

Moreover, Justice Fortas, "The flag is a special kind of a personality." I think each person that views the flag, whether it is singing the National Anthem or The Star Spangled Banner or saying the pledge, people view that differently.

As one walks down the mall here in Washington and one looks at it, I have seen literally thousands of people stop and take a look at the flag and the other monuments that we have to this great country. But Justice Fortas, "The flag is a special kind of personality."

Its use is traditionally and universally subject to special rules and regulations. The States and the Federal Government have the power to protect the flag from acts of desecration.

Mr. Speaker, another very famous individual, Mr. Thomas Jefferson, while serving as George Washington's Secretary of State, instructed American counsels to punish those that violated our flag. James Madison pronounced flag desecration in Philadelphia as objectionable in court and requested penalties for such.

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Well, then, when the first amendment debate was covered, they said that is fair enough, to Mr. Solomon, but. Always followed by but. Still, there is a constitutional guarantee for expression of conduct. How do you express yourself if you do not do it verbally, or if you cannot express it by burning a flag? Do you not have the right for expressing conduct?

The Supreme Court has accepted the premise that certain expressive acts are entitled to first amendment protections based on the principle that the government may not prohibit the expression of an idea simply because society finds the idea itself offensive or disagreeable. That was Texas versus Johnson. But they go on to say that not all activity with an expressive component is afforded first amendment protection.

For example, someone who opposes wildlife protections cannot go out and shoot a Bald Eagle, because it is protected. It is not only a national symbol but it is wrong.

Applying these principles, the Supreme Court upheld a statute prohibiting the destruction of draft cards against the first amendment challenge. The court stated that the prohibition served a legitimate purpose, facilitating draft induction in time of national crisis, that was unrelated to the suppression of the speaker's idea since the law prohibited the conduct regardless of the message sought to be conveyed by the destruction of the draft card.

Four Supreme Court Justices, Justice Rehnquist, Justice O'Connor, Justice Stevens and Justice White, dissenting in United States versus Eichman, stated that Congress could prohibit flag desecration consistent with first amendment protections. Their reasons are as follows:

The Federal Government had a legitimate interest in protecting the intrinsic value of the American flag, which, in times of national crisis, inspires. It motivates the average citizen to make personal sacrifices in order to achieve social goals of overriding importance.

Mr. Speaker, we have all seen films of someone carrying the flag in a battlefield and going down; and his comrade, knowing that he would be killed, would pick up that flag and charge on, because it had significance. We have seen civil rights leaders carry the American flag at the forefront of their issues; their own kind of a battle fighting for justice in this country.

So I would say that under the Constitution the Supreme Court has found that this amendment is proper, it is justifiable, and that it will pass both the House, the Senate, and we feel the President will sign it and the States will ratify it and make it illegal.

Now, the amendment is not self-enacting, Mr. Speaker. It will have to go through the ratification of States. It will have to have a statute which will define the actions taken with the desecration of a flag. It will be refined. So this is not a self-enacting amendment, and that process will go through each of the States so that they can ratify their own decisions, which most of us support the States' statutes.

Would a flag amendment reduce our freedoms under the Bill of Rights? Would this be the first time in our 200-year history that an amendment has limited the rights guaranteed under the first amendment?

No, on both accounts. The proposed amendment would not reduce our freedoms under the Bill of Rights. Rather than posing a fundamental threat to our freedom under the Bill of Rights, the proposed amendment would mature constitutional freedoms. The Bill of Rights is a listing of the great freedoms our citizens enjoy today. It is not a license to engage in any type of behavior.

The proposed amendment affirms the most basic conditions of our freedom, our bond to one another and our aspirations of national unity. That is what the American flag means to most of us, national unity and what brings us together, especially in a time of need, whether it is in combat or whether in civil strife within the boundaries of these United States.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California, if he has additional comments.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I just want to say to my friend that I think he has stated the issue very well, and I look forward to hundreds of our colleagues coming on board this effort, as many of them already have, and making sure that we succeed.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. I thank the gentleman from California.

