H.R. 4461. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4810. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001

The following concurrent resolution was read, and placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 253. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress strongly objecting to any effort to expel the Holy See from the United Nations as a state participant by removing its status as a Permanent Observer.

## MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time by unanimous consent:

H.R. 894. An act to encourage States to incarcerate individuals convicted of murder, rape, or child molestation.

## 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-9625. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "National Water Quality Inventory for 1998"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9626. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elimination of the Requirement for Noncombustible Fire Barrier Penetration Seal Materials and Other Minor Changes" (RIN 3150-AG22) received on June 21, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

EC-9627. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: VSC-24 Revision" received on June 23, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9628. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Standardized NUHOMS-24P and NUHOMS-52B Revision" received on June 23, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9629. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report concerning the ready reserve status of the Hopper Dredge Wheeler; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9630. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Navigation Improvements Final Interim Feasibility and Environmental Assessment"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9631. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works),

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report concerning a project for ecosystem and wetland restoration at the Hamilton Army Airfield; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9632. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report concerning a hurricane and storm damage reduction and ecosystem restoration project for Townsends Inlet to Cape May Inlet, New Jersey; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9633. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report concerning a project for hurricane and storm damage reduction for the communities of Bethany Beach and South Bethany, Sussex County, Delaware; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9634. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), transmitting the report on portability of Tricare Prime Benefits; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9635. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, (OUSD (AT&L) DP (DAR)), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting Requirements Update" (DFARS Case 2000-D001) received on June 21, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9636. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, (OUSD (AT&L) DP (DAR)), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uncompensated Overtime Source Selection Factor" (DFARS Case 2000–D013) received on June 21, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9637. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, (OUSD (AT&L) DP (DAR)), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Production Surveillance and Reporting" (DFARS Case 99–D026) received on June 21, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9638. A communication from the Under Secretary of the Navy, Department of Defense, transmitting a report relative to the Navy Marine Corps Intranet services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9639. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Reserve Forces Policy Board for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9640. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Military Health System; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9641. A communication from the Assistant General counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Environment, Safety and Health, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "DOE Standard; Nuclear Explosive Safety Study Process" (DOE-STD-3015-97) received on June 29, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9642. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the demilitarization and disposal of conventional munitions, rockets, and explosives; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9643. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sunscreen Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use; Final Monograph; Extension of Effective Date; Reopening of Administrative Record" (RIN 78N-0038) received on June 21, 2000; to the Com-

mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9644. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1987; Prescription Drug Amendments of 1992; Policies, Requirements, and Administrative Procedures; Delay of Effective Date; Reopening of Administrative Record" (RIN 0905-AC81) received on June 21, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9645. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Adhesives and Components of Coatings; Technical Amendment" (RIN 92F-0043) received on June 21, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9646. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Hospital and Personal use Devices; Classification of the Subcutaneous, Implanted, Intravascular Infusion Port and Catheter and the Percutaneous, Implanted, Long-term Intravascular Catheter" (RIN 99N-2099) received on June 21, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9647. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Student Financial Assistance, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Student Assistance General Provisions, Federal Family Educational Loan Program, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, and State Student Incentive Grant Program" received on June 21, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9648. A communication from the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Native Hawaiian Curriculum Development, Teacher Training and Recruitment Training" received on June 21, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9649. A communication from the Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Railroad Unemployment Insurance System for the calendar year 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9650. A communication from the Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law the report entitled "Twenty-First Actuarial Valuation of the Assets and Liabilities Under the Railroad Retirement Acts as of December 31, 1998"; to the Committee on Health, Education Labor and Pensions

EC-9651. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ophthalmic Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use; Amendment to Final Monograph" (RIN 0910-AA01) received on June 29, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9652. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Over-the-Counter Human Drugs; Labeling Requirements; Partial Extension of Compliance Dates" (RIN 0910-AA79) received on June 29, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9653. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers: Technical Amendment" (RIN 99F-1421) received on June 29, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9654. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Anesthesiology Devices; Classification of Devices to Relieve Upper Airway Obstruction" (RIN 00P-1117) received on June 29, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

