

The leadership package is a good start. It cuts the estate tax for all taxpayers, including small businesses and farmers. Congress must find a way to improve the estate tax crisis in my State of Iowa, and other States. I look forward to continuing my work with the leader to accomplish an estate tax reduction.

ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX ON FARMER
DEFERRED CONTRACTS

Finally, I want to make quick reference to tax repeal legislation that will be introducing tomorrow for myself and over 50 other original sponsors. Senators DORGAN, GORTON, BAUCUS, and I have campaigned to eliminate an IRS imposed tax on farmers and ranchers who sell crops or livestock on deferred contracts. Congress did not intend this tax. Only the IRS intends this tax. The broad bipartisan support that we have gathered tells me that Congress is going to repeal it. We will have more on this initiative tomorrow.

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 appropriate committees.

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

REPORT CONCERNING BIOLOGICAL
AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS—MES-
SAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—
PM 5

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report, which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 1416 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (Public Law 104-201), I transmit herewith a report describing the respective policy functions and operational roles of Federal agencies in countering the threat posed by the use of potential use of biological and chemical weapons of mass destruction (WMD) within the United States.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, January 21, 1997.

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION
OF THE EMERGENCY REGARDING
TERRORISTS—MESSAGE FROM
THE PRESIDENT—PM 6

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the emergency declared with respect to grave acts of violence committed by foreign terrorists that disrupt the Middle East peace process, is to continue in effect beyond January 23, 1997. The first notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* last year on January 22, 1996.

The crisis with respect to the grave acts of violence committed by foreign terrorists that threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process that led to the declaration of a national emergency, on January 23, 1995, has not been resolved. Terrorist groups continue to engage in activities with the purpose or effect of threatening the Middle East peace process, and which are hostile to U.S. interests in the region. Such actions threaten vital interests of the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain in force the broad authorities necessary to deny any financial support from the United States for foreign terrorists that threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, January 21, 1997.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker appoints the following Member to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. SAXTON of New Jersey.

At 3:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 9. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President on the State of the Union.

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-578. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,

Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska, received on January 8, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-579. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Florida, received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-580. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Florida, received on January 6, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-581. 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 rule relative to the Fishery Management Plan, (RIN0648-AI97) received on January 8, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-582. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a letter of certification relative to the Driftnet Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-583. A communication from the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule relative to Puerto Rican shrub, (RIN1018-AD48) received on January 7, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-584. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification relative to commercial shrimping operations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-585. A communication from the Secretary of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule relative to fireworks, received January 2, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-586. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule relative to Class A and Tier 1 Telephone Companies, received on January 7, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-587. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Airport Improvement Program for fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-588. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the biennial report on the effectiveness of occupant protection systems and their use; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-589. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Aircraft Cabin Air Quality Research Program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-590. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to tank vessels, (RIN2115-AF27) received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-591. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to management and monitoring systems, (RIN2125-AC97) received on December 27, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-592. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to Class E Airspace, (RIN2120-AA66) received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-593. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the Air Carrier Access Act, (RIN2105-AB62) received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-594. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the Fur Products Labeling Act, received on December 24, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-595. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the Food Retailing and Gasoline Industries, received on December 27, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-596. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Comprehensive Smokeless Tobacco Health Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-597. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Comprehensive Smokeless Tobacco Health Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-598. A communication from the Chairman of the National Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the request for supplemental funding for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-599. A communication from the Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to Ex Parte No. 542, received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-600. A communication from the Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to Ex Parte No. 537, received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-601. A communication from the Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to Ex Parte No. 347, received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-602. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Voluntary Commitments for the Replacement Fuel Supply and Demand Program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-603. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the National Environmental Policy Act, (RIN1901-AA67) received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-604. A communication from the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Energy

Outlook 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-605. 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 the Alaska National Wildlife Refuges, (RIN1018-AC02) received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-606. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the Ohio Regulatory Program, received on January 8, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-607. 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-608. 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-609. 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-610. A communication from the Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, (RIN1024-AC48) received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-611. A communication from the Acting Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to endangered and threatened wildlife and plants, (RIN1018-AC64) received on January 7, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-612. A communication from the Acting Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to endangered and threatened wildlife and plants, (RIN1018-AC84) received on January 13, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-613. A communication from the Acting Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to endangered and threatened wildlife and plants, (RIN1018-AD47) received on January 8, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-614. A communication from the Acting Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to endangered and threatened wildlife and plants, (RIN1018-AD11) received on January 3, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-615. A communication from the Director of the State and Site Identification Center, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to uncontrolled hazardous

