

Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House insists, upon its amendments to the bill (S. 761) to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, and other purposes, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BILEY, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. MARKEY, as the managers of the conference on the part of the house.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the marriage penalty by providing for adjustments to the standard deduction, 15-percent rate bracket, and earned income credit and to repeal the reduction of the refundable tax credits.

H.R. 2086. An act to authorize funding for networking and information technology research and development for fiscal years 2000 through 2004, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2366. An act to provide small businesses certain protection from litigation expenses and to limit the product liability of non-manufacturer product sellers.

H.R. 3201. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Carter G. Woodson Home in the District of Columbia as a National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3557. An act to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to John Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York, in recognition of his accomplishments as a priest, a chaplain, and a humanitarian.

H.R. 3642. An act to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Charles M. Schulz in recognition of his lasting artistic contributions to the Nation and the world.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 76. Concurrent resolution recognizing the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of it.

H. Con. Res. 247. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation and support National Donor Day.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 276d, the Speaker has appointed the following Member of the House to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. HOUGHTON of New York, Chairman.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2086. An act to authorize funding for networking and information technology re-

search and development for fiscal years 2000 through 2004, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3201. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Carter G. Woodson Home in the District of Columbia as a National Historic Site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3557. An act to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to John Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York, in recognition of his accomplishments as a priest, a chaplain, and a humanitarian; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were received and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 76. Concurrent resolution recognizing the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of it; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H. Con. Res. 247. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation and supporting National Donor Day; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 6. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the marriage penalty by providing for adjustments to the standard deduction, 15-percent rate bracket, and earned income credit and to repeal the reduction of the refundable tax credits.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on February 16, 2000, he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 632. An act to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers.

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-7536. A communication from the Director, Congressional Budget Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the "Sequestration Preview Report for Fiscal Year 2001"; to the Committees on the Budget, and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7537. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to French Guiana; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7538. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal Costs" (Rev. Rul. 2000-7), received February 9, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7539. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to additions to and deletions from the Procurement List, received February 10, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7540. 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 Air Quality Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Virginia: Oxygenated Gasoline Program" (FRL # 6534-7), received February 10, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7541. 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 Air Quality Implementation Plans; North Carolina; Miscellaneous Revisions to the Forsyth County Local Implementation Plan" (FRL # 6520-4), received February 10, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7542. 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 "Emamectin Benzoate; Pesticide Tolerance Technical Correction" (FRL # 6489-4), received February 10, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7543. 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 "Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL # 6490-5), received February 10, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7544. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Field Study; Definition" (Docket # 98-043-2), received February 10, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7545. A communication from the Legal Advisor, Cable Services Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cable Attribution Rules" (CS Docs. 98-82, 96-85, FCC 99-288), received February 9, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7546. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1999 annual report of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology of the National Institute of Standards and Technology; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7547. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pilot Pre-Filing Agreement Program" (Notice 2000-9; I.R.B.—, dated February 28, 2000), received February 11, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7548. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Rehabilitation Short-Term Training (Client Assistance Program)" (CFDA Number 84.246K), received February 11, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7549. A communication from the Chairman, Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7550. A communication from the Director, Holocaust Memorial Museum transmitting, pursuant to law, the request for reauthorization of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7551. A communication from the Special Assistant to Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Creation of Low Power Radio Service" (MM Docket No. 99-25, FCC 00-19), received February 11, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7552. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (30); Amdt. No. 1973 (2-9/2-10)" (RIN2120-AA65) (2000-0009), received February 10, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7553. A communication from the Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials Transportation: Registration and Fee Assessment Program" (RIN2137-AD17), received February 10, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7554. A communication from the Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Hazardous Substances-Revisions" (RIN2137-AD39), received February 10, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7555. 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; Illinois" (FRL # 6536-1), received February 11, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7556. 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; State of Missouri" (FRL # 6528-7), received February 10, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7557. 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; South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL # 6534-2), received February 10, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7558. 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 "Rhode Island: Determination of Adequacy for the State's Municipal Solid Waste Permit Program" (FRL # 6535-8), received February 10, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7559. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Additional Guidance on PM2.5 Cassette Handling and Transportation"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7560. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the denial of safeguards information for the period October 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7561. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1999 annual report of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7562. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the allotment of emergency funds to all states under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7563. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "29 CFR Part 44-Process for Electing State Agency Employment Statistics Representatives for Consultations with Department of Labor" (RIN1290-AA19), received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7564. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Rule for Reporting by Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements and Certain Other Entities that Offer or Provide Coverage for Medical Care to the Employees of Two or More Employers (29 CFR Part 2520)" (RIN1210-AA54), received February 15, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7565. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Rule for the Assessment of Civil Penalties under Section 502(c)(2) of ERISA (29 CFR Part 2560)" (RIN1210-AA54), received February 15, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7566. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Rule Governing Procedures for Administrative Hearings Regarding the Assessment of Civil Penalties under Section 502(c)(2) of ERISA (29 CFR Part 2570)" (RIN1210-AA54), received February 15, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7567. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to two possible new decorations for individuals who are killed or injured in the line of duty while serving under competent authority with the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7568. A communication from the Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Eco-

