

benchmarks described above, the United States and its Allies concluded that at present, there be no changes in SFOR's mission. NATO recommended, however, that steps begin immediately to streamline SFOR. The NAC Foreign and Defense Ministers endorsed this recommendation on December 8, 1998, and December 17, 1998, respectively. The Defense Ministers also endorsed a report from the NATO Military Authorities (NMAs) authorizing further adjustments in SFOR force levels—in response to the evolving security situation and support requirements—to be completed by the end of March 1999. While the specifics of these adjustments are still being worked, they could amount to reductions of as much as 10 percent from the 6,900 U.S. troops currently in SFOR. The 6,900 troop level already represents a 20 percent reduction from the 8,500 U.S. troops deployed in June 1998 and is 66 percent less than peak U.S. deployment of 20,000 troops in 1996.

The NATO Defense Ministers on December 17, 1998, further instructed NMAs to examine options for possible longer-term and more substantial adjustments to the future size and structure of SFOR. Their report is due in early 1999 and will give the United States and its Allies the necessary information on which to base decisions on SFOR's future. We will address this issue in the NAC again at that time. Decisions on future reductions will be taken in the light of progress on implementation of the Peace Agreement. Any and all reductions of U.S. forces in the short or long term will be made in accordance with my Administration's policy that such reductions will not jeopardize the safety of U.S. armed forces serving in BiH.

My Administration values the Congress' substantial support for Dayton implementation. I look forward to continuing to work with the Congress in pursuit of U.S. foreign policy goals in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 4, 1999.

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REPORT ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS' FISCAL YEAR BUDGET REQUEST—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT—PM 5

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the Secretary of the Senate on February 5, 1999 during the adjournment of the Senate, received the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with the District of Columbia Code, as amended, I am transmitting the District of Columbia Courts' FY 2000 Budget request.

The District of Columbia Courts have submitted a FY 2000 Budget request for

\$131.6 million for its operating expenditures and \$17.4 million for courthouse renovation and improvements. My FY 2000 Budget includes recommended funding levels of \$128.4 million for operations and \$9.0 million for capital improvements for the District Courts. My transmittal of the District of Columbia Courts' budget request does not represent an endorsement of its contents.

I look forward to working with the Congress throughout the FY 2000 appropriation process.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, February 5, 1999.

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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-1437. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cable Television Service Pleading and Complaint Rules" (Docket 98-54) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1438. A communication from the General Counsel of the Consumer Products Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirements for Child-Resistant Packaging of Minoxidil" (RIN3041-AB72) received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1439. A communication from the General Counsel of the Consumer Products Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption of Sucraid From Special Packaging Requirements Under the Poison Prevention Packaging Act" (RIN3041-AB73) received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1440. A communication from the Director of the 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; Pacific Cod and Pollock in the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. 012099B) received on January 26, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1441. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; Summer Flounder Commercial Quota Transfer from North Carolina to Virginia" (I.D. 010699B) received on January 26, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1442. 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 "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inshore-Offshore Allocations of Pollock and Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch; Inshore-Offshore Allocation of 1999 Interim Groundfish Specifications" (I.D. 090898D) received on January 26, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1443. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; List of Fisheries and Gear, and Notification Guidelines" (I.D. 022498F) received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1444. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for 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; Season and Area Apportionment of Atka Mackerel Total Allowable Catch" (I.D. 092998A) received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1445. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for 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; Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures for the Pollock Fisheries off Alaska" (I.D. 011199A) received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1446. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Exemption From Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Bumper Standard" (NHTSA-99-4993) received on January 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1447. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F.28 Mark 0700 and 0100 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-276-AD) received on January 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1448. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328-100 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-140-AD) received on January 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1449. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Belle Plaine, IA" (Docket 98-ACE-51) received on January 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1450. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Maquoketa, IA" (Docket 98-ACE-50) received on January 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1451. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; San Antonio, TX" (Docket 98-ASW-54) received on January 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1452. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Monroe, LA" (Docket 98-ASW-55) received on January 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1453. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Class E Airspace, Revision of Class D Airspace; Torrance, CA" (Docket 98-AWP-34) received on January 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1454. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Realignment of Federal Airways and Jet Routes; TX" (Docket 98-ASW-30) received on January 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1455. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model EMB-120 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-265-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1456. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model AS332C, L, and L1 Helicopters" (Docket 97-SW-41-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1457. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11 Series Airplanes" (Docket 99-NM-10-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1458. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Schempp-Hirth K.G. Models Standard-Cirrus, Nimbus HS-7 Sailplanes" (Docket 98-CE-52-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1459. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emission Standards for Turbine Engine Powered Airplanes" (Docket FAA-1999-5018) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1460. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Flight Rules in the Vicinity of Grand Canyon National Park" (Docket 28537) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1461. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Model A109C and A109K2 Helicopters" (Docket 97-SW-55-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1462. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Model L1011-385-1 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-241-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1463. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F.28 Mark 0100 Series

Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-250-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1464. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A320 Series Airplanes" (Docket 96-NM-103-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1465. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A320 and A321 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-67-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1466. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-100 and -200 Series Airplanes" (Docket 96-NM-264-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1467. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 727 Series Airplanes" (Docket 96-NM-263-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1468. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-200, -200C, -300, and -400 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-291-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1469. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Robinson Helicopter Company (RHC) Model R22 Helicopters" (Docket 98-SW-79-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1470. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Model S-76A, B, and C Helicopters" (Docket 98-SW-37-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1471. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Avions Pierre Robin Model R2160 Airplanes" (Docket 98-CE-83-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1472. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "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" (Docket 93-AWA-5) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1473. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class D Airspace and Class E Airspace; Binghamton, NY" (Docket 98-AEA-44) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1474. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" (Docket 29429) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1475. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Laurel, DE" (Docket 98-AEA-43) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1476. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Legal Description of Jet Route J-522 in the Vicinity of Rochester, NY" (Docket 98-AEA-14) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1477. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Concordia, KS" (Docket 98-ACE-46) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1478. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Grinnell, IA" (Docket 98-ACE-47) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1479. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Liberal, KS" (Docket 98-ACE-60) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1480. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Garden City, KS" (Docket 98-ACE-54) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1481. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Restricted Areas 6302C, D and E; Fort Hood, TX" (Docket 98-ASW-47) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1482. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Golden Triangle Regional Airport, MS" (Docket 98-ASO-27) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1483. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Rockland, ME" (Docket 98-ANE-95) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1484. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Perryville, MO" (Docket 99-ACE-1) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1485. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Grand Island, NE" (Docket 99-ACE-2) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1486. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Riverton, WY" (Docket 99-ANM-15) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1487. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Monroe, MI" (Docket 99-AGL-55) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1488. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Norwalk, OH" (Docket 99-AGL-58) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1489. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Fostoria, OH" (Docket 99-AGL-57) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1490. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Sandusky, OH" (Docket 99-AGL-59) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1491. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Bellevue, OH" (Docket 99-AGL-60) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1492. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Models B300 and B300C Airplanes" (Docket 97-CE-16-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1493. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-348-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1494. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Federal Aviation Regulation No. 36, Development of Major Repair Data" (Docket FAA-1998-4654) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1495. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. Model 205A-1 and 205B Helicopters" (Docket 98-SW-

21-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1496. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. Model 214B and 214B-1 Helicopters" (Docket 98-SW-28-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1497. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. Model 212 Helicopters" (Docket 98-SW-20-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1498. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Avions Pierre Robin Model R2160 Airplanes" (Docket 98-CE-78-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1499. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Model 2000 Airplanes" (Docket 98-CE-34-AD) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1500. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1501. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Economic Development Administration Regulations; Revised to Implement Public Law 105-393" (RIN0610-AA56) received on January 26, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1502. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of the State of Florida's Construction Permitting Program" (FRL6229-9) received on January 29, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1503. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding general requirements for the storage and transfer of volatile organic compounds (FRL6216-6) received on January 27, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1504. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Withdrawal of Cryolite Tolerance Revocations" (FRL6058-7) received on January 27, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1505. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Final Exclusion" (FRL6219-2) received on January 27, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1506. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Secondary Lead Smelting" (FRL6227-5) received on January 26, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1507. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Whole Effluent Toxicity: Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants; Final Rule, Technical Corrections" (FRL6227-4) received on January 26, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1508. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation Plan—PM2.5 Monitoring Program" received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1509. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; National Emission Standards for Radon Emissions from Phosphogypsum Stacks" (FRL6229-4) received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1510. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation Plans; Georgia: Approval of Revisions to Georgia State Implementation Plan; Vehicle Inspection/Maintenance Program" (FRL6227-7) received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1511. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Waivers for PM10 Sampling Frequency" received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1512. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter" (FRL5913-4) received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1513. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance for Network Design and Optimum Site Exposure for PM2.5 and PM10" received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1514. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "PM2.5 Site Types and Sampling Frequency During CY-99" received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1515. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Guidance on