waste sites, received on January 10, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-616. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of five rules including one rule relative to approval and promulgation of plans, (FRL5676-4, 5662-7, 5664-9, 5663-1, 5662-1) received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-617. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of five rules including one rule relative to approval and promulgation of plans, (FRL5669-1, 5673-6, 5662-3, 5669-5, 5660-9) received on January 10, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-618. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules including one rule relative to the Clean Air Act, (FRL5674-1, 5673-8) received on January 3, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-619. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of four rules including one rule relative to approval and promulgation of plans, (FRL5646-2, 5661-6, 5579-7, 5581-9) received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-620. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Federal Facilities Compliance Act Mixed Waste Activities for 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-621. A communication from the Dean and the Director of the Center for Nations in Transition, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the annual report on the Environmental Training Project (ETP); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-622. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Revenue Procedure 97-6, received on January 7, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-623. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Revenue Procedure 97-5, received on January 7, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-624. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Revenue Procedure 97-4, received on January 7, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-625. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Revenue Procedure 97-8, received on January 7, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-626. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to foreign taxes, received on January 7, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-627. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

Revenue Procedure 97-1, received on January 7, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-628. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Revenue Procedure 97-2, received on January 7, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-629. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Revenue Procedure 97-7, received on January 7, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-630. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to temporary regulations, received on January 7, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-631. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Revenue Procedure 97-14, received on January 10, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-632. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to private activity bonds, (RIN1545-AU62) received on January 7, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-633. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Revenue Procedure 97-13, received on January 10, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-634. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Revenue Procedure 97-5, received on January 10, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-635. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Revenue Procedure 97-12, received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-636. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Revenue Procedure 97-12, received on January 10, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-637. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule relative to marketable book-entry treasury bills, received on January 8, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-638. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule relative to book-entry security, received on January 7, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-639. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule relative to Redwood Valley, (RIN1512-AA07) received on January 7, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-640. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the Russian Federation; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-641. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to Mongolia; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-642. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Serv-

ices, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to child support regulations, (RIN0970-AB57) received on December 24, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-643. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to managed care plans, (RIN0938-AF74) received on January 8, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-644. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Social Security Administration, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the report of the 1994-1996 Advisory Council on Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-645. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Office of the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to dedicated accounts and installment payments, (RIN0960-AE59) received on January 8, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-646. A communication from the Chairman of the International Trade Commission, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide authorization of appropriations for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-647. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1996 annual report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-648. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-316 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-649. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-317 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-650. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-318 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-651. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-320 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-652. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-321 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-653. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-322 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-654. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-323 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-655. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-325 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-656. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-326 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-657. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-327 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-658. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-328 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-659. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-329 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-660. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-331 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-661. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-332 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-662. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-333 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-663. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-334 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-664. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-337 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-665. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-338 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-666. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-339 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-667. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-340 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-668. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-341 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-669. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-342 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-670. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-343 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-671. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-347 adopted by the Council on

July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-672. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-349 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-673. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-354 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-674. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-355 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-675. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-358 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-676. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-359 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-677. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-360 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-678. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-361 adopted by the Council on July 17, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-679. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-363 adopted by the Council on July 17, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-680. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-364 adopted by the Council on July 17, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-681. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-367 adopted by the Council on July 17, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-682. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-370 adopted by the Council on July 17, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-683. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-371 adopted by the Council on July 17, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-684. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-372 adopted by the Council on July 17, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-685. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-374 adopted by the Council on July 17, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-686. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Colum-

bia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-378 adopted by the Council on July 17, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-687. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-380 adopted by the Council on July 17, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-688. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-384 adopted by the Council on July 17, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-689. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-386 adopted by the Council on July 17, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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EC-693. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-392 adopted by the Council on July 17, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-694. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-413 adopted by the Council on October 1, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-695. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-415 adopted by the Council on October 1, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-696. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-431 adopted by the Council on October 1, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-697. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-432 adopted by the Council on October 1, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-698. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-433 adopted by the Council on October 1, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-699. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-434 adopted by the Council on October 1, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-700. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-458 adopted by the Council; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-701. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting pursuant to

