

law, eight rules; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1733. A communication from the Acting Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluations and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, seven rules; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1734. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Surface Transportation Safety Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1735. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, one hundred and ten rules; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1736. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale Marine Sanctuary" (RIN0648-AH99) received on March 28, 1997; to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1737. A communication from the Director of the Office of Global Programs, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "NOAA Climate and Global Change Program" (RIN0648-ZA29) received on April 22, 1997; to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1738. A communication from the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska" received on March 25, 1997; to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1739. A communication from the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, four rules including a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska" received on March 25, 1997; to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1740. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a certification relative to a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1741. A communication from the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-63 adopted by the Council on March 4, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1742. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the annual audit for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1743. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States" (RIN0648-AI21) received on March 25, 1997; to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1744. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Fisheries of

the Caribbean" (RIN0648-AI47) received on March 28, 1997; to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1745. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, three rules including a rule concerning the Gulf of Mexico Sustainable Fisheries Program (RIN0648-AI68, AI88); to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1746. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries of the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, five rules including a rule concerning fisheries; to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1747. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries of the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, twelve rules including a rule concerning fisheries; to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1748. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, five rules including a rule concerning fisheries (RIN 0648-AJ32, AJ78, AJ11, AJ43, AI15); to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services:

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

##### *To be general*

Lt. Gen. George T. Babbitt, Jr., 3032.

The following-named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 12203:

##### *To be major general*

Brig. Gen. John J. Batbie, Jr., 7759.

Brig. Gen. Winfred N. Carroll, 8742.

Brig. Gen. Dennis M. Gray, 5184.

Brig. Gen. Grant R. Mulder, 6734.

Brig. Gen. Virgil J. Toney, Jr., 3240.

##### *To be brigadier general*

Col. William E. Albertson, 6512.

Col. Paul R. Cooper, 1006.

Col. Gerald P. Fitzgerald, 6393.

Col. Patrick J. Gallagher, 3723.

Col. Edward J. Mechenbier, 3853.

Col. Jeffrey M. Musfeldt, 8617.

Col. Allan R. Poulin, 0569.

Col. Giuseppe P. Santaniello, 7772.

Col. Robert B. Siegfried, 5248.

Col. Robert C. Stumpf, 5111.

Col. William E. Thomlinson, 6969.

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

##### *To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Tad J. Oelstrom, 3287.

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Air Force to the grade indi-

cated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

##### *To be general*

Lt. Gen. Richard B. Myers, 7092.

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

##### *To be general*

Lt. Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, 7375.

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

##### *To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. John B. Hall, Jr., 5835.

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

##### *To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Claudia J. Kennedy, 0477.

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

##### *To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Tommy R. Franks, 0864.

The following-named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the U.S. Marine Corps to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 12203:

##### *To be major general*

Maj. Gen. Kevin B. Kuklok, 6010.

The following-named officers for appointment in the U.S. Marine Corps to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 624:

##### *To be brigadier general*

Col. James R. Battaglini, 5336.

Col. James E. Cartwright, 5961.

Col. Stephen A. Cheney, 1702.

Col. Christopher Cortez, 9054.

Col. Robert M. Flanagan, 2865.

Col. John F. Goodman, 3509.

Col. Gary H. Hughey, 9286.

Col. Thomas S. Jones, 2831.

Col. Richard L. Kelly, 9290.

Col. Ralph E. Parker, Jr., 6337.

Col. John F. Sattler, 0580.

Col. William A. Whitlow, 5394.

Col. Frances C. Wilson, 7788.

The following-named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 12203:

##### *To be rear admiral (lower half)*

Capt. Karen A. Harmeyer, 8014.

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Marine Corps to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 624:

##### *To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Terrence P. Murray, 7177.

The following-named officer for appointment as Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Navy and for appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 5148:

##### *To be rear admiral*

Capt. John D. Hutson, 9946.

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

*To be vice admiral*

Rear Adm. Lee F. Gunn, 4664.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services, I report favorably 25 nomination lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy which were printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS of January 7, 28, 30, February 5, 25, 27, March 5, 11, 21, and April 7, 1997, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar, that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

(The nominations ordered to lie on the Secretary's desk were printed in the RECORDS of January 7, 28, 30, February 5, 25, 27, March 5, 11, 21, and April 7, 1997, at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

In the Army there are 30 promotions to the grade of major (list begins with William M. Austin) (Reference No. 55).

In the Army there are 69 promotions to the grade of colonel (list begins with Richard H. Agosta) (Reference No. 65).

In the Army there are 9 appointments to the grade of colonel (list begins with Richard Cooper) (Reference No. 171).

