

the standing committees for the 106th Congress, or until their successors are chosen:

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Mr. Harkin, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Daschle, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Kerrey of Nebraska, Mr. Johnson, and Mrs. Lincoln.

Committee on Appropriations: Mr. Byrd, Mr. Inouye, Mr. Hollings, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Harkin, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Reid of Nevada, Mr. Kohl, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Dorgan, Mrs. Feinstein, and Mr. Durbin.

Committee on Armed Services: Mr. Levin, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Bingaman, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Robb, Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Cleland, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Reed of Rhode Island.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Mr. Sarbanes, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Kerry of Massachusetts, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Reed of Rhode Island, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Bayh, and Mr. Edwards.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Mr. Hollings, Mr. Inouye, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Kerry of Massachusetts, Mr. Breaux, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Cleland.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Mr. Bingaman, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Graham of Florida, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Bayh, and Mrs. Lincoln.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Mr. Baucus, Mr. Moynihan, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Reid of Nevada, Mr. Graham of Florida, Mr. Lieberman, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Wyden.

Committee on Finance: Mr. Moynihan, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Breaux, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Graham of Florida, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Kerrey of Nebraska, and Mr. Robb.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Mr. Biden, Mr. Sarbanes, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Kerry of Massachusetts, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Wellstone, Mrs. Boxer, and Mr. Torricelli.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Levin, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Torricelli, Mr. Cleland, and Mr. Edwards.

Committee on the Judiciary: Mr. Leahy, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Biden, Mr. Kohl, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Torricelli, and Mr. Schumer.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Harkin, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Bingaman, Mr. Wellstone, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Reed of Rhode Island.

MINORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES UNDER RULE XXV

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 15, submitted earlier today by the Democratic leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 15) making minority party appointments to Senate committees in paragraph 3(a), (b) and (c) of rule XXV.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 15) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 15

Resolved, That notwithstanding the provisions of S. Res. 400 of the 95th Congress, or

the provisions of Rule XXV, the following shall constitute the minority party's membership on the committees named in paragraph 3(a), (b), and (c) of Rule XXV for the 106th Congress, or until their successors are appointed:

Committee on the Budget: Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Hollings, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Sarbanes, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Durbin.

Committee on Rules and Administration: Mr. Dodd, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Inouye, Mr. Moynihan, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Torricelli, and Mr. Schumer.

Committee on Small Business: Mr. Kerry of Massachusetts, Mr. Levin, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Wellstone, Mr. Cleland, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Edwards.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Graham of Florida, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Wellstone, and Mrs. Murray.

Select Committee on Indian Affairs: Mr. Inouye, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Reid of Nevada, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Wellstone, and Mr. Dorgan.

Special Committee on Aging: Mr. Breaux, Mr. Reid of Nevada, Mr. Kohl, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Reed of Rhode Island, Mr. Bayh, and Mrs. Lincoln.

Committee on Intelligence: Mr. Kerrey of Nebraska, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Graham of Florida, Mr. Kerry of Massachusetts, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Robb, Mr. Lautenberg, and Mr. Levin.

Joint Economic Committee: Mr. Robb, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Sarbanes, and Mr. Bingaman.

Select Committee on Ethics: Mr. Reid of Nevada (Vice Chair), Mr. Conrad, and Mr. Durbin.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 1. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

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-474. A communication from the Chief of the Benefits and Investments Branch, Treasury Division, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Service's annual Retirement and 401(k) Plan reports for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-475. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of reports issued or released by the General Accounting Office in October 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-476. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on accounts containing unvouchered expenditures potentially subject to audit by the Comptroller General; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-477. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Excepted Service; Promotion and Internal Placement" (RIN3206-AI51) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-478. A communication from the Chief Administrative Officer of the Postal Rate Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report under the Freedom of Information Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-479. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Authorization of Solicitations During the Combined Federal Campaign" (RIN3206-AH53) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-480. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Council's report entitled "DC Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority Resolution, Recommendations, and Orders Relating to Street Vending" (AB 98-38); to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-481. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Firefighter Pay" (RIN3206-AI50) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-482. A communication from the Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Accountability Report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-483. A communication from the Director of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cutoff Dates for Recognition of Boundary Changes for Census 2000" (RIN0607-AA18) received on December 8, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-484. A communication from the Benefits Manager of CoBank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's annual report on the CoBank, ACB Retirement Plan for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-485. A communication from the Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's annual report under the Inspector General Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-486. A communication from the Independent Counsel, Office of Independent Counsel Barrett, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of expenditures for the period ended March 31, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-487. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's report under the Inspector General Act for the period April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-488. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corps' report under the Inspector General Act for the six month period beginning April 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-489. A communication from the Chairman of the African Development Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's report under the Inspector General Act for the six month period beginning April 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-490. A communication from the Acting Director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Center's combined report under the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-491. A communication from the Executive Director of the Japan-United States Friendship Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's combined report under the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-492. A communication from the Director of the National Gallery of Art, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Gallery's combined report under the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-493. A communication from the President of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's consolidated annual report under the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-494. A communication from the Executive Director of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's report under the Inspector General Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-495. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's consolidated annual report under the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-496. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's consolidated annual report under the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-497. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's consolidated annual report under the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-498. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report under the Inspector General Act for the six month period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-499. A communication from the General Counsel of the U.S. Government National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's report under the Inspector General Act for the six month period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-500. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Presidio Trust, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's report under the Inspector General Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-501. A communication from the President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's report under the Inspector General Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-502. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report under the Inspector General Act for the six month period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-503. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's report under the Inspector General Act for the six month period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-504. A communication from the Director of the United States Information Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's report under the Inspector General Act for the six month period beginning April 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-505. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report under the Inspector General Act for the six month period beginning April 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-506. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Justice's report under the Inspector General Act and the Semiannual Management Report to Congress for the six month period beginning April 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-507. A communication from the Chairwoman of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-508. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-509. A communication from the Secretary of the Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-510. A communication from the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-511. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-512. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-513. A communication from the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-514. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-515. A communication from the Federal Co-Chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-516. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-517. A communication from the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Endowment's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-518. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-519. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-520. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's consolidated annual report under the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-521. A communication from the Chairman of the National Science Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-522. A communication from the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-523. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-524. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.