

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Fokker Model F27 Series Airplanes equipped with Rolls Royce 532-7 Dart 7 Series Engines; Request for Comments; Docket No. 200-NM-959 (4-18/4-24)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0212), received April 27, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8768. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Agusta Model A109C and A109K2 Helicopters; Docket No. 99-SW-28 (4-24/4-27)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0234), received May 1, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8769. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Agusta Model A109C, A109AIL, and A109C Helicopters; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-SW-47 (4-14/4-24)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0223), received April 27, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8770. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Turbomeca Artouste III Series Turboshift Engines; Docket No. 99-NE-33 (4-11/4-24)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0210), received April 27, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8771. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Turbomeca Makila 1 Series Turboshift Engines; Docket No. 99-NE-11 (4-11/4-24)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0209), received April 27, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8772. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Rolls Royce plc Tay 650-15 Turbofan Engines; Docket No. 99-NE-61 (4-18/4-24)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0220), received April 27, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8773. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Dornier Model 328-100 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-40 (4-11/4-24)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0208), received April 27, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8774. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Various Transport Category Airplanes Equipped with Certain Honeywell Air Data Inertial Reference Units; Request for Comments; Docket No. 2000-NM-83 (4-18/4-24)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0213), received April 27, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8775. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Lockheed Model L-1011-385 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-252 (4-17/4-24)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0221), received April 27, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8776. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Gulfstream Model G-IV Series Airplanes; Docket No. 2000-NM-82 (4-14/4-24)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0224), received April 27, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8777. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model DHC-8-100 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-321 (4-14/4-24)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0225), received April 27, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8778. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Industrie Aeronautiche e Meccaniche Model Piaggio P-180 Airplanes; Docket No. 99-CE-65 (4-11/4-24)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0229), received April 27, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8779. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Various Transport Category Airplanes Equipped with Mode C Transponders with Single Code Altitude Input; Docket No. 2000-NM-81 (4-20/4-27)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0235), received May 1, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8780. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 2000-NM-97 (4-20/4-27)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0232), received May 1, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8781. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Learjet Model 45 Airplanes; Docket No. 2000-NM-85 (4-28/5-1)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0238), received April 27, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8782. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Raytheon Model BAe 125-800A and BAe 125-800B, Model Hawker 800, and Model Hawker 800XP Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-13 (4-26/5-1)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0240), received May 1, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8783. A communication from the Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth-in-Billing Format" (FCC 00-111, CC Doc. 98-170), received May 2, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8784. A communication from the Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of a Class A Television Service" (MM Doc. 00-10, FCC No. 00-115), received May 2, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8785. A communication from the Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, a determination by the Secretary of State to allow the Export-Import Bank to finance the sale of defense articles to Venezuela; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8786. A communication from the Corporation for National Service transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual reports for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8787. A communication from the General Services Administration, transmitting an informational copy of an amended lease prospectus for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cleveland, OH; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8788. A communication from the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reclassification of Yacare Caiman in South America from Endangered to Threatened, and the Listing of Two Other Caiman Species as Threatened by Reason of Similarity of Appearance" (RIN1018-AD67), received April 28, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8789. A communication from the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to Remove the Umpqua River Cutthroat Trout from the List of Endangered Wildlife" (RIN1018-AF45), received April 21, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8790. A communication from the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to List as Endangered the Oahu Elepaio from the Hawaiian Islands and Determination of Whether Designation of Critical Habitat is Prudent" (RIN1018-AE51), received April 13, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8791. A communication from the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to List the Alabama Sturgeon as Endangered" (RIN1018-AF56), received May 2, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8792. A communication from the General Services Administration transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of Building Project Survey for Riverside and San Bernadino Counties, CA; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8793. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Approval of VOC and NO_x and RACT Determinations for Individual Sources"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8794. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plan; Indiana"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8795. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Guidance for Developing TMDLs in California"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with amendments:

S. 1509: A bill to amend the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992, to emphasize the need for job creation on Indian reservations, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-277).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 2340: A bill to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish a program to support research and training in methods of detecting the use of performance-enhancing substances by athletes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-278).