In the Army there are 66 appointments to the grade of major (list begins with Ida F. Agamy) (Reference No. 178).

In the Navy there are 59 appointments to the grade of lieutenant commander (list begins with Cal D. Astrin) (Reference No. 195).

In the Air Force Reserve there are 83 appointments to the grade of colonel (list begins with Robert N. Agee) (Reference No. 218).

In the Army Reserve there is 1 appointment to the grade of colonel (George B. Garrett) (Reference No. 219).

In the Army Reserve there are 32 appointments to the grade of colonel (list begins with Vincent J. Albanese) (Reference No. 220).

In the Army Reserve there are 7 appointments to the grade of colonel (list begins with James M. Caldwell) (Reference No. 221).

In the Navy there are 29 appointments to the grade of lieutenant and below (list begins with Jason T. Baltimore) (Reference No. 222).

In the Army there are 170 appointments to the rank of lieutenant colonel (list begins with Bryant H. Aldstadt) (Reference No. 224).

In the Air Force there are 22 appointments to the grade of colonel and below (list begins with John L. Bush) (Reference No. 227).

In the Army Reserve there is 1 appointment to the grade of colonel (Larry W. Rascster) (Reference No. 228).

In the Air Force there are 517 appointments to the grade of colonel and below (list begins with Barry S. Abbott) (Reference No. 229).

In the Marine Corps there are 92 appointments to the grade of colonel (list begins with Dirk R. Ahle) (Reference No. 234).

In the Army there is 1 appointment to the grade of lieutenant colonel (Douglas R. Yates) (Reference No. 239).

In the Navy there are 3 appointments to the grade of captain and below (list begins with Edward H. Lundquist) (Reference No. 240).

In the Air Force there are 16 appointments to the grade of colonel and below (list begins with Christopher R. Kleinsmith) (Reference No. 261).

In the Army Reserve there are 18 appointments to the grade of colonel (list begins with Harry L. Bryan, Jr.) (Reference No. 262).

In the Army there is 1 appointment to the grade of major (Phuong T. Pierson) (Reference No. 263).

In the Air Force there are 364 appointments to the grade of colonel and below (list begins with Marilyn S. Abughusson) (Reference No. 264).

In the Air Force there are 11 appointments to the grade of lieutenant colonel and below (list begins with John M. Barker, Jr.) (Reference No. 269).

In the Marine Corps there is 1 appointment to the grade of colonel (Todd H. Griffis) (Reference No. 270).

In the Marine Corps there are 479 appointments to the grade of major (list begins with Roy P. Ackley, Jr.) (Reference No. 272).

In the Marine Corps there are 326 appointments to the grade of lieutenant colonel (list begins with Robert J. Abblitt) (Reference No. 273).

In the Navy there is 1 appointment to the grade of lieutenant commander (Jamel B. Weatherspoon) (Reference No. 274).

### 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. MCCAIN:

S. 641. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to eliminate from its regulations the restrictions on the cross-ownership of broadcasting stations and newspapers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 642. A bill to amend section 842 of title 18, United States Code, relating to explosive materials; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 643. A bill to prohibit the Federal Government from providing insurance, reinsurance, or noninsured crop disaster assistance for tobacco; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. D'AMATO:

S. 644. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to establish standards for relationships between group health plans and health insurance issuers with enrollees, health professionals, and providers; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 645. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the enforcement and compliance programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FORD (for himself, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HELMS, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ROBB, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BREAUX, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. SHELBY):

S. 646. A bill to ensure the competitiveness of the United States textile and apparel industry; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 647. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impeachment Control Act of 1974 to limit consideration of nonemergency matters in emergency legislation; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on

Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee has thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. GORTON (for himself, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. LOTT):

S. 648. 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 Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GLENN, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. MACK):

S. 649. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of bone mass measurements for certain individuals under part B of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NICKLES:

S. 650. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce estate taxes by providing a 20 percent rate of tax on estates exceeding \$1,000,000, and a 30 percent rate of tax on estates exceeding \$10,000,000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S.J. Res. 28. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States granting the President the authority to exercise an item veto of individual appropriations in an appropriations bill; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. GORTON, Mr. ABRAHAM, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. REID, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. MOYNIHAN):

S. Res. 78. A resolution to designate April 30, 1997, as "National Erase the Hate and Eliminate Racism Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. Con. Res. 23. A concurrent resolution honoring the lifetime achievements of Jackie Robinson; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 641. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to eliminate from its regulations the restrictions on the cross-ownership of broadcasting stations and newspapers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

THE NEWSPAPER OWNERSHIP ACT

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce the Newspaper Ownership Act. This legislation would eliminate one of the most archaic provisions remaining in telecommunications law: that which prohibits a