Data Handling Conventions for the 8-Hour National Ambient Air Standards for Ozone" received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1516. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Collection and Reporting of PM10 Data" received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1517. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Air Quality Policy on Wildland and Prescribed Fires" received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1518. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Early Planning Guidance for the Revised Ozone and Particulate Matter (PM) National Ambient Air Quality Standards" received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1519. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance on Mitigation of Impacts to Small Business While Implementing Air Quality Standards and Regulations" received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1520. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance for Implementing the 1-Hour Ozone and Pre-existing PM10 NAAQS" received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1521. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Implementation of New Source Review Requirements for PM2.5" received on January 28, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1522. A communication from the Director of the 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; Groundfish Other than Pollock by Catcher/Processors Identified in Section 208(e) (1)-(20) of the American Fisheries Act in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (I.D. 012199C) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1523. A communication from the Director of the 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; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. 012799A) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1524. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for 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; Western Alaska Community Devel-

opment Quota Program" (I.D. 072898A) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1525. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for 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; Observer and Inseason Management Requirements for Pollock Catcher/Processors" (I.D. 010699A) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1526. 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 "Atlantic Swordfish Fishery; Management of Driftnet Gear" (I.D. 011598A) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1527. A communication from the Director of the 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; Groundfish by Vessels Using Non-Pelagic Trawl Gear in the Red King Crab Savings Subarea" (I.D. 012599B) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1528. A communication from the Acting Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Miscellaneous Revisions to the NASA FAR Supplement" received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1529. A communication from the Director of the United States Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pay Administration; Premium Pay" (RIN3206-AG47) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1530. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on appeals submitted to the Board for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1531. A communication from the Chair of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Authority's annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1532. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corps' annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1533. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase from People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of additions to and deletions from the Committee's Procurement List dated January 27, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1534. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1535. A communication from the Chief Counsel of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report under the Government In the Sunshine Act for 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1536. A communication from the Executive Director of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, the Authority's General Purpose Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1537. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 12-517, "Anti-Drunk Driving Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1538. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 12-512, "Fiscal Year 1999 Budget Support Temporary Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1539. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 12-497, "Child Support and Welfare Reform Compliance Temporary Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1540. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 12-496, "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Federal Law Conformity and No-Fault Motor Vehicle Insurance Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1541. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 12-518, "Regulation Enacting the Police Manual for the District of Columbia Temporary Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1542. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on 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"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1543. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 12-538, "Disposal of District Owned Surplus Real Property Temporary Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1544. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 12-542, "Public School Nurse Assignment Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1545. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 12-543, "Regional Airports Authority Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1546. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 12-547, "Mental Health Services Client Enterprise Establishment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1547. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 12-534, "Washington Convention Center Authority Second Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1548. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report

on D.C. Act 12-535, "Executive Service Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1549. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 12-536, "Insurance Demutualization Temporary Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1550. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 12-537, "School Proximity Traffic Calming Temporary Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1551. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 12-531, "Day Care Policy Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1552. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 12-532, "Cooperative Association Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1553. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 12-519, "Reorganization Plan No. 5 for the Department of Human Services and Department of Corrections Temporary Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1554. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 12-530, "Child Development Facilities Regulation Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1555. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 12-533, "Comprehensive Plan Land Use Antenna Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1556. A communication from the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Threatened Status for the Sacramento Splittail" (RIN1018-AC26) received on February 4, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1557. A communication from the Members of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1558. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding approval of the Air Quality Maintenance Plan, Carbon Monoxide Redesignation Plan and Emissions Inventory for the Connecticut portion of the New York-N. New Jersey-Long Island Area (FRL6225-1) received on February 4, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1559. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; VOC RACT Catch-up" (FRL6225-4) received on February 4, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1560. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Pro-

mulgation of Implementation Plans; Minnesota" (FRL6230-3) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1561. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; 15 Percent Rate-of-Progress and Contingency Plans" (FRL6225-2) received on February 4, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1562. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities; New York" (FRL6231-7) received on February 4, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1563. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "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" (FRL6224-8) received on February 4, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1564. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Guidelines for Control of Existing Sources: Municipal Solid Waste Landfills" (FRL6231-8) received on February 4, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1565. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision; Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL6226-5) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1566. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "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" (FRL6229-5) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1567. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision; Amador County Air Pollution Control District and Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL6229-7) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1568. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Pro-

mulgation of Implementation Plans; Minnesota" (FRL6230-3) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1569. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Guidelines for the Certification and Recertification of the Operators of Community and Nontransient Noncommunity Public Water Systems" (FRL6230-8) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1570. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Comprehensive Assessment and Use of the OASIS as Part of the Conditions of Participation for Home Health Agencies" (RIN0938-AJ11) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1571. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Reporting Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) Data as Part of the Conditions of Participation for Home Health Agencies" (RIN0938-AJ10) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1572. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on additional disclosure requirements for Medicare providers and suppliers required under Section 4313 or the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1573. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rulings and Determination Letters" (Rev. Proc. 99-15) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1574. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Last-in, First-out Inventories" (Rev. Rul. 99-9) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1575. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rulings and Determination Letters" (Rev. Rul. 99-16) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1576. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Residence of Trusts and Estates" (RIN1545-AU74) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1577. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Continuation Coverage Requirements Applicable to Group Health Plans" (RIN1545-AI93) received on February 1, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1578. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, 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 FV-98-905-4 FIR) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1579. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing

Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Beef Promotion and Research; Re-apportionment" (No. LS-98-002) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1580. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Modification to Handler Membership on the California Olive Committee" (Docket FV99-932-2 IFR) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1581. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Animal Food and Food Additives in Standardized Animal Food" (Docket 95N-0313) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1582. A communication from the President of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's annual report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1583. A communication from the Chairman of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence In Education Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's annual report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1584. A communication from the Director of the Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Protected Status: Amendments to the Requirements for Employment Authorization Fee, and Other Technical Amendments" (RIN1115-AF37) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1585. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the current Future Years Defense Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1586. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Commerce Control List: Changes in Missile Technology Controls" (RIN0694-AB75) received on February 2, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1587. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the proposed allocation of funds within the levels established in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 1999; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1588. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Presidential Determination 98-36 exempting the United States Air Force's operating location near Groom Lake, Nevada from any hazardous or solid waste laws that might require the disclosure of classified information; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1589. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, a report on a construction prospectus for a stand-alone daycare center for the Social Security Administration's Woodlawn, MD campus; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1590. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Reauthorization of Aviation Insurance Act"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### 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. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. BRYAN):

S. 383. A bill to establish a national policy of basic consumer fair treatment for airline passengers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 384. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Defense to waive certain domestic source or content requirements in the procurement of items; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 385. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to further improve the safety and health of working environments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GORTON (for himself, Mr. KERREY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. HOLINGS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 386. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for tax-exempt bond financing of certain electric facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Con. Res. 6. A concurrent resolution authorizing flags located in the Senate portion of the Capitol complex to be flown at half-staff in memory of R. Scott Bates, Legislative Clerk of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 99. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend Federal Aviation Administration programs through September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. BRYAN):

S. 383. A bill to establish a national policy of basic consumer fair treatment for airline passengers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### AIRLINE PASSENGER FAIRNESS ACT

• Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to join with Senator MCCAIN, the Chairman of the Senate Commerce

Committee, and Senators BRYAN and SNOWE in introducing today the Airline Passenger Fairness Act of 1999. The purpose of our legislation is to assure that consumer protections don't end when a passenger pulls into the airport parking lot. Travelers ought to enjoy the same kinds of rights in the air as they do on the ground. But as airline profits have soared in recent years, passenger rights have been left at the gate.

We are well aware that legislation cannot resolve every problem air travelers may encounter. Our bill does not impose a federal mandate for fluffier pillows or a Constitutional right to a bigger bag of peanuts, just the right to basic information and the ability for consumers to make decisions for themselves.

The Department of Transportation's (DoT) Air Travel Consumer Reports just issued its final tally of consumer complaints for 1998. Consumer complaints about air travel jumped from a total of 7,667 in 1997 to 9,606 last year, an increase of more than 25%. In just three months last year, one airline alone denied boarding to 55,767 passengers. The 10 largest U.S. carriers combined denied boarding to more than 250,300 passengers from July-September 1998. One industry expert estimates that sometimes as many as 130-150% of the seats on a flight are sold. Clearly, all is not well.

The price of an airline ticket is one of the great mysteries of modern life. A ticket costs one price when purchased over the phone and another if purchased online, one if purchased in the morning and another three hours later. It practically defies the law of physics.

With this bill, we are putting the airlines on notice that business as usual is no longer acceptable for American air travelers. No longer can a passenger be bumped, canceled or overbooked with impunity.

Under this bill, consumers will be able to get full information about all the fares on all the flights. Airlines will no longer be able to withhold basic information on air fares, creating confusion and preventing consumers from comparison shopping. It will also make sure that when a consumer pays for a ticket, they can use all or part of it for whatever reason they choose. Airlines will have to inform a ticketed passenger when a flight is overbooked, as well as when the problem is when a flight is canceled, delayed, or diverted.

The legislation will work by building on current rules and regulations. Today, the Department of Transportation can investigate "anti-competitive, unfair or deceptive practices" by an airline. If the Department finds that an airline has engaged in such practices, DoT can issue civil penalties or take other actions to assure compliance. Our legislation will empower consumers to seek DoT action against carriers that fail to respect the common sense consumer protections spelled out in the bill.