Does the gentleman from New York have any closing comments?

Mr. SWEENEY. I just want to say to the gentleman from California (Mr.

CUNNINGHAM), as one of my first pieces of legislation that I have been able to cosponsor, I am honored to be here, honored to be here as part of the gentleman's effort to push forward. The flag is a part of my family's heritage, and I feel very honored to be here.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. I thank my colleagues. God bless America.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. CAPPS (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and tomorrow, February 23rd and 24th, on account of family illness.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, February 23rd, on account of business in the district.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. NORTON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. SOUDER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, on February 24.

Mr. BURR of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, on February 24.

Mr. SOUDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NETHERCUTT, for 5 minutes, on February 24.

Mr. COBLE, for 5 minutes, on February 24.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WELLER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, for 5 minutes, on February 24.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. OWENS) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 24, 1999, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

539. A letter from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department

of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Agency Responsibilities, Organization, and Terminology [Docket No. 97-045F] received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

540. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Implementation of Preferred Lender Program and Streamlining of Guaranteed Regulations (RIN: 0560-AF38) received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

541. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Importation of Fruits and Vegetables [Docket No. 97-107-3] received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

542. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Salable Quantities and Allotment Percentages for the 1999-2000 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV-99-985-1 FR] received January 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

543. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tobacco—Importer Assessments (RIN: 0560-AF 52) received February 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

544. A letter from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Performance Standards for the Production of Certain Meat and Poultry Products [Docket No. 95-033F] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

545. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Olives Grown in California; Modification to Handler Membership on the California Olive Committee [Docket No. FV99-932-2 FR] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

546. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Beef Promotion and Research; Reapportionment [No. LS-98-002] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

547. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Limiting the Volume of Small Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV98-905-4 FIR] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

548. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Dried Prunes Produced in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV99-993-1 FR] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

549. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fenbuconazole; Reestablishment of Time-Limited Pesticide

Tolerance [OPP-300789; FRL 6059-7] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received February 9, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

550. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cinnamaldehyde; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-300769; FRL-6049-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received February 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

551. A letter from the Clerk, United States Court of Appeals, transmitting an opinion of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, No. 98-5021—Deaf Smith County Grain Processors, Inc. v. Dan Glickman, Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture; to the Committee on Agriculture.

552. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's 1998 Annual Report on Military Expenditures, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2151n(d); to the Committee on Appropriations.

553. A letter from the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e); (H. Doc. No. 106-25); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

554. A letter from the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e); (H. Doc. No. 106-29); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

555. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request for emergency supplemental appropriations for the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Small Business Administration; (H. Doc. No. 106-21); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

556. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request for transfers from the Information Technology Systems and Security Transfer Account; (H. Doc. No. 106-22); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

557. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting requests for FY 1999 supplemental appropriations to address urgent funding needs related to the situation in Jordan; (H. Doc. No. 106-24); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

558. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request for transfers from the Information Technology Systems and Related Expenses Account; (H. Doc. No. 106-26); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

559. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting requests for emergency FY 1999 supplemental appropriations for emergency disaster and reconstruction assistance expenses arising from the consequences of the recent hurricanes in Central America and the Caribbean and the recent earthquake in Colombia; (H. Doc. No. 106-27); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

560. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report in response to the Fiscal Year 1999 National Defense Authorization Act which requires a study of architecture requirements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

561. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on Sub-Saharan Africa and the Export-Import Bank of the United States; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

562. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency,

transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-7264] received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

563. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Flood Elevation Determinations—received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

564. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Flood Elevation Determinations—received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

565. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No. FEMA-7703] received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

566. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No. FEMA-7703] received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

567. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations—received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

568. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-7264] received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

569. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting the Office's final rule—Consumer Credit Classified as a Loss, Slow Consumer Credit and Slow Loans [No. 98-124] (RIN: 1550-AB28) received February 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

570. A letter from the General Counsel, Corporation for National Service, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Claims Collection (RIN: 3045-AA21) received January 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

571. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program—received January 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

572. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft bill that amends the Older Americans Act of 1965 (OAA) to authorize an unprecedented new program for families who care for older relatives with chronic illnesses or disabilities by enabling States to create support networks that provide quality respite care; critical information about community-based long-term care services that best meet families' needs; and caregiver counseling, training, and supplemental services; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

573. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's third annual report to Congress

summarizing evaluation activities related to the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances program, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 300X-4(g); to the Committee on Commerce.