EC-9655. A communication from the Administrator of the Office of Workforce Security, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unemployment Insurance Program Letters 34–97 and 25–00" received on June 29, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9656. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Assets for Independence Act Amendments of 2000"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9657. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Management, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Regulations—Family Educational Rights and Privacy" received on July 5, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9658. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Paper and Paperboard Components" (RIN 94F-0185 and 95F-0111) received on July 10, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9659. A communication from the Program Manager, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Model Regulations for the Control of the International Movement of Firearms, Their Parts and Components, and Ammunition" (RIN 1512–AC02) received on June 20, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9660. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidelines for the Imposition and Mitigation of Penalties for Violation of 19 U.S.C. 1592" (RIN 1515-AC08) received on June 20, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9661. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification relative to the International Trade Commission; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9662. A communication from Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Modification of Rev. Proc. 99–18 (Sections 1001 and 1275)'' (Revenue Procedure 2000–29) received on June 23, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9663. A communication from Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update'' (Notice 2000–31) received on June 26, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9664. A communication from Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmiting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice 2000-35: Effect of Reorganization of the Office of Chief Counsel on Letter Ruling and Technical Advice Programs" (OGI-111483-00) received on June 26, 2000; to the Committee on Finance

EC-9665. A communication from Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rev. Proc. 2000-30 Bank Premiums" (Rev. Rul 2000-30) received on June 26, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9666. A communication from the Social Security Administration Regulations Officer, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Denial of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Benefits for Fugitive Felons and Probation and Parole Violators" (RIN 0960-AE77) received on June 27, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9667. A communication from Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "April-June 2000 Bond Factor Amounts" (Revenue Ruling 2000-31) received on June 27, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9668. A communication from Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rev. Rul. 2000-34 BLS-LIFO Department Store Indexes—May 2000" (Rev. Rul 2000-34) received on June 29, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9669. A communication from Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Regarding Claims for Certain Income Tax Convention Benefits" (RIN 1545-AV10(TD8889)) received on June 30, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9670. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning emigration laws and policies of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, The Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan; to the Committee on Finance

EC-9671. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TD: Definition of Grantor" (RIN 1545-AX25 TD8890) received on July 5, 2000; to the Committee on Finance

EC-9672. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Country of Origin Marking Rules for Textiles and Textile Products Advanced in Value, Improved in Condition, Or Assembled Abroad" (T.D. 00-44) received on July 6, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9673. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a proclamation to amend the Generalized System of Preferences concerning Belarus; to the Committee on Finance

EC-9674. A communication from the Regulations Officer of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determining Disability and Blindness; Substantial Gainful Activity Guides; Final Rules" (RIN 0960-AB73; 55A-147F) received on July 10, 2000.

EC-9675. A communication from the Regulations Officer of the Social Security Admin-

istration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Procedure for Imposing Penalties for False or Misleading Statements" (RIN 0960-AF20) received on July 10, 2000.

EC-9676. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Targeted Jobs Tax Credit Settlement Announcement" (Announcement 2000–58) received on July 10, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9677. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IRA income calculation" (Notice 2000–39) received on July 10, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9678. A communication from the Acting Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subpart C and D -2000-2001 Subsistence Taking of Fish and Wildlife Regulations" (RIN 1018-AF74) received on June 21, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9679. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Environment Safety and Health, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplementary Guidance and Design Experience for the Fusion Safety Standards DOE-STD-6002-96 and DOE-STD-6003-96" (DOE-HDBK-6004-99) received on June 21, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9680. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Environment Safety and Health, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Writer's Guide for Technical Procedures" (DOE-STD-1029-92, Change Notice No. 1) received on June 21, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9681. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Environment Safety and Health, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "DOE Handbook; Radiological Worker Training" (DOE-HDBK-1130-98) received on June 21, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## 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-549. A petition from a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives relative to the Environmental Protection Agency and the proposed cleanup plan for the Stauffer Superfund site in Tarpon Springs, Florida; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

POM-550. A petition from the U.S. Senators from the State of New York relative to the Environmental Protection Agency and ocean disposal criteria; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment: