

EC-5433. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to additions to the Procurement List, received September 13, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5434. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice and Procedure for Administrative Hearings Before Administrative Law Judges in Cases Involving Allegations of Unlawful Employment of Aliens, Unfair Immigration-Related Employment Practices, and Document Fraud" (RIN1125-AA17), received September 27, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5435. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to over-obligations of appropriation and apportionment of the Food Safety and Inspection Service account for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5436. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rev. Rul. 99-42, BLS-LIFO Department Store Indexes—August 1999" (Rev. Rul. 99-42), received September 7, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5437. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the need for worker adjustment assistance training funds under the Trade Act of 1974; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5438. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advance Payments and Lump-Sum Payments of Educational Assistance" (RIN2900-AI31), received September 28, 1999; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5439. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida, Limiting the Volume of Small Red Seedless Grapefruit" (Docket No. FV99-905-3 IFR), received September 22, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5440. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations; 64 FR 51071; 09/21/99", received September 28, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5441. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations; 64 FR 51070; 09/21/99" (Docket # FEMA-7300), received September 28, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5442. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations; 64 FR 51067; 09/21/99", received September 28, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5443. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Ad-

ministration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Training and Retraining of Miners Engaged in Shell Dredging or Employed at Sand, Gravel, Surface Stone, Surface Clay, Colloidal Phosphate, or Surface Limestone Mines" (RIN1219-AB17), received September 27, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5444. A communication from the Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to collections received pursuant to the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5445. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "West Virginia Regulatory Program" (WV-082-FOR), received September 28, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5446. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wyoming Regulatory Program" (SPATS # WY-028-FOR), received September 28, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5447. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mining Claims Under the General Mining Law; Surface Management" (RIN1004-AB36), received September 27, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5448. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "43 CFR part 3500—Leasing of Solid Minerals Other than Coal and Oil Shale" (RIN1004-AC49), received September 28, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5449. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Enhanced Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance" (FRL #6449-2), received September 27, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5450. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; GAS Central and West Heating Plants" (FRL #6448-9), received September 27, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5451. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Tennessee" (FRL #6448-3), received September 27, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5452. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks; (VSC-24) Revision", received September 27, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5453. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Industry Codes and Standards; Amended Requirements" (RIN3150-AE26), received September 27, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5454. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod", received September 28, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5455. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition of Retention of Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area", received September 28, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5456. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Adjustment—Opens the D Fishing Season for Pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the Gulf of Alaska for 12 Hours", received September 28, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5457. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Fixed Gear Sablefish Mop-UP", received September 28, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5458. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Local Area Management Plan for the Halibut Fishery in Sitka Sound" (RIN0648-AL18), received September 28, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Report to accompany the bill (S. 1650) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-166).

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 560: A bill to designate the Federal building located at 300 Recinto Sur Street in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the "Jose V. Toledo United States Post Office and Courthouse."

S. 1567: A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 223 Broad Street in Albany, Georgia, as the "C.B. King United States Courthouse."

S. 1595: A bill to designate the United States courthouse at 401 West Washington Street in Phoenix, Arizona, as the "Sandra Day O'Connor United States Courthouse."

S. 1652: A bill to designate the Old Executive Office Building located at 17th Street

and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, in Washington, District of Columbia, as the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. CHAFEE, for the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Major General Phillip R. Anderson, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission, under the provisions of Section 2 of an Act of Congress, approved June 1879 (21 Stat. 37) (33 U.S.C. 642).

Sam Epstein Angel, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission for a term of nine years. (Reappointment)

Brigadier General Robert H. Griffin, United States Army, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, under the provisions of Section 2 of an Act of Congress, approved June 1879 (21 Stat. 37) (33 U.S.C. 642).

Paul L. Hill, Jr., of West Virginia, to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years. (Reappointment)

Paul L. Hill, Jr., of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years. (Reappointment)

Richard A. Meserve, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a term of five years expiring June 30, 2004, vice Shirley Ann Jackson, term expired.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 1657. A bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Albania; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. 1658. A bill to authorize the construction of a Reconciliation Place in Fort Pierre, South Dakota, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BURNS:

S. 1659. A bill to convey the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, the Savage Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and the Intake Irrigation Project to the appurtenant irrigation districts; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 1660. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to expand the prohibition on stalking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. LOTT):

S. 1661. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide that certain voluntary disclosures of violations of Federal law made as a result of a voluntary environmental audit shall not be subject to discovery or admitted into evidence during a judicial or administrative proceeding, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRAMS, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1662. A bill to grant the President authority to proclaim the elimination or staged rate reduction of duties on certain environmental goods; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. COVERDELL):

S. 1663. A bill to combat money laundering and protect the United States financial system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BENNETT:

S. 1664. A bill to clarify the legal effect on the United States of the acquisition of a parcel of land in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve in the State of Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 1665. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to release reversionary interests held by the United States in certain parcels of land in Washington County, Utah, to facilitate an anticipated land exchange; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. HELMS):

S. 1666. A bill to provide risk education assistance to agricultural producers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ABRAHAM:

S. 1667. A bill to impose a moratorium on the export of bulk fresh water from the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1668. A bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to establish provisions with respect to religious accommodation in employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. ROBB):

S. Res. 190. A resolution designating the week of October 10, 1999, through October 16, 1999, as National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 191. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding East Timor and supporting the multinational force for East Timor; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. HATCH, Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BOND, Mr. DODD, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. Con. Res. 57. A concurrent resolution concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 1657. A bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Albania; to the Committee on Finance.

REMOVAL OF ALBANIA FROM JACKSON-VANIK TRADE RESTRICTIONS

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a bill authorizing the President to grant permanent Normal Trade Relations status to Albania, overcoming the so-called Jackson-Vanik restrictions in Title IV of the Trade Act. This legislation is urgently needed so that when Albania joins the World Trade Organization later this year, the United States can enter into full WTO relations with this market-oriented country in the Balkans.

Mr. President, I offer this legislation and seek the support of my colleagues for three reasons: First, the Cold War-era Jackson-Vanik restrictions are no longer relevant for Albania. We should free our relations with Albania from restrictions applied to communist countries. The Jackson-Vanik restrictions applied to countries with non-market economies which limited emigration. Albania now has a market economy which some may argue needs more regulation. Albanians are now also free to emigrate, sometimes much to the chagrin of Albania's neighbors. The President certified Albania to be in compliance with the Jackson-Vanik requirements in January 1998 and has continued to report that Albania remains in compliance. The certification process is simply a relic of the Cold War.

Second, granting Albania permanent Normal Trade Relations, or NTR, status through the WTO will encourage and support Albania's free-trade orientation and integration into the global trading system. Little more than a decade ago, Albania was closed off from the rest of the world by a severely Stalinist regime. Today, all major political forces in Albania—including the governing Socialist Party and the opposition Democratic Party, which led the first post-Communist government—support democracy, free trade and integration with the West. A delegation from Albania's Parliament made clear the breadth and depth of support for Albania's WTO membership. Albania has enacted virtually all the necessary legislation and implementing regulations necessary to meet WTO standards and will implement the rest prior to its WTO accession. They will not even require a transition period. We should reward this tremendous positive change by welcoming Albania into the WTO and opening our markets to Albanian goods on a fair basis negotiated through the WTO.

Third, this bill will benefit U.S. firms by securing Albania's commitment to WTO standards and giving the United