

Bobby R. Washington; Jeanerette, James Alexander, Sr.; Napoleonville, Darrell Jupiter, Sr.; New Orleans, Marc Morial; St. Gabriel, George L. Grace; White Castle, Maurice Brown.

Maine: Lewiston, Kailleigh A. Tara.

Maryland: Seat Pleasant, Eugene F. Kennedy.

Massachusetts: Leominster, Dean J. Mazzarella; Taunton, Robert G. Nunes.

Michigan: Detroit, Dennis Archer; Garden City, James L. Barker; Inkster, Edward Bevins; Muskegon Heights, Robert Warren; Taylor, Gregory E. Pitoniak.

Minnesota: Rochester, Charles J. Canfield; Saint Paul, Nori Coleman.

Mississippi: Fayette, Roger W. King; Glendora, Johnny Thomas; Laurel, Susan Boone Vincent; Marks, Dwight F. Barfield; Pace, Robert Le Flore; Shelby, Erick Holmes; Tutwiler, Robert Grayson; Winstonville, Milton Tutwiler.

Missouri: Kinloch, Bernard L. Turner, Sr.

Nebraska: Omaha, Hal Daub.

New Jersey: Chesilhurst, Arland Poindexter; Hope, Timothy C. McDonough; Newark, Sharpe James; Orange, Muis Herchet.

New York: Hempstead, James A. Garner; Rochester, William A. Johnson, Jr.; White Plains, Joseph Delfino.

North Carolina: Charlotte, Pat McCrory; Durham, Nicholas J. Tennyson; Greenevers, Alfred Dixon.

North Dakota: Fargo, Bruce W. Furness.

Ohio: Columbus, Greg Lashutka; Lyndhurst, Leonard M. Creary; Middleburg Heights, Gary W. Starr.

Oklahoma: Muskogee, Jim Bushnell; Oklahoma City, Kirk D. Humphrey; Tatums, Cecil Jones.

Oregon: Tualatin, Lou Ogden.

Rhode Island: Providence, V.A. Cianci, Jr. South Carolina: Andrews, Lovith Anderson, Sr.; Greenwood, Floyd Nicholson.

Tennessee: Germantown, Sharon Goldsworthy; Knoxville, Victor Ashe.

Texas: Ames, John White; Arlington, Elzie Odum; Beaumont, David Moore; Bedford, Richard D. Hurt; Euless, Mary Lib Salem; Hurst, Bill Souder; Hutchens, Mary Washington; Kendleton, Carolyn Jones; Kyle, James Adkins; North Richland Hills, Charles Scoma; Port Arthur, Oscar G. Ortiz; Waxahatchee, James Beatty.

Virginia: Portsmouth, Dr. James W. Holley III.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

REPORT ON PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING BENCHMARKS IN BOSNIA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 51

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 7 of Public Law 105-174, the 1998 Supplemental Appropriations and Rescissions Act, I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report on progress made toward achieving benchmarks for a sustainable peace process.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 23, 1999.

REPORTS ENTITLED "MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY" AND "HIGHWAY SAFETY" FOR CALENDAR YEARS 1996—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 52

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith the 1996 calendar year reports as prepared by the Department of Transportation on activities under the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, the Highway Safety Act, and the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act of 1972, as amended.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 26, 1999.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

S. 1427. A bill to authorize the Attorney General to appoint a special counsel to investigate or prosecute a person for a possible violation of criminal law when the Attorney General determines that the appointment of a special counsel is in the public interest.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated on July 22, 1999:

EC-4291. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Central and Southern Florida Project-Comprehensive Review Study"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4292. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals dated July 12, 1999; transmitted jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4293. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Compromises" (TD 8829), received July 19, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4294. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service,

Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "T.D. 8828, Electronic Funds Transfers of Federal Deposits" (RIN1545-AW41), received July 12, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4295. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "August 1999 Applicable Federal Rates" (Revenue Ruling 99-32), received July 19, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4296. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "1999 Federal Financial Management Status Report and Five-Year Plan", dated June 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4297. A communication from the Deputy Director for Support, Personal and Family Readiness Division, U.S. Marine Corps, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Retirement Plan for Civilian Employees of the United States Marine Corps Morale, Welfare and Recreation Activities; The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Support Activity and Miscellaneous Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities", dated June 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4298. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Physicians Comparability Allowances; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4299. A communication from the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1998 of the Resolution Funding Corporation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4300. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Call for Large Position Reports," received July 13, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4301. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations; Commerce Control List: Revisions to Categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 Based on Wassenaar Arrangement Review" (RIN0694-AB86), received July 15, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4302. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "21 CFR Part 712; Credit Union Service Organizations," received July 15, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4303. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "21 CFR Part 712; Credit Union Service Organizations," received July 15, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4304. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1998 for the Orphans Products Board; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4305. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Criteria and Procedures for DOE Contractor Employee Protection Program" (RIN1901-AA78), received July 16, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4306. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conference Management" (N 110.3), received July 16, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4307. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deviations, Local Clauses, Uniform Contract Format, and Clause Matrix" (AL 99-05), received July 16, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4308. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1998 relative to Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Progress; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4309. A communication from the General Counsel, the Presidio Trust, transmitting, pursuant to law, the draft of a proposed rule entitled "Management of the Presidio: Environmental Quality," received July 19, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4310. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Pratt and Whitney JT9D Series Turbofan Engines; Docket No. 98-ANE-31 (7-16/7-19)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0273), received July 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4311. A communication from the Senior Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Passenger Tariff-Filing Requirements Exemption" (RIN2105-AC61), received July 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4312. A communication from the Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pipeline Safety: Adoption of Consensus Standards for Breakout Tanks" (RIN2137-AC11), received July 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated on July 26, 1999:

EC-4313. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement for the export of defense services under a contract in the amount of \$22,000,000 with Italy and Spain; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4314. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement for the export of defense services under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more with the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4315. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or services under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4316. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or services under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to France; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4317. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or services under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to France and the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4318. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to commercial and industrial functions performed by contractors during fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4319. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Pilot Program for Revitalizing the Laboratories and Test Evaluation Centers of the Department of Defense," dated May 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4320. A communication from the Director, Administration and Management, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of the Under Secretary of the Air Force, the designation of an Acting Under Secretary, and the nomination of an Under Secretary; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4321. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4322. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "CHAMPUS Extension of the Active Duty Dependents Dental Plan to Overseas Areas" (RIN0720-AA36), received July 21, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4323. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual "Monetary Policy Report," dated July 22, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4324. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for the Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additions to and Deletions from the Procurement List," received July 6, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4325. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4326. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Veterans Education: Effective Date for Reducing Educational Assistance" (RIN2900-AJ39), received July 21, 1999; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4327. A communication from the Director, 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 "Secondary Direct Food Addi-

tives Permitted in Food for Human Consumption" (98F-0894), received July 21, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4328. A communication from the Director, 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 "Secondary Direct Food Additives Permitted in Food for Human Consumption" (98F-0894), received July 21, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4329. A communication from the General Counsel, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "AmeriCorps Education Awards" (RIN3045-AA09), received July 21, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4330. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mexican Fruit Fly Regulation; Removal of Regulated Areas" (Docket No. 98-082-5), received July 21, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4331. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Licensing Requirements for Dogs and Cats" (Docket No. 97-018-4), received July 21, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4332. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cut Flowers" (Docket No. 98-021-2), received July 21, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4333. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Citrus Canker; Addition to Quarantined Areas" (Docket No. 95-086-3), received July 21, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4334. 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 "Revisions to Part 47—Rules of Practice Under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA)" (Docket No. FV98-358), received July 21, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4335. 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 "Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California and Imported Table Grapes; Revision in Minimum Grade, Container, and Pack Requirements" (Docket No. FV98-925-3 FIR), received July 21, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4336. A communication from the Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and

Environment, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Land Uses; Appeal of Decisions Relating to Occupancy and Use of National Forest System Lands; Mediation of Grazing Disputes" (RIN0596-AB59), received July 21, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4337. 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 "Zinc Phosphide; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL #6090-9), received July 21, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4338. 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 "National Priorities List for Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites" (FRL #6401-5), received July 21, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4339. 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 Implementation Plan; Indiana" (FRL #6401-9), received July 20, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4340. 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 Implementation Plans; California" (FRL # 6378-2), received July 20, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4341. 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 "Classification of the San Francisco Bay Area Ozone Nonattainment Area for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program Purposes" (FRL # 6401-6), received July 20, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4342. 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 "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Application Requirements for Publicly Owned Treatment Works and Other Treatment Works Treating Domestic Sewage" (FRL # 6401-2), received July 20, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4343. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants" (RIN3150-AF95), received July 21, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4344. 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" (RIN0648-AM08), received July 22, 1999; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4345. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Imperial County, CA; Docket No. 98-AWP-33 (7-16/7-19)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0224), received July 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4346. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Indianapolis, IN; and Revocation of Class E Airspace; Greenwood, IN; Docket No. 99-AGL-26 (7-16/7-19)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0227), received July 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4347. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Legal Description of the Class D Airspace; Cincinnati, OH; Docket No. 99-AGL-25 (7-16/7-19)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0225), received July 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4348. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Legal Description of the Class D Airspace; Cincinnati, OH; Docket No. 99-AGL-25 (7-16/7-19)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0225), received July 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4349. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of VOR Federal Airways; Kahului, HI; Correction; Docket No. 99-AWP-35 (7-16/7-19)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0223), received July 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4350. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Minden, NV; Docket No. 97-AWP-33 (7-16/7-19)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0222), received July 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4351. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fisheries; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna; Retention Limit Adjustment (Angling Category)," received July 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4352. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fisheries; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna; Inseason Transfer (Purse Seine Category)," received July 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4353. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pur-

suant to law, a report relative to transportation security for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4354. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General of the Department of Commerce, the designation of an Acting Inspector General, and the nomination of an Inspector General; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4355. A communication from the Associate Administrator for Human Resources and Education, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4356. A communication from the Under Secretary, Food, and Nutrition and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Stamp Program: 1995 Quality Control Technical Amendments" (RIN0584-AB38), received July 21, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4357. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy, transmitting, pursuant to law, on behalf of the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration the Report of a rule entitled "FAC 97-13, Reform of Affirmative Action in Federal Procurement" (RIN9000-AH59), received July 19, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated on July 22, 1999:

POM-260. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska relative to tobacco settlement funds; to the Committee on Finance.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLVE NO. 5

Whereas the State of Alaska, taking all of the risks inherent in litigation, brought suit against major cigarette and smokeless tobacco manufacturers based on state anti-trust and consumer protection claims solely to collect the state's smoking-related expenditures; and

Whereas none of the claims asserted by the state were based on a Medicaid recoupment statute or included the assertion of claims based on federal law for the federal government's tobacco-related medical expenditures; and

Whereas the State of Alaska entered into a settlement agreement in state court based on state antitrust and consumer protection law claims with cigarette and smokeless tobacco companies for \$669,000,000 on November 23, 1998; and

Whereas the federal government, through the Health Care Finance Administration, has asserted that it is entitled to a significant share of the state settlement on the basis that it represents the federal share of Medicaid costs; and

Whereas the federal government declined to bring its own action to assert a claim for the federal money it spent for the treatment of smoking-related illnesses in Alaska and provided no assistance to the state during the litigation or during settlement negotiations; and