law, the report on Nuclear Reactor Safety in Ukraine and Russia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-702. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting pursuant to law, the 1996 annual report; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-703. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (for Legislative Affairs), transmitting pursuant to law, Presidential Determination 97-13; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-704. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (for Legislative Affairs), transmitting pursuant to law, Presidential Determination 97-11A; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-705. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (for Legislative Affairs), transmitting pursuant to law, notice of two determinations relative to Haiti and Pakistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-706. 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-707. 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-708. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, a notice relative to effective security measures; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-709. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the report on Regulating Vessel Traffic in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-710. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of twelve rules including one rule relative to Airworthiness Directives, (RIN2120-A64) received on January 13, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-711. A communication from the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules including one rule relative to motor vehicle theft, (RIN2127-AG34) received on January 14, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-712. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Civil Aviation Security for 1995; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-713. A communication from the Director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Economics and Statistics Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule relative to international services surveys, (RIN0691-AA27) received on January 15, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-714. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to non-accounting safeguards; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-715. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule relative to advanced television systems, received on January 14, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-716. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to accounting safeguards, received on January 14, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-717. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to access charge reform, received on January 15, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-718. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-310 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-719. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-311 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-720. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-312 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-721. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-314 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-722. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-315 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-723. A communication from the Executive Director of the Japan-United States Friendship Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-724. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 97-02; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-725. A communication from the Chairman and General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-726. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-727. A communication from the Chairman of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-728. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-729. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Manage-

ment, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-730. A communication from the Architect of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-731. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-732. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-733. A communication from the Chairman of the Postal Rate Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-734. A communication from the Chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-735. A communication from the Chairperson of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-736. A communication from the Director of the National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-737. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-738. A communication from the Chair of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-739. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-740. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Information Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-741. A communication from the Chairman of the National Endowment For the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-742. A communication from the Office of the Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-743. A communication from the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-744. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-745. A communication from the Chairman of the National Mediation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-746. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-747. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Agency For International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-748. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-749. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-750. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-751. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-752. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-753. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-754. A communication from the President of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence In Education Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-755. A communication from the Executive Vice President of the U.S. Institute of

Peace, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-756. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-757. A communication from the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-758. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-759. A communication from the Inspector General of the U.S. General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-760. A communication from the Chairman of the National Endowment For the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-761. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-762. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-763. A communication from the Chief Executive Office of the Corporation For National Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-764. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-765. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-766. A communication from the Secretary of the Postal Rate Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-767. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996 and the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-768. A communication from the Acting Executive Director of the Advisory Council

On Historic Preservation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996 and the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-769. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996 and the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-770. A communication from the Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996 and the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-771. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996 and the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-772. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to appeals; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-773. A communication from the Office of Personnel Management, President's Pay Agent, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to locality-based comparability payments; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-774. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on reinvention activities to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-775. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on drug and alcohol abuse prevention, treatment and rehabilitation programs and services for Federal civilian employees for fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-776. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning surplus Federal real property; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-777. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on health promotion and disease prevention activities for Federal civilian employees; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-778. A communication from the Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Sector Report on EEO Complaints and Appeals" for fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-779. A communication from the Executive Director of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on a resolution and order adopted on December 27, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-780. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment Standards, transmitting, pursuant to law, a

rule entitled "Labor Standards for Federal Service Contracts" (RIN1225-AA78) received on January 8, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-781. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Administrative and Audit Requirements and Cost Principles for Assistance Programs" (RIN1090-AA59) received on December 24, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-782. A communication from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, Administration For Children and Families, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule on the Head Start Fellows Program (RIN0970-AB56) received on January 14, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-783. A communication from the Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on a rule relative to electronic cost reporting, (RIN0938-AH12) received on January 13, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-784. 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 relative to Announcement 97-4, received on January 2, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-785. 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 relative to Notice 96-9, received on January 2, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-786. 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 relative to Notice 97-12, received on January 2, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-787. 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 relative to Revenue Procedure 97-15, received on January 16, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-788. 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 relative to Revenue Ruling 97-6, received on January 13, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-789. 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 relative to Revenue Ruling 97-2, received on January 13, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-790. 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 relative to income of a controlled foreign corporation, (RIN1545-AR31) received on January 2, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-791. 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 relative to electronic filing of form W-4, (RIN1545-AR67), received on January 2, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-792. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to single-employer plans, received on January 13, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-793. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-794. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule relative to formula grants, (RIN1121-AA43) received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-795. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule relative to grants, (RIN1121-AA35) received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-796. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule relative to motor vehicle theft prevention, (RIN1121-AA38) received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-797. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Act of 1997"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-798. A communication from the Secretary of the Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to convert five judgeships to permanent positions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-799. A communication from the Chief Administrative Office of the Postal Rate Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-800. A communication from the Clerk of the United States Court of Federal Claims, transmitting, pursuant to law, the court's report for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-801. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the rule relative to electronic filing reports of political committee, received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-802. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the rule relative to electronic filing reports of political committee, received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-803. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to appeals regulations, (RIN2900-AI59) received on January 8, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-804. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to miscellaneous regulations, (RIN2900-AI39) received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-805. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to subpoena authority, (RIN2900-AH00) received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-806. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to adjudication regulations, (RIN2900-AI43) received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-807. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the report on implementation of the health resources sharing for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-808. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on implementation of the Loan Guarantees to Israel Program for 1996; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-809. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of revisions to the Federal Acquisition Regulation received on January 3, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-810. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, three rules including a rule entitled "Small Purchase Authority" (RIN 3090-AG00, 3090-AF95, 9000-AH31); to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-811. A communication from the President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance; referred jointly, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. sec. 1302(b), to the Committee on Rules and Administration and to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-812. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-813. A communication from the Administration of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Cotton Research and Promotion Program" received on January 13, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-814. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules including a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials Regulations" (RIN2137-AC96, AB97) received on January 16, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-815. A communication from the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Bumping Lake Dam, Yakima Project, Washington; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-816. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land Minerals Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Hydrogen Sulfide Requirements for Operations on the Outer Continental Shelf" (RIN1010-AB50) received on January 16, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-817. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice relative to emergency funds concerning the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-818. A communication from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office,

transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Unauthorized Appropriations and Expiring Authorizations"; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-819. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Recognition of Agreement State Licenses in Areas Under Exclusive Federal Jurisdiction Within an Agreement State" (RIN3150-AF49) received on January 15, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-820. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, six rules including a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants Emissions" (FRL5570-1, 5657-6, 5653-9, 5675-2, 5570-2, 5675-1); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-821. A communication from the Secretary of the Board of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Loans to Officials and Truth in Savings" received on January 13, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-822. A communication from the Chief Counsel of the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Blocked Persons, Specially Designated Nationals" received on January 15, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-823. A communication from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Rules of Practice and Procedure" (RIN1557-AB57) received on January 16, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-824. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, the customer satisfaction report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-825. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, notice of three retirements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-826. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice relative to private contractors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-827. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the payment of restructuring costs under defense contracts; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-828. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to administrative military personnel actions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-829. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-830. A communication from the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Courts of Criminal Appeals Rules of Practice and Procedure" received on January 15, 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-831. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Acquisition and Technology, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports on six rules amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Supplement (96-D321, 96-D017,

96-D306, 96-D310, 96-D328, 96-D021); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-832. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on January 16, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-834. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Drug Abuse and Drug Abuse Research"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-835. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Notification Procedures for States" (RIN0938) received on January 15, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-836. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "A National Strategy to Prevent Teen Pregnancy"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-837. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy, Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, five rules including a rule entitled "Drug Labeling" (RIN0910-AA63, AA05); to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-838. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment Standards, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules including a rule entitled "Labor Standards for Federal Service Contracts" (RIN1225-AA78, 1215-AA94); to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-839. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Occupational Exposure to Methylene Chloride" (RIN1218-AA98) received on January 9, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-840. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations: Madeleine Korbelt Albright, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of State, vice Warren Christopher.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that she be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

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. COVERDELL (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BOND, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. SMITH, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1. A bill to provide for safe and affordable schools; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROTH (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KYL, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH, Mr. GORDON H. SMITH, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. COATS, and Mr. KEMP THORNE):

S. 2. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for American families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SMITH, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. COVERDELL):

S. 3. A bill to provide for fair and accurate criminal trials, reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by juvenile criminals, punish and deter violent gang crime, reduce the fiscal burden imposed by criminal alien prisoners, promote safe citizen self-defense, combat the importation, production, sale, and use of illegal drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ASHCROFT (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. LOTT, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. CRAIG, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. COATS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COVERDELL, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 4. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide to private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs as Federal employees currently enjoy to help balance the demands and needs of work and family, to clarify the provisions relating to exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. ASHCROFT (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr.

WARNER, Mr. COATS, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. KEMP THORNE, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 5. A bill to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BOND, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. COATS, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GORDON H. SMITH, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. KEMP THORNE):

S. 6. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. SMITH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KYL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. KEMP THORNE):

S. 7. A bill to establish a United States policy for the deployment of a national missile defense system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 8. A bill to reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. NICKLES (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. COATS, and Mr. KEMP THORNE):

S. 9. A bill to protect individuals from having their money involuntarily collected and used for politics by a corporation or labor organization; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BOND, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SMITH, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 10. A bill to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by juvenile criminals, punish and deter violent gang crime, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. FORD, Mr. GLENN, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REID, Ms. MOSELEY-