 (a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 1995, the enrolled bill was signed on August 8, 1996, during the adjournment of the Senate by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3953. An act to combat terrorism.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on August 2, 1996 he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 1316. An act to reauthorize and amend title XIV of the Public Health Service Act (commonly known as the "Safe Drinking Water Act"), and for other purposes.

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-3616. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, the report of the texts of international agreements, other than treaties, and background statements; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3617. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Legislative Liaison (Programs and Legislative Division), Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a cost comparison study concerning the cost of operating the Base Operating Support at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3618. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing

Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Standards for Florida Grapefruit, United States Standards for Grades of Florida Oranges, and United States Standards for Grades of Florida Tangerines"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3619. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Avacados Grown in South Florida; Assessment Rate," received on August 2, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3620. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Papayas Grown in Hawaii; Assessment Rate," received on August 2, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3621. A communication from the Office of the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems, received on August 1, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3622. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three rules including one entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Grants Pass, Oregon," (RIN2120, 2120-AA64) received August 1, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3623. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of seven rules including one entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Saginaw River, MI," (RIN21115-AE47, 2115-AE46, 2115-AE84, 2115-AA97) received August 1, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3624. 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 and plants, (RIN1018-AB88) received on August 1, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3625. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling 96-38," received on August 1, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3626. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure 96-42," received on August 1, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3627. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations," received on August 1, 1996; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3628. A communication from the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3629. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1995 financial statements of the United States Mint; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3630. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor Federal Register Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an interim rule entitled "Management of Federal Agency Disbursements," (RIN1510-AA56) received on July 25, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3631. A communication from the Employee Benefits Manager of the AgFirst Farm Credit Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual reports of federal pension plans for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3632. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the Committee's Procurement List, received on July 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3633. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the list of General Accounting Office reports and testimony for June 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3634. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the Federal Travel Regulation for the maximum per diem rate, (RIN3090-AG07) received on July 26, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3635. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Funding of Administrative Law Judge Examination," received on July 25, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3636. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Review of the District of Columbia Public Schools' Official Membership Count Procedures"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3637. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Review of Implementation of the D.C. Depository Act During Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3638. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Review of Check Generation and Vendor File Procedures for Non-FMS Disbursements"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3639. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the proliferation of missiles and essential components of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons for the period December 1, 1994 through December 31, 1995; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3640. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Revenue Ruling 96-39, received on August 5, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3641. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Revenue Ruling 96-42, received on August 12, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3642. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Revenue Procedure 96-43, received on August 8, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3643. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue

Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Announcement 96-75, received on August 7, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3644. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Announcement 96-77, received on August 7, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3645. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Register Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Delivery of Checks and Warrants to Addresses Outside the United States, its Territories and Possessions," received on August 7, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3646. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice relative to the U.S. International Trade Commission; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3647. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Centralized Examination Stations," received on August 2, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3648. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the calendar year 1997 physician fee schedule update and fiscal year 1997 Medicare volume performance standard recommendations; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3649. A communication from the Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Special Enrollment Periods and Waiting Period," (RIN0938-AH33) received on August 8, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3650. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide benefits for certain children of Vietnam veterans who are born with spina bifida; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3651. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities, Infectious Diseases, Immune Disorders and Nutritional Deficiencies (Systemic Conditions)," (RIN2900-AE95) received on July 30, 1996; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3652. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice to invoke authority to incur obligations in excess of available appropriations; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3653. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the notice of the intention to obligate funds in fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Appropriations.

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law, the notice of the intention to obligate funds in fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3657. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on General Accounting Office employees detailed to congressional committees as of July 19, 1996; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3658. A communication from the Vice Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, proposed regulations governing Electronic Filing of Reports by Political Committees; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3659. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a determination concerning assistance to support Pakistan's contribution to the voluntary international military contingent in Haiti; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3660. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, the report of the texts of international agreements, other than treaties, and background statements; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3661. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on direct spending or receipts legislation within five days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

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EC-3664. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the use of the federal electronic surveillance laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3665. A communication from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Use of Force and Application of Restraints," (RIN1120-AA41) received on July 30, 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3666. A communication from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Central Inmate Monitoring System," (RIN1120-AA43) received on July 29, 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3667. A communication from the Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule concerning the acquisition and protection of foreign rights in inventions, (RIN0692-AA15) received on July 30, 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3668. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Assistant Secretary of Commerce (for Administration), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3669. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Acting Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Service of Process," (RIN0651-XX07) re-

ceived on August 7, 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3670. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Acting Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Revision of Patent and Trademark Fees for Fiscal Year 1997," received on August 7, 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3671. 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 "Changes in Disease Status of the Netherlands Because of Hog Cholera and Swine Vesicular Disease," received on August 7, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3672. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Carolina, Southeast, Tennessee Valley and Louisville-Lexington-Evansville Marketing Areas; Interim Amendment of Rules," received on August 12, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3673. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kiwifruit Grown in California; Assessment Rate," received on August 5, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3674. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apricots and Cherries Grown in Designated Counties in Washington, and Prunes Grown in Designated Counties in Washington and in Umatilla County, Oregon; Assessment," received on August 7, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3675. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spearment Oil Produced in the Far West; Assessment Rate," received on August 7, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3676. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fresh Prunes Grown in Washington and Oregon; Handling Requirement Revision; Fruits; Import Regulations; Fresh Prune Import Requirements," received on August 7, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3677. A communication from the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Accounting Requirements for RUS Telecommunications Borrowers," (RIN0572-AB10) received on August 7, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3678. A communication from the Director of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on multi-function cost comparison studies; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3679. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development and Acquisition), transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of intent to award a contract relative to the George C. Marshall Awards Seminar; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3680. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual Defense Manpower Requirements Report (DMRR) for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3681. A communication from the Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress of the Department in awards of minority contracts for fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3682. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report concerning the national emergency with respect to organizations that threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3683. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the profitability of credit card operations of depository institutions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3684. A communication from President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice relative to U.S. exports of agricultural machinery to Kazakhstan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3685. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules including a rule entitled "Single Family Mortgage Insurance Premium Final Rule," (FR3899 and 3569) received on August 12, 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3686. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Single Family Mortgage Insurance—Loss Mitigation Procedures," (FR4032) received on July 30, 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3687. A communication from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Home Loan Bank Directors Compensation and Expenses," received on August 12, 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3688. A communication from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Management Improvement," received on August 12, 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3689. A communication from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules including a rule entitled "Guidelines for Evaluating the Environmental Effects of Radiofrequency Radiation," received on August 7, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3690. A communication from the Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning directed fishing for the Pacific cod fishery by vessels using trawl gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI), received on August 8, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3691. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning a delay in the opening of the second (non-roe) directed fishing season for pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI), (RIN0648-A158) received on August 8, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3692. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies; Amendment 7; Open Access Nonregulated Multispecies Permit," (RIN 648-AH70) received on August 8, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3693. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning the closure of the Northwest Hawaiian Islands Crustacee Fishery, received on August 8, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3694. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska and Pacific Ocean Perch in Eastern Regulatory Area, received on August 8, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3695. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning the prohibition of retention of the sharpchin/northern rockfish species group in the Aleutian Islands subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAD), received on August 8, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3696. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning the reopening of the directed fishery for the Atka mackerel in the Central and Eastern Aleutian District and the Bering Sea subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area, received on August 8, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3697. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning the reopening of directed fishing for the "other rockfish" species group in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska, received on August 8, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3698. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning the closure of the Angling category fishery for large school and small medium Atlantic bluefin tuna, received on August 8, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3699. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning the closure of the directed fishery for species in the rock sole/flathead sole/"other flatfish" fishery category by vessels using trawl gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands, received on August 8, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3700. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska and Northern Rockfish in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska, received on August 8, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3701. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning the prohibition of directed fishing for species that comprise the shallow-water species fishery by vessels using trawl gear in the Gulf of Alaska, received on August 12, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3702. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning Atka Mackerel and Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands, received on August 12, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3703. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning Atka Mackerel and Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska, received on August 12, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3704. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone and improving the Individual Fishing Quota Program, (RIN0648-AH61) received on August 12, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3705. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning the addition of the city of Akutan to the list of western Alaska communities that are eligible to certain other CDQ management measures, (RIN0648-AH61) received on August 12, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3706. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning a closure to prohibit directed fishing for species that comprise the deep-water species fishery by vessels using trawl gear in the Gulf of Alaska, received on August 12, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3707. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning an inseason action for the ocean salmon fisheries off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California, received on August 12, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3708. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning an inseason action for the West Coast ocean salmon fisheries, received on August 12, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3709. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning International Fisheries Regulations for 1996 Halibut Report No. 6., received on August 12, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3710. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Regulatory Actions Affecting Tourist Railroads"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3711. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules including one entitled "Anchorage Areas; Ashley River, Charleston, SC," (RIN21115-AA98 and 2115-AE59) received August 5, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3712. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of eight rules including one entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments (21)—Amdt. No. 397," (RIN2120-AA63, 2110-AA66, 2120-AA65, 2120-AA66) received August 5, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3713. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of seven rules including one entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; New York, NY," (RIN2120-AA64 and 2120-AA65) received August 8, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3714. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of five rules including one entitled "Special Local Regulations; Inland Seafood Festival Jet Boat Races; Ohio River, Cincinnati, OH," (RIN2115-AE46, 2127-AF28, 2127-AG02, 2127-AF59) received August 8, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3715. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of eight rules including one entitled

"Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 757 Series Airplanes," (RIN2120-AA64 and 2110-AA66) received on August 13, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3716. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of State, Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a certification regarding the incidental capture of sea turtles in commercial shrimping operations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3717. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Selected Acquisition Reports for the period April 1 through June 30, 1996; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3718. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the U.S.-China Joint Defense Conversion Commission; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3719. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on 1993 Department of Defense Military Base Closures and Realignment; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3720. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Miscellaneous Changes in Patent Practice," (RIN0651-AA75) received on August 14, 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3721. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Appeals Regulations, Rules of Practice," (RIN2900-AI11) received on August 16, 1996; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3722. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, the report of the texts of international agreements, other than treaties, and background statements; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3723. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on direct spending or receipts legislation within five days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-3724. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on appropriations legislation within five days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-3725. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Notice 96-41 received on August 26, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3726. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Notice 96-42 received on August 26, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3727. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Revenue Ruling 96-43 received on August 21, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3728. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Revenue Ruling 96-44 received on August 15, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3729. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Revenue Ruling 96-45 received on August 15, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3730. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the rule entitled "Time for Performance of Acts Where Last Day for Performance Falls on Saturday, Sunday, or Legal Holiday," (RIN1545-AT22) received on August 13, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3731. A communication from the Chief of Staff of the Office of the Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Living In the Same Household and the Lump-Sum Death Payment," (RIN0960-AE20) received on August 19, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3732. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Emissions Standards For Imported Nonroad Engines," (RIN1515-AB94) received on August 23, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3733. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the operation of the U.S trade agreements program for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3734. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3735. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3736. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 964-02; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3737. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 96-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3738. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 94-08; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3739. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 94-04; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3740. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, notices concerning retirements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3741. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding U.S. exports to Argentina; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3742. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding U.S. exports to Pakistan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3743. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding U.S. exports to the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3744. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding U.S. exports to the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3745. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding U.S. exports to the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3746. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding U.S. exports to the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3747. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding U.S. exports to Russia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3748. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding U.S. exports to Thailand; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3749. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding U.S. exports to Trinidad and Tobago; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3750. A communication from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Administrator of National Banks, Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Interagency Guidelines Establishing Standards for Safety and Soundness," (RIN1557-AB17) received on August 21, 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3751. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel of the Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Interagency Guidelines Establishing Standards for Safety and Soundness," (RIN1557-AB17) received on August 22, 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3752. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iraq; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3753. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice concerning the continuation of the emergency regarding export control regulations; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3754. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Pay Under the General Schedule," (RIN3206-AG88) received on August 8, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3755. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Elections of Retirement Coverage," (RIN3206-AH57) received on August 8, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3756. A communication from the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "The Evaluation of the Management and Financial Systems for Federal Grants"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3757. A communication from the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled

"The Financial and Administrative Audit of the LaShawn Limited and General Receiverships"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3758. A communication from the Senior Vice President for Business Services, Farm Credit Bank of Texas, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report for the pension plan for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3759. A communication from the Benefits Manager (Thrift and Pension), Farm Credit Bank of Texas, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report for the Thrift Plus Plan for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3760. A communication from the Manager of Employee Benefits and Payroll of the Agribank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report disclosing the financial condition of the Retirement Plan for the Employees of the Seventh Farm Credit District; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3761. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the Committee's Procurement List, received on August 12, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3762. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule concerning a Federal Acquisition Regulation; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3763. A communication from the Vice Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3764. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3765. A communication from the Executive Director of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Allocation of Earnings," received on August 19, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3766. A communication from the Executive Director of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Non-appropriated Fund Employees," received on August 12, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3767. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the Physicians' Comparability Allowance; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3768. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fair and Equitable Treatment: A Progress Report on Minority Employment in the Federal Government"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3769. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fees for Official Inspection and Official Weighing Services," (RIN0580-AA40) received on August 16, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3770. A communication from the Acting Executive Director of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a final rule relative to publicizing broker association memberships, received on August 16, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3771. A communication from the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Wetlands Reserve Program" (RIN0578-AA16); to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3772. 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 "Changes in Disease Status of Spain Because of African Swine Fever," received on August 22, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3773. 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 "Importation of Horses," received on August 23, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3774. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Cauliflower," received on August 27, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3775. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Assessment Rate," received on August 21, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3776. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Interim Final Rule to Revise Pack and Size Requirements," received on August 21, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3777. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onions; Assessment Rate," received on August 23, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3778. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cranberries Grown in the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, and Long Island in State of New York; Assessment Rate," received on August 14, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3779. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Assessment Rate," received on August 27, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3780. A communication from the Program Management Officer of the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning the

limit on Fishery Management Plan Development, (RIN0648-XX63) received on August 15, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3781. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning the closure of the Angling category fishery for school Atlantic bluefin tuna, received on August 19, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3782. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning the Fishing Capacity Reduction Initiative, (RIN0648-ZA16) received on August 26, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3783. A communication from the Office of the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to FM Broadcast Stations (Dearing, Kansas), received on August 27, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3784. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule concerning the implementation of sections of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, received on August 27, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-3785. A communication from the Office of the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule concerning the Interconnection and Resale Obligations Pertaining to Commercial Mobile Radio Services, received on August 27, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3786. A communication from the Office of the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to FM Broadcast Stations (Apalachicola, Monticello, Perry, Quincy, Springfield, Trenton, and Woodville), received on August 27, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3787. A communication from the Office of the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to FM Broadcast Stations (Macomb, Illinois), received on August 27, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3788. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule concerning the Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, received on August 19, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-3789. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule concerning the Regulatory Flexibility Act, received on August 19, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-3790. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule concerning the Regulatory Flexibility Act, received on August 19, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-3791. A communication from the Office of the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to FM Broadcast Stations (Las Vegas, New Mexico), received on August 21, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3792. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule relative to Children's Television Programming for Television Broadcast Stations, received on August 21, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3793. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule concerning Permit Flexible Service Offerings in the Commercial Mobile Radio Services, received on August 21, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3794. A communication from the Office of the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to FM Broadcast Stations (Willows, California), received on August 21, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3795. A communication from the Office of the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to automatic stays of certain allotment orders, received on August 21, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3796. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Overview to the report on the Commercial Feasibility of High-Speed Ground Transportation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3797. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of seven rules including one entitled "Protective Breathing Equipment," (RIN2120-AD74 and 2120-AA64) received on August 26, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3798. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three rules including one entitled "Vessel Traffic Service New York Area," (RIN2115-AE36, 2115-AE46, 2127-AF78) received on August 26, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3799. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; Intermodal Transportation," (RIN2125-AD14) received on August 15, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3800. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of five rules including one entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Coolidge, AZ," (RIN2120-AA65 and 2110-AA66) received August 15, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3801. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of nine rules including one entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Dexter, ME," (RIN2120-AA66 and 2110-AA64) received on August 19, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3802. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transpor-

tation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of five rules including one entitled "Alteration of VOR Federal Airways," (RIN2120-AA66 and 2110-AA64) received on August 22, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3803. A communication from the Office of the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Fees for Service Performed in Connection with Licensing and Related Services—1996 Update," received on August 19, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3804. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director for Compliance, Royalty Management Program, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the intention to make refunds of offshore lease revenues where a refund or recoupment is appropriate; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3805. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director for Compliance, Royalty Management Program, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the intention to make refunds of offshore lease revenues where a refund or recoupment is appropriate; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3806. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule concerning the Wyoming Regulatory Program, (WY022FOR) received on August 21, 1996; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3807. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule concerning the Virginia Regulatory Program, (VA107FOR) received on August 13, 1996; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3808. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Land and Minerals Management), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a notice on leasing systems; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3809. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Land and Minerals Management), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a notice on leasing systems; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3811. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Clean Power from Integrated Coal/Ore Reduction (CPICO) Demonstration Project"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3812. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1995 annual report on low-level radioactive waste management; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3813. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice relative to the privatization of the Western Environmental Technology Office (WETO); to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3814. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Building Energy Efficiency Standards Activities for fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3815. A communication from the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report

for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3816. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Acquisition Regulation; Regulatory Reinvention," (RIN1991-AB25) received on August 22, 1996; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3817. A communication from the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Annual Energy Review for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3818. A communication from Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to a project for inland navigation at Grays Landing Lock and Dam, Monogahela River, Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3819. A communication from Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to a project for flood control at Saw Mill Run, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3820. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of eight rules including one rule entitled "Delaware; Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions," (FRL5548-8, 5391-4, 5391-3, 5391-2, 5547-5, 5530-5, 5543-9, 5543-5) received on August 8, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3821. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Massachusetts; Emissions Banking, Trading, and Averaging Program Approval," (FRL5533-2) received on August 13, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3822. 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 including one rule entitled "Indiana: Final Authorization of Revision to State Hazardous Waste Management Program," (FRL5552-4) received on August 15, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3823. 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 including one rule entitled "State of Alaska Petition for Exemption from Diesel Fuel Sulfur Requirement," (FRL5555-5 and 5551-9) received on August 21, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3824. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of five rules including one rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plan; Wisconsin," (FRL5553-1, 5552-9, 5547-1, 5550-6, 5560-1) received on August 22, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3825. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans California State Implementation Plan Revision;