574. A letter from the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Final Technical Changes; Standard for the Flammability of Children's Sleepwear: Sizes 0 Through 6X; Standard for the Flammability of Children's Sleepwear: Sizes 7 Through 14—received February 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

575. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medical Devices; Establishment Registration and Device Listing for Manufacturers and Distributors of Devices; Confirmation of Effective Date [Docket No. 98N-0520] received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

576. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans and Designations of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Connecticut; Enhanced Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program; Approval of Maintenance Plan, Carbon Monoxide Redesignation Plan and Emissions Inventory for the Connecticut Portion of the New York-N. New Jersey-Long Island Area [CT008-7210a; A-1-FRL-6225-1] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

577. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; VOC RACT Catch-up [CT-17-1-6536a; A-1-FRL-6225-4] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

578. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Revised Format for Materials Being Incorporated by Reference for Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska [IA, KS, NE-00661066; FRL-6223-9] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

579. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; 15 Percent Rate-of-Progress and Contingency Plans [CT-7209a; A-1-FRL-6225-2] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

580. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities; New York [Region 2 Docket No. NY30-188b, FRL-6231-7] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

581. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Removal of the Approval of the Maintenance Plan, Carbon Monoxide Redesignation Plan and Emissions

Inventory for the Connecticut Portion of the New York-N. New Jersey-Long Island Area [CT051-7209; A-1-FRL-6224-8], pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

582. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Guidelines for Control of Existing Sources: Municipal Solid Waste Landfills [AD-FRL-6231-8] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

583. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision; San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District [CA 164-0112a; FRL-6227-2] received February 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

584. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois: Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance [IL175-1a; FRL-6232-7] received February 9, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

585. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois: Clean Fuel Fleet Program Revision [IL168-1a; FRL-6232-8] received February 9, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

586. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Federal Operating Permits Program [FRL-6300-9] (RIN: 2060-AG90) received February 9, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

587. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval of the Clean Air Act, Section 112(l), Delegation of Authority to Three Local Air Agencies in Washington; Correction and Clarification [FRL-6233-6] received February 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

588. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Section 112(l) Approval of the State of Florida's Construction Permitting Program [FRL-6229-9] received January 29, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

589. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision; Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District [CA 194-0125a; FRL-6226-5] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

590. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans;

California State Implementation Plan Revision; North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District and Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District [CA-011-0071; FRL-6229-5] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

591. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision; Amado County Air Pollution Control District and Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District [CA 207-0114a FRL-6229-7] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

592. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Minnesota [MN55-01-7280a; MN56-01-7281a; MN57-01-7282a; FRL-6230-3] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

593. A letter from the AMD-Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Allocation and Designation of Spectrum for Fixed-Satellite Services in the 37.5-38.5 GHz, 40.5-41.5 GHz, and 48.2-50.2 GHz Frequency Bands; Allocation of Spectrum to Upgrade Fixed and Mobile Allocations in the 40.5-42.5 GHz Frequency Band; Allocation of Spectrum in the 46.9-47.0 GHz Frequency Band for Wireless Service; and Allocation of Spectrum in the 37.0-38.0 GHz and 40.0-40.5 GHz for Government Operations [IB Docket No. 97-95] (RM-8811) received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

594. A letter from the AMD-Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service [CC Docket No. 96-45] received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

595. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting a copy of the fifth annual report of the Federal Communications Commission on the "Status of Competition in the Markets for the Delivery of Video Programming"; to the Committee on Commerce.

596. A letter from the AMD-Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—1998 Biennial Regulatory Review—Part 76—Cable Television Service Pleading and Complaint Rules [CS Docket No. 98-54] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

597. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulations Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Open Access Same-Time Information System and Standards of Conduct [Docket No. RM95-9-003] received February 10, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

598. A letter from the Deputy Director, Regulations and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Polymers [Docket No. 93F-0151] received February 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

599. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a six

month periodic report on developments concerning the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process that was declared in Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); (H. Doc. No. 106-20); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

600. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iraq that was declared in Executive Order No. 12722 of August 2, 1990, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); (H. Doc. No. 106-23); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

601. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. A-99, which relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 97-29 of 24 July 1997, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b)(5); to the Committee on International Relations.

602. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 04-99 which constitutes a Request for Final Approval for the Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. and the United Kingdom concerning a Programmable Integrated Ordnance Suite (PIOS), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

603. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting a report containing an analysis and description of services performed by full-time USG employees during Fiscal Year 1998, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2765(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

604. A letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting a list of all sales and licensed commercial exports under the Act of major weapons or weapons-related defense equipment valued at \$7,000,000 or more, or of any other weapons or weapons-related defense equipment valued at \$25,000,000 or more, which the Administration considers eligible for approval during the calendar year 1999 and which may, therefore, result in notification to the Congress this year, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2765(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

605. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the forty-sixth report on the extent and disposition of United States contributions to international organizations for fiscal year 1997, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 262a; to the Committee on International Relations.

606. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule—Public Notice Nationality Procedures—Amendment to Report of Birth Regulation Passport Procedures—Amendment to Revocation or Restriction of Passports Regulation—received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

607. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the determination and justification for the use of \$1 million in FY 99 funds made available to provide medical assistance to Nigeria; to the Committee on International Relations.

608. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Memorandum of Justification for the use of \$500,000 in FY 1998 Economic Support Funds (ESF) for activities in the Republic of Ghana; to the Committee on International Relations.

609. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report of surplus real property transferred or leased

for public health purposes in fiscal year 1998, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 484(o); to the Committee on Government Reform.

610. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-583, "Community Development Program Temporary Amendment Act of 1998" received February 10, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

611. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-582, "Homestead Housing Preservation Temporary Amendment Act of 1998" received February 10, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

612. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-581, "Year 2000 Government Computer Immunity Act of 1998" received February 10, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

613. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-577 "Procurement Practices Bid Notice Period Amendment Act of 1998" received February 10, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

614. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-575 "Human Rights Amendment Act of 1998" received February 10, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

615. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-573, "Self-Sufficiency Promotion Amendment Act of 1998" received February 10, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

616. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-558, "Schedule of Heights of Buildings Amendment Act of 1998" received February 10, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

617. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-602, "Food Stamp Trafficking and Public Assistance Fraud Control Amendment Act of 1998" received February 10, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

618. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-601, "Retired Police Officer Redeployment Amendment Act of 1998," February 10, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

619. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-489, "Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Roman Catholic Church Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 1998" received February 3, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

620. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-488, "Alcoholic Beverage Control DC Arena Amendment Act of 1998" received February 3, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

621. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-487, "Summary Abatement of Life-or-Health Threatening Conditions Amendment Act of 1998" received February 3, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section

1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

622. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-490, "Retired Police Officer Redeployment Temporary Amendment Act of 1998" received January 29, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

623. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-492, "Metropolitan Police Department Civilianization Temporary Amendment Act of 1998" received January 29, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

624. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-491, "Criminal Background Investigation for the Protection of Children Temporary Act of 1998" received January 29, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

625. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-494, "Uniform Per Student Funding Formula for Public Schools and Public Charter Schools and Tax Conformity Clarification Amendment Act of 1998" received January 29, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

626. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-593, "Hazardous Duty Compensation for Metropolitan Police Department Scuba Divers Amendment Act of 1998" received February 10, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

627. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-591, "Dedication and Designation of Harry Thomas Way Temporary Act of 1998" received February 10, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

628. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-589, "Sex Offender Registration Immunity From Liability Amendment Act of 1998" received February 10, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

629. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-588, "Mentally Retarded Citizens Substituted Consent for Health Care Decisions and Emergency Care Definition Temporary Amendment Act of 1998" received February 10, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

630. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-587, "Compensation Increase for the Chairperson of the Rental Housing Commission Amendment Act of 1998" received February 10, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

631. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-586, "Sex Offender Registration Risk Assessment Clarification Amendment Act of 1998" received February 10, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

632. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-584, "Housing Finance Agency Amendment Act of 1998" received February 10, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

633. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-496, "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Federal Law Conformity and No-Fault Motor Vehicle Insurance Act of 1998" received February 3, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

634. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-497, "Child Support and Welfare Reform Compliance Temporary Amendment Act of 1998" received February 3, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

635. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-512, "Fiscal Year 1999 Budget Support Temporary Amendment Act of 1998," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

636. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-518, "Regulation Enacting the Policy Manual for the District of Columbia Temporary Amendment Act of 1998" received February 3, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

637. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-519, "Reorganization Plan No. 5 for the Department of Human Services and Department of Corrections Temporary Act of 1998" received February 3, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

638. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-530, "Child Development Facilities Regulation Act of 1998" received February 3, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

639. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-532, "Cooperative Association Amendment Act of 1998" received February 3, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

640. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-533, "Comprehensive Plan Land Use Antenna Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 1998" received February 3, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

641. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-534, "Washington Convention Center Authority Second Amendment Act of 1998" received February 3, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

642. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-535, "Executive Service Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 1998" received February 3, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

643. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-536, "Insurance Demutualization Temporary Amendment Act of 1998" received February 3, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

644. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-537, "School Proximity Traffic Calming Temporary Act of 1998" re-

ceived February 3, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

645. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-542, "Public School Nurse Assignment Amendment Act of 1998" received February 3, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

646. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-538, "Disposal of District Owned Surplus Real Property Temporary Amendment Act of 1998" received February 3, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

647. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-543, "Regional Airports Authority Amendment Act of 1998" received February 3, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

648. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-548, "Department of Human Services and Commission on Mental Health Services Mandatory Employee Drug and Alcohol Testing and Department of Corrections Conforming Amendment Act of 1998" received February 3, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

649. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-547, "Mental Health Services Client Enterprise Establishment Act of 1998" received February 3, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

650. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-517, "Anti-Drunk Driving Amendment Act of 1998" received February 3, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

651. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind Or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Procurement List Additions and Deletions—received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

652. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-531, "Day Care Policy Amendment Act of 1998" received February 3, 1999, pursuant to Public Law 93-198 section 602(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

653. A letter from the Executive Director, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting a report on the First Quarter Report of Fiscal Year 1999 of the D.C. Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; to the Committee on Government Reform.

654. A letter from the Chairwoman, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting the FY 1998 report pursuant to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform.

655. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform.

656. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act

during the calendar year 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform.

657. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; Streamlining Administration Of Federal Supply Service (FSS) Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Contracts and Clarifying Marking Requirements [APD 2800. 12A, CHGE 81] (RIN: 3090-AG81) received January 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

658. A letter from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting Performance Plans for fiscal years 1999 and 2000; to the Committee on Government Reform.

659. A letter from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting an evaluation of the system of internal accounting and administrative controls of the National Science Foundation, as required by the Federal Manager's Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform.

660. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting notification to Congress and the Comptroller General, concerning the nomination of a person to fill a vacancy in the OMB office of Controller; to the Committee on Government Reform.

661. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Hazardous Duty Pay (RIN: 3206-AI29) received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

662. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting a report on management and internal accounting controls, as required by the Federal Manager's Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform.

663. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting the FY 1998 report pursuant to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform.

664. A letter from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting Activities under the Freedom of Information Act for Fiscal year 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform.

665. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Secretary's Management Report on Management Decisions and Final Actions on Office of Inspector General Audit Recommendations for the period ending September 30, 1998, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Government Reform.

666. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting notification of a vacancy which was created on November 30, 1998, upon the resignation of the Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Governmental Affairs; to the Committee on Government Reform.

