

H.R. 867. An act to promote the adoption of children in foster care.

### 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-1979. 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-1980. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Visa" received on May 16, 1997; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1981. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a memorandum of justification relative to the Nonproliferation and Disarmament Fund; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1982. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a Presidential Determination relative to the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1983. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Department of Energy National Security Programs Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1984. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the notice of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1985. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the DOD Weapon Systems Sustainment Programs report for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1986. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The NATO Joint Surveillance/Target Attack Radar System Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1987. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, three drafts of proposed legislation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1988. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Suspension of the Mobilization Income Insurance Program"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1989. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Military Commissary Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1990. A communication from the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "International Energy Outlook 1997"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1991. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Youth Conservation Corps for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1992. A communication from the Chairperson of the Klamath River Compact Com-

mission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Compact activities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1993. 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-1994. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Pipeline Right-Of-Way Applications" (RIN1010-AC04) received on May 16, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1995. A communication from the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the McKay Dam, Umatilla Project, Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1996. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Holidays and Premium Pay" (RIN3206-AH86) received on May 22, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1997. A communication from the Executive Director of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Human Resource Management: The District Needs A Strategic Approach"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1998. A communication from the Acting Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Congressional Award Foundation for fiscal years 1995 and 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1999. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Census of Agriculture Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2000. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2001. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2002. A committee from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of additions to the Procurement List received on May 9, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2003. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Audit of Certain Expenditures and Events in the Executive Office of the Mayor for the Period October 1, 1995 through January 31, 1997"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2004. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2005. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a personnel management demonstration project; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2006. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Federal Employees Health Benefits Provider Integrity Amendments of 1997"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2007. A communication from the President of the U.S. Institute of Peace, 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-2008. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the proposed George Bush Presidential Library; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2009. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Contract Appeals, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three rules including a rule entitled "Rules of Procedure for Transportation Rate Cases" (RIN3090-AG05, AG06, AG29) received on May 7, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2010. A communication from the Director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, actuarial reports for the plan year ending September 30, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2011. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2012. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2013. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2014. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an action on decision; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2015. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the reports relative to Notices 97-27 and 97-30; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2016. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the reports relative to Revenue Rulings 97-23 and 97-24; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2017. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the reports of five Treasury regulations including a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants" (RIN1018-AC74, 1545-AU41, 1545-AV19, 1545-AS49, 1545-AU14); to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2018. A communication from the Chair of the Physician Payment Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Issues For Improving the Volume Performance Standard System"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2019. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to payment cycling; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2020. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to provide tax incentives to employers of members of Reserve components; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2021. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the trade and employment effects of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2022. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Medicare and Medicaid Fraud, Abuse, and Waste Prevention Amendments of 1997"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2023. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Housing 2020: Multifamily Management Reform Act"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2024. A communication from the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2025. A communication from the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2026. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, sixty-four rules including a rule entitled "Depower Exclusions from Requirements for Vehicles" (RIN2127-AG80, 2127-AG14, 2105-AC51, 2105-AC57); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2027. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Methods For Salmonid Stock-Specific Identification In Ocean Fisheries"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2028. A communication from the Acting General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Weather Service Modernization Streamlining Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2029. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, four rules including a rule entitled "Fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska" (RIN0648-AH06); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2030. 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, three rules including a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions" (RIN0648-AJ59, AI13, AI19); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2031. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, three rules including a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2032. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pur-

suant to law, two rules including a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States" (RIN0648-AH06, AI80); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2033. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a certification regarding the incidental capture of sea turtles; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2034. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules including a rule concerning disclosures regarding energy consumption; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2035. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on May 21, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2036. A communication from the Acting Managing Director (Performance Evaluation and Records Management), Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on May 14, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2037. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the nondisclosure of safeguards information for the period January 1 through March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2038. A communication from the Chair of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2039. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a project for flood control; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2040. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a project for flood damage reduction; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2041. A communication from the Acting Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule to list the Barton Springs Salamander as endangered (RIN1018-AC22) received on May 1, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2042. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to regulations concerning oils; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2043. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on May 16, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2044. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on May 19, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2045. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on May 21, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2046. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on

May 22, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2047. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, three rules received on May 1, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2048. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules received on May 1, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2049. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, six rules received on May 6, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2050. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, fourteen rules received on May 8, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2051. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules received on May 12, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2052. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on May 14, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2053. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, three rules received on May 14, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2054. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, nine rules received on May 14, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2055. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, three rules received on May 19, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2056. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, one rule received on May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2057. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, four rules received on May 21, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-52. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona; to