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution District" (FRL5557-2) received on August 23, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3826. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three rules including one rule entitled "Promulgation of Reid Vapor Pressure Standard; Michigan," (FRL5559-1, 5601-2, 5542-1) received on August 23, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3827. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, the Vice President's report on the Blue Pages Project; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3828. 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 plants, (RIN1018-AB88) received on August 21, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3829. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Decision on the Conditional Approval of Bismuth-Tin Shot as Nontoxic for the 1996-97 Season," (RIN1018-AD41) received on August 12, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3830. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to hunting and/or sport fishing in ten national wildlife refuges, (RIN1018-AD77) received on August 26, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3831. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Codes and Standard for Nuclear Power Plants; Subsection IWE and Subsection IWL," (RIN3150-AC93) received on August 8, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3832. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the nondisclosure of Safeguards Information for the period April 1 through June 30, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS SUBMITTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of August 2, 1996, the following reports of committees were submitted on August 27, 1996:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1376: A bill to terminate unnecessary and inequitable Federal corporate subsidies (Rept. No. 104-352).

By Mr. GREGG, from the Committee on Appropriations, with amendments:

H.R. 3814: A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-353).

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 94: A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to prohibit the consider-

ation of retroactive tax increases (Rept. No. 104-354).

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1972: A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to improve the provisions relating to Indians, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-355).

S. 1983: A bill to amend the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act to provide for Native Hawaiian organizations, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-356).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany the bill (S. 982) to protect the national information infrastructure, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-357).

Report to accompany the bill (S. 1237) to amend certain provisions of law relating to child pornography, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-358).

Report to accompany the bill (S. 1556) to prohibit economic espionage, to provide for the protection of United States proprietary economic information in interstate and foreign commerce, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-359).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1893. A bill to provide for the settlement of issues and claims related to the trust lands of the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-360).

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 3068. A bill to accept the request of the Prairie Island Indian Community to revoke their charter of incorporation issued under the Indian Reorganization Act (Rept. No. 104-361).

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. THOMPSON:

S. 2049. A bill to reform the budget and oversight processes of the Congress; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 2050. A bill to provide an enhanced penalty for distribution of controlled substances to recovering addicts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 2051. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the development of drugs to treat an addiction to illegal drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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THE BUDGET PROCESS AND OVERSIGHT REFORM ACT OF 1996

● Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, today, I am introducing legislation designed to improve the way Congress conducts its business. This legislation, entitled the "Budget Process and Oversight Reform Act of 1996," would create a 2-year budget process, and provide designated times for Congress to conduct oversight and work in their home States or districts.

As anyone who has followed Congress over the years knows, the changes proposed in this legislation are not new. However, in the past, proposals to create a 2-year budget and move toward a citizen legislature have languished in Congress.

Mr. President, I will do everything in my power to assure that these proposals get the most thorough consideration. In fact, I have already begun the process of reviewing them in Congress. In late July, the Governmental Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Financial Management and Accountability, which I chair, held a hearing that began creating the record for legislative action that I hope will occur early in the next Congress.

Surely, after our experience with the budget process over the last year and a half, most in Congress would agree that biennial budgeting is an idea whose time has finally come. Since I came to Congress, I have spent an unusually high percentage of my time considering matters related to the budget. No sooner did we finish working on the fiscal 1996 budget, then we had to start work on the budget for fiscal year 1997.

Although I believe that a biennial budget will prevent recent history from being repeated, I do not believe that it is a panacea for all of our budget problems. It cannot bring the budget into balance—Members of the Senate and House, along with the President of the United States, must still make the tough choices to bring that about. And, it will not automatically solve the serious problems posed by the increased demand on entitlement programs as the next generation begins to retire.

What a biennial budget can do is to give us time for the important tasks that often get short shrift these days, such as conducting oversight and long-range planning, and spending more time at home. The legislation that I am introducing today will ensure that time for oversight and work at home is set aside.

Mr. President, let me briefly summarize the specifics of that legislation.

First, the bill would create a 2-year budget process, and would require Congress to complete action on the budget by September 30 of the first session. If Congress misses that legal