667. A letter from the the Chief Administrative Officer, transmitting the quarterly report of receipts and expenditures of appropriations and other funds for the period October 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998 as compiled by the Chief Administrative Officer, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 104a; (H. Doc. No. 106-28); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

668. A letter from the Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting a report on Casitas Dam, Ventura River Project in California, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 509; to the Committee on Resources.

669. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oklahoma Regulatory Program [SPATS No. OK-024-FOR] received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

670. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Illinois Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan [SPATS No. IL-093-FOR] received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

671. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the report entitled, "America's Historic Landmarks at Risk: The Secretary of the Interior's Report of the 106th Congress on Threatened National Historic Landmarks"; to the Committee on Resources.

672. A letter from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Threatened Status for the Sacramento Splittail, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

673. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—West Virginia Regulatory Program [WV-077-FOR] received February 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

674. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Illinois Regulatory Program [SPATS No. IL-094-FOR] received February 4, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

675. A letter from the Service Federal Register Liaison Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Emergency Rule To List the San Bernardino Kangaroo Rat as Endangered (RIN: 1018-AE59) received January 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

676. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 26 [Docket No. 981231335-8335-01; I.D. 122498B] (RIN: 0648-AM14) received January 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

677. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Vessel Moratorium Program [Docket No. 981016260-9018-02; I.D. 090998B] (RIN: 0648-AL20) received January 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

678. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Season and Area Apportionment of Atka Mackerel Total Allowable Catch [Docket No. 981021264-9016-02; I.D. 092998A] (RIN: 0648-AL29) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

679. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine

Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures for the Pollock Fisheries off Alaska [Docket No. 990115017-9017-01; I.D. 011199A] (RIN: 0648-AM08) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

680. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; List of Fisheries and Gear, and Notification Guidelines [Docket No. 980519132-9004-02; I.D. 022498F] (RIN: 0648-AK49) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

681. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting the 1998 Annual Report of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 715b; to the Committee on Resources.

682. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the fourth annual report on the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA) of 1994, as amended; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

683. A letter from the Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Temporary Protected Status: Amendments to the Requirements for Employment Authorization Fee, and Other Technical Amendments, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

684. A letter from the Clerk, United States Court of Appeals, transmitting an opinion of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, No. 97-1633—City of Abilene, Texas, et al. v. Federal Communications Commission and United States of America; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

685. A letter from the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting notification that funding under title V of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended, will exceed \$5 million for the response to the emergency declared on September 21, 1998 as a result of Hurricane Georges, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5193; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

686. A letter from the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting notification that funding under title V of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended, will exceed \$5 million for the response to the emergency declared on September 21, 1998 as a result of Hurricane Georges which severely impacted the Territory of the United States Virgin Islands, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5193; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

687. A letter from the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting notification that funding under title V of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended, will exceed \$5 million for the response to the emergency declared on September 21, 1998 as a result of Hurricane Georges impacting the state of Florida, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5193; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

688. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model EMB-

120 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-265-AD; Amendment 39-11012; AD 99-02-18] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

689. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 99-NM-10-AD; Amendment 39-11014; AD99-03-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

690. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Schempp-Hirth K.G. Models Standard-Cirrus, Nimbus-2, JANUS, and Mini-Nimbus HS-7 Sailplanes [Docket No. 98-CE-52-AD; Amendment 39-11013; AD 99-03-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

691. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Flight Rules in the Vicinity of Grand Canyon National Park [Docket No. 28537; SFAR-50-2; Amendment; 93-76] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

692. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Emission Standards for Turbine Engine Powered Airplanes [Docket No. FAA-1999-5018; Amendment No. 34-3] (RIN: 2120-AG68) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

693. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A320 and A321 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-67-AD; Amendment 39-10993; AD 99-02-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

694. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-100 and -200 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 96-NM-264-AD; Amendment 39-10984; AD 98-11-04 R1] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

695. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 727 Seires Airplanes [Docket No. 96-NM-263-AD; Amendment 39-10983; AD 98-11-03 R1] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

696. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-200, -200C, -300, and -400 Series Airplanes [Docket No. 98-NM-291-AD 98-25-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

697. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class D Airspace and Class E Airspace; Binghamton, NY [Airspace Docket No. 98-AEA-44] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

698. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Laurel, DE [Airspace Docket No. 98-AEA-43] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

699. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport Class B Airspace Area, and Revocation of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Class C Airspace Area; KY [Airspace Docket No. 93-AWA-5] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

700. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment of Legal Description of Jet Route J-522 in the Vicinity of Rochester, NY [Airspace Docket No. 98-AEA-14] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

701. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Cocordia, KS [Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-46] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

702. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Grinnell, IA [Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-47] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

703. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Liberal, KS [Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-60] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

704. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Garden City, KS [Airspace Docket No. 98-ACE-59] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

705. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Model S-76A, B, and C Helicopters [Docket No. 98-SW-37-AD; Amendment 39-10999; AD 98-17-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

706. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 29429; Amdt. No. 1907] (RIN: 2120-AA65) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

707. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Model A109C and A109K2 Helicopters [Docket No. 97-SW-55-AD; Amendment 39-11000; AD 99-02-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

708. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Petroleum Refining Process Wastes; Exemption for Leachate from Non-Hazardous Waste Landfills; Final Rule [FRL-6232-3] (RIN: 2050-AE61) received February 9, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

709. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fee for Services To Support FEMA's Offsite Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program (RIN: 3067-AC87) received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

710. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fee for Services to Support FEMA's Offsite Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program—received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

711. A letter from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting proposed legislation to reauthorize the aviation insurance program; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

712. A letter from the Clerk, United States Court of Appeals, transmitting an opinion of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, No. 97-1384—Association of American Railroads and Wisconsin Central LTD. v. Surface Transportation Board and United States of America; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

713. A letter from the Acting Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Miscellaneous Revisions to the NASA FAR Supplement—received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

714. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Board of Veterans' Appeals: Rules of Practice-Revision of Decisions on Grounds of Clear and Unmistakable Error (RIN: 2900-AJ15) received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

715. A letter from the Regulatory Policy Officer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Prohibit Certain Alcohol Beverage Containers and Standards of Fill for Distilled Spirits and Wine (98R-452P) (RIN: 1512-AB89) received January 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

716. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Sale and Issue of Marketable Book-Entry Treasury Bills, Notes, and Bonds (Department of the Treasury Circular, Public Debt Series No. 1-93)—received January 21, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

717. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration and the Assistant United States Trade Representatives, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Annual Report on Subsidies Enforcement; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

718. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Continuation of Partnership [Revenue Ruling 99-6] received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

719. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Closing agreements [Revenue Procedure 99-13] received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

720. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Trade or Business Expense [Revenue Ruling 99-7] received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

721. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Nonrecognition of Gain or Loss on Contribution [Revenue Ruling 99-5] received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

722. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Timely Mailing Treated as Timely Filing/Electronic Postmark [TD 8807] (RIN: 1545-AW82) received January 20, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

723. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) Taxation of Amounts Under Employee Benefit Plans [TD 8814] (RIN: 1545-AT27) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

724. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) Taxation of Amounts Under Employee Benefit Plans [TD 8815] (RIN: 1545-AT99) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

725. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of correct tax liability [Revenue Procedure 99-14] received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

726. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Continuation Coverage Requirements Applicable to Group Health Plans [TD 8812] (RIN: 1545-AI93) received February 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

727. A letter from the Director, Congressional Budget Office, transmitting the report on "Unauthorized Appropriations and Expiring Authorizations" by the Congressional Budget Office as of January 8, 1999, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 602(f)(3); jointly to the Committees on the Budget and Appropriations.

728. A letter from the President, Institute of Peace, transmitting a copy of the Institute's report entitled, "Building Peace—1994-1997"; jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and International Relations.

729. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Interim final rule—received January 27, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Banking and Financial Services.

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Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk