

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 the Judiciary.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S BIENNIAL REPORT ON HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM99

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 herewith transmit the Department of Transportation's Biennial Report on Hazardous Materials Transportation for Calendar Years 1996–1997. The report has been prepared in accordance with the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5121(e).

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 5, 2000.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:23 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 758. An act for the relief of Nancy B. Wilson.

H.R. 3903. An act to deem the vessel *M/V Mist Cove* to be less than 100 gross tons, as measured under chapter 145 of title 46, United States Code.

H.R. 2418. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend programs relating to organ procurement and transplantation.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 758. An act for the relief of Nancy B. Wilson; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 3903. An act to deem the vessel *M/V Mist Cove* to be less than 100 gross tons, as measured under chapter 145 of title 46, United States Code; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2418. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend programs relating to organ procurement and transplantation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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-8336. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Projects with Industry (Evaluation Standards and Compliance Indicators)" (RIN1820-AB45), received April 3, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8337. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Regulations-Federal Perkins Loan Program", received April 3, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8338. A communication from the Board of Trustees, Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2000 annual report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8339. A communication from the Board of Trustees, Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2000 annual report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8340. A communication from the Board of Trustees, Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2000 annual report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8341. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Federal Trade Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Formal Interpretation 17, Pursuant to Section 803.30 of the Premerger Notification Rules, 16 CFR Section 803.30, Regarding Filing Obligations for Certain Acquisitions Involving Banking and Non-Banking Businesses under the (c)(7) and (c)(8) Exemptions of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act as Amended by the Gram-Leach-Bliley Act", received April 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8342. 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 Northeastern United States; Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan; Delay of Effectiveness", received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8343. 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 "Final Rule to Implement Amendment 9 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic", received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8344. 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-Closes B Season Pollock Fishery within the Shelikof Strait Conservation Area in the Gulf of Alaska", received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8345. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Fort Lauderdale, FL (COTP Miami 00-030)" (RIN2115-AA97) (2000-0006), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8346. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; Norwalk River, CT (CGD01-00-014)" (RIN2115-AES7) (2000-0017), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8347. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Elaine, AR; Ringgold, LA; Hays, KS" (MM Docket No. 99-280; RM-9672; MM Docket No. 99-281, RM-9684; MM Docket No. 99-283, RM-9711), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8348. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Easton, Merced and North Fork, CA" (MM Docket No. 99-181; RM-9584; RM-9700), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8349. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Littlefield, Wolfforth and Tahoka, TX" (MM Docket No. 95-83; RM-8634), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8350. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Newell, SD; Merville, IA; Rockford, IA; Watseka, IL; Keosauqua, IA; and Box Elder, SD" (MM Docket Nos. 99-96; 00-193; 99-194; 99-308; 99-309; and 99-310), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8351. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Johnson City and Owego, NY" (MM Docket No. 99-245; RM-9680), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8352. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Ankeny and West Des Moines, IA" (MM Docket No. 95-108; RM-8631), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8353. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CFM International CFM56-2, -2A, -2B, -3, -3B, and -3C Series Turbofan Engines; Docket No. 99-NE-57 (3-28/3-30)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0183), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8354. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Learjet Model 35, 35A, 36, 36A, 55, 55B, and 55C Airplanes; Rescission; Docket No. 99-NM-311 (3-27/3-30)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0182), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8355. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Model 407 Helicopters; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-SW-75 (3-30/3-30)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0180), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8356. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 and A340 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-185 (3-30/3-30)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0181), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8357. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Israel Aircraft Industries, Ltd., Model Astra SPX Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-256 (3-28/3-30)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0184), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8358. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of the Airspace for Grand Canyon National Park; Docket No. FAA-99-5926 (4-4/4-3)" (RIN2120-AG74), received April 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8359. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commercial Air Tour Limitation in the Grand Canyon National Park Special Flight Rules Area; Docket No. FAA-99-5927 (4-4/4-3)" (RIN2120-AG73), received April 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8360. A communication from the Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Determination of Threatened Status for the Northern Idaho Ground Squirrel" (RIN1018-AE84), received March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8361. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to creation of a highway emergency relief reserve; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8362. A communication from the Vice President, Communications, Tennessee Valley Authority transmitting the Statistical Summary for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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:

POM-451. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, Spokane County, Washington relative to the United

Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-452. A resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners, Ferry County, Washington relative to the Endangered Species Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-453. A resolution adopted by the Southern Governors' Association relative to the Master Water Control Manual for the Missouri River; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. MACK, from the Joint Economic Committee: Special Report entitled "The 2000 Joint Economic Report" (Rept. No. 106-225).

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Thomas A. Fry, III, of Texas, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that he be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. 2357. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive military retired pay concurrently with veterans' disability compensation; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2358. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the operation by the National Institutes of Health of an experimental program to stimulate competitive research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROBB (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2359. A bill to make technical corrections in United States Customs Service regulations regarding the importation of goods bearing foreign owned trademarks or trade names, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 2360. A bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide for a limitation on sharing of behavioral profiling information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2361. A bill to amend Public Law 85-159 to strike the provision relating to transmission of power generated by the Niagara Power Project, New York, to neighboring

States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. INHOFE, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2362. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to consider risk assessments and cost-benefit analyses as part of the process of establishing a new or revised air quality standard; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 2363. A bill to subject the United States to imposition of fees and costs in proceedings relating to State water rights adjudications; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. GREGG):

S. 2364. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to require Social Security Administration publications to highlight critical information relating to the future financing shortfalls of the social security program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr.

BOND, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. REED, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. HAGEL, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. GORTON, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. HELMS, Mr. ALLARD, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 2365. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the 15 percent reduction in payment rates under the prospective payment system for home health services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 2366. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend provisions relating to the Organ Procurement Transplantation Network; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 2367. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make improvements to, and permanently authorize, the visa waiver pilot program under the Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 281. A resolution to congratulate the Michigan State University Men's Basketball Team on winning the 2000 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men's Basketball Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 282. A resolution congratulating the Huskies of the University of Connecticut for winning the 2000 Women's Basketball Championship; considered and agreed to.