

EC-8378. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8379. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Program for Research Generally for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8380. 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 "Indirect Food Additives: Polymers" (Docket No. 97F-0157), received April 4, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8381. 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 "Indirect Food Additives: Polymers" (Docket No. 97F-0246), received April 4, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8382. 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 "Indirect Food Additives: Paper and Paperboard Components" (Docket No. 93F-0132), received April 4, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8383. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule Establishing an Administrative Appeal Process for the Regulatory Program of the Corps of Engineers" (RIN0710-AA41), received April 4, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8384. A communication from the Chairman, The Morris K. Udall Foundation transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management and Policy Act of 2000"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8385. 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 Plans Georgia: Approval of Revisions to the Georgia State Implementation Plan: Transportation Conformity Interagency Memorandum of Agreement" (FRL # 6573-5), received April 4, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8386. 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 Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Antelope Valley Air Pollution Control District and Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District" (FRL # 6570-9), received April 4, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8387. 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 Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; Control of Emissions from Existing Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators" (FRL # 6571-5), received April 4, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8388. 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-South Coast" (FRL # 6570-7), received April 4, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8389. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Mississippi" (FRL # 6574-3), received April 4, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8390. 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 "EPA Review and Approval of State and Tribal Water Quality Standards" (FRL # 6571-7), received April 4, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8391. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to cabin air quality research; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8392. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries; Hawaii-Based Pelagic Longline Fishery Line Clipper and Dipnet Requirement; Guidelines for Handling of Sea Turtles Brought Aboard Hawaii-Based Pelagic Longline Vessels" (012100C), received April 4, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8393. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, 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; Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan; Delay of Effectiveness" (RIN0648-AK79), received April 4, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8394. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fisheries; Swordfish Quota Adjustment" (I.D. 102299B), received April 4, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8395. 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 "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Opens Directed Fishing for Several Groundfish Species in the Central Regulatory Area in the Gulf of Alaska", received April 4, 2000; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8396. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska-Pollock Closure in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska", received April 4, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8397. 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 "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Closure of Fishery for Logio Squid", received April 4, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8398. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coastal Ocean Program Supplemental Notice of Funds Availability for the Coastal Ecosystem Research Project in the Northern Gulf of Mexico" (RIN0648-ZA78) (Docket No. 0002023-0023-01), received April 4, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8399. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coastal Ocean Program Supplemental Notice of Funds Availability for the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Prediction and Modeling Program and the South Florida Living Marine Resources Program" (RIN0648-ZA79) (Docket No. 0002024-0024-01), received April 4, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8400. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coastal Ocean Program Supplemental Notice of Funds Availability for the Global Ocean Ecosystem Dynamics (GLOBEC) Research Project" (RIN0648-ZA77) (Docket No. 000127019-0019-01), received April 4, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1936. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other National Forest System land in the State of Oregon and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes (Rept. No. 106-256).

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. CAMPBELL for the Committee on Indian Affairs:

Thomas N. Slonaker, of Arizona, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for

American Indians, Department of the Interior.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that it 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. FRIST:

S. 2368. A bill to authorize studies on water supply management and development; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 2369. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to waive federal preemption of State law providing for the awarding of punitive damages against motor carriers for engaging in unfair or deceptive trade practices in the processing of claims relating to loss, damage, injury, or delay in connection with transportation of property in interstate commerce; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr.

ROTH, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. HATCH, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LOTT, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BOND, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. HELMS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. GORTON, and Mr. GRAMS):

S. 2370. A bill to designate the Federal Building located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the "Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 2371. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Cibacron Red LS-BHC; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 2372. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Cibacron Brilliant Blue FN-G; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 2373. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Cibacron Scarlet LS-2G HC; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 2374. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain TAED chemicals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 2375. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on a certain polymer; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 2376. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on isobornyl acetate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 2377. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on sodium petroleum sulfonate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERREY, and Mr. BRYAN):

S. 2378. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the safety of the medicare and medicaid programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. L. CHAFEE, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2379. A bill to provide for the protection of children from tobacco; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2380. A bill to provide for international family planning funding for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROBB, Mr. BURNS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S.J. Res. 44. A joint resolution supporting the Day of Honor 2000 to honor and recognize the service of minority veterans in the United States Armed Forces during World War II; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 2369. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to waive federal preemption State law providing for the awarding of punitive damages against motor carriers for engaging in unfair or deceptive trade practices in the processing of claims relating to loss, damage, injury, or delay in connection with transportation of property in interstate commerce; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MOVING COMPANY RESPONSIBILITY ACT

• Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Moving Company Responsibility Act of 1999 to improve the protections afforded to consumers who hire moving companies to carry their possessions from one state to another. Under current law, consumers whose goods are lost or stolen during transit have no redress against moving companies that deceive or mistreat them during the claims process.

This problem was first brought to my attention by my constituents, Jane Rini and John Pucci. In 1990, Ms. Rini hired a moving company to transport her household goods from South Carolina to Massachusetts to attend Smith College's Ada Comstock Program. Among Ms. Rini's possessions were valuable original paintings and art objects that had been passed down through her family. When her belongings were delivered by the driver employed by the

moving company, Ms. Rini noticed that the boxes containing the works of art were missing. Although the company's driver was not able to locate the boxes, he demanded that Ms. Rini sign inventory sheets indicating that her goods had been properly delivered and refused to leave her house until she signed for the delivery. Under pressure, Ms. Rini signed the inventory sheets, noting on them that boxes containing the works of art were missing. She was not informed by the company that she should note missing boxes on the bill of lading, nor was she given the pamphlet containing this information, as required by federal law. The next day, Ms. Rini and her family unpacked the boxes that had been delivered and determined conclusively that eleven works of art were missing. They have never been recovered.

From that point on, Ms. Rini did everything to obtain redress that reasonably could be expected of a consumer. She filed her claim with the moving company in a timely manner, and she went to great lengths to supply the moving company's claims adjusters with all the information they needed to process her claim. However, her efforts to recover damages for the lost artwork were met with abusive and deceptive tactics seemingly designed to discourage her claim.

At the beginning of the claims process, the company demanded that Ms. Rini provide it with documentation such as canceled checks, recent appraisal information, insurance riders, or cash receipts. Ms. Rini had no recent information on the works because they had been handed down through her family for generations, but she was able to supply the company with photographs of most of the missing pieces, and she even paid for professional appraisals of the works based on the photos. She also provided the company with a letter from 1929 which reflected the authenticity of some of the pieces.

Mr. President, this should have been more than enough to satisfy the company as to the validity of Ms. Rini's claim, but the company refused to accept appraisals unless they were based upon actual examination of the objects. Meanwhile, Ms. Rini was told by a company representative that a thorough investigation of her claim would be conducted, but the representative negligently failed to interview or take written statements in a timely manner from any of the employees involved in the move who might have been able to substantiate the claim.

Almost nine months later, the company denied Ms. Rini's claim on the grounds that all items were delivered and signed for on the bill of lading without a notation indicating missing items; that the company had not received adequate documentation to substantiate Rini's claims; and that the company had not uncovered any evidence that the works had not been delivered to Northampton.