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. SPECTER:

S. 2499. A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 2500. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel PUFFIN; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 2501. A bill to provide access and choice for use of generic drugs instead of nongeneric drugs under Federal health care programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2502. A bill to establish in the Office of the Architect of the Capitol the position of Director of Fire Safety and Protection to assume responsibility for fire safety and protection activities of the Architect of the Capitol, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 302. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Health Care Financing Administration should consider current systems that provide better, more cost effective emergency transport before promulgating any final rule regarding the delivery of emergency medical services; to the Committee on Finance.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2499. A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR A PROJECT DEADLINE EXTENSION

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation that

would reinstate and extend the deadline for construction of a Pennsylvania hydroelectric power project. This extension is necessary because the Potter Township Power Authority (Project No. 7041) will lose their license from the Federal Regulatory Commission under Section 13 of the Power Act. On many occasions, the Congress has granted similar noncontroversial extensions to licensees for projects in other states. This legislation would provide additional time for the municipal licensees to conclude their negotiations with the potential power purchasers. In introducing this legislation, I am not expressing any personal views on whether the projects should go forward or on how the projects should be funded; that is clearly the responsibility of the municipal licensees and the residents of the township.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and ask unanimous consent that the text of this bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2499

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF DEADLINE AND REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 7041, the Commission shall, at the request of the licensee for the project, extend the period required for commencement of construction of the project until December 31, 2001.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) takes effect on the expiration of the period required for commencement of construction of the project described in subsection (a).

(c) REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED LICENSE.—If the license for the project described in subsection (a) has expired before the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall reinstate the license effective as of the date of its expiration and extend the time required for commencement of construction as provided in subsection (a).

By Mr. DODD:

S. 2500. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Puffin*; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

JONES ACT WAIVER FOR THE "PUFFIN"

• Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation to waive the 1920 Merchant Marine Act, the so-called Jones Act, to allow Mr. Thomas Brooks Brener of Norwalk, Connecticut to commercially operate the *Puffin*, a sailing sloop built in the Netherlands in 1985.

Mr. Brener seeks the Jones Act waiver in order to reclassify the *Puffin* from a strictly recreational vessel to a charter or commercial vessel documented to operate with six or fewer paying passengers. If granted this waiver, Mr.

Brener intends to provide private sailing instruction and captained private and charitable charters out of Norwalk, Connecticut.

The operating plan proposed by Mr. Brener is quite modest and limited in scale. With a total length of just under 36 feet and carrying six or fewer passengers, the *Puffin* is not the foreign built challenge to American shipyards and shipping envisioned by the drafters of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920. Indeed, it poses no threat to larger U.S. coastal shipping interests. On the contrary, instead of being a threat to the local coastal trade, reclassification of the *Puffin* will provide a beneficial service to the community of Norwalk and the people of southwestern Connecticut by creating an additional recreational and small business opportunity.

I believe it is altogether appropriate to grant a Jones Act waiver for the sailing sloop *Puffin* and I urge the Senate to do so. I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2500

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CERTIFICATE OF DOCUMENTATION.

Notwithstanding section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 U.S.C. App. 883), section 8 of the Act of June 19, 1886 (24 Stat. 81, chapter 421; 46 U.S.C. App. 289), and sections 12106 and 12108 of title 46, United States Code, the Secretary of Transportation may issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel PUFFIN, United States official number 697029. •

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 1501. A bill to provide access and choice for use of generic drugs instead of nongeneric drugs under Federal health care program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

GENERIC PHARMACEUTICAL ACCESS AND CHOICE FOR CONSUMERS ACT OF 2000

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today, I am introducing legislation as one more step in my fight to combat rising prescription drug prices and reduce the cost of medication for consumers in this country. My legislation, called the Generic Pharmaceutical Access and Choice For Consumers Act of 2000, aims to reduce the cost of prescription medication to American taxpayers and the U.S. government by encouraging the use of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved, therapeutically equivalent generic prescription drugs within the federal health care programs, except if the non-generic form is either ordered by the prescribing physician or requested by the patient.

The Generic Pharmaceutical Access and Choice For Consumers Act of 2000 establishes a straightforward and cost-effective means of increasing consumers' access and choice to safe, affordable generic prescription drugs