nomics, Department of Agriculture transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Stakeholder Input Requirements for Recipients of Agricultural Research, Education, and Extension Formula" (RIN0524-AA23), received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7569. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1999 Crop and Market Loss Assistance" (RIN0560-AG13), received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7570. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Analysis, Department of Veterans Affairs transmitting, the fiscal year 1999 annual report of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7571. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Service Life Insurance" (RIN2900-AJ78), received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7572. A communication from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Highway Trust Fund quarterly report that appears in the December 1999 issue of the "Treasury Bulletin"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7573. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ahadpour v. Commissioner", received February 9, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7574. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determination; 65 FR 6028; 02/08/2000", received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7575. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations; 65 FR 6025; 02/08/2000", received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7576. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations; 65 FR 6018; 02/08/2000", received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7577. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations; 65 FR 6014; 02/08/2000", received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7578. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations; 65 FR 6022; 02/08/2000" (Docket No. FEMA-7316), received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7579. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determination; 65 FR 6031; 02/08/2000", received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7580. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to additions to and deletions from the Procurement List, received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7581. A communication from the Acting Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7582. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on programs for the utilization and donation of Federal property; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7583. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-243, "Motor Vehicle Parking Regulation Amendment Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7584. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-244, "Office of Cable Television and Telecommunications Amendment Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7585. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-246, "Federal Law Enforcement Officer Cooperation Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7586. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-248, "Sex Offender Registration Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7587. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-249, "Lateral Appointment of Law Enforcement Officers Clarifying Temporary Amendment Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7588. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-251, "Mandatory Autopsy for Deceased Wards of the District of Columbia and Mandatory Unusual Incident Report Temporary Act of 1999 to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7589. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-255, "Al Arrighi Way Designation Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7590. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-257, "Dennis Dolinger Memorial Park Designation Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7591. 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; Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Offshore Component in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska", received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7592. A communication from the Vice President, Government Affairs, National

Railroad Passenger Corporation transmitting, pursuant to law, the Amtrak annual report for 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7593. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the Port-au-Prince International Airport, Haiti; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7595. A communication from the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standard for Bunk Beds" (RIN3041-AB75), received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7596. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class D Airspace; Jackson, WY; Docket No. 99-ANM-11 {2-14-2-14}" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0032), received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7597. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Lexington, KY; Docket No. 99-ASO-25 {2-8-2-14}" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0035), received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7598. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; London, KY; Docket No. 99-ASO-23 {2-8-2-14}" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0034), received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7599. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class D and Class E Airspace; Tupelo, MS; Docket No. 99-ASO-3 {2-9-2-14}" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0036), received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7600. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Puerto Rico, PR; Correction; Docket No. 99-ASO-17 {2-8-2-10}" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0031), received February 10, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7601. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class C Airspace Area; VT; Docket No. 99-AWA-12 {2-10-2-14}" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0033), received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7602. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (111); Amdt. No. 19742 {2-9-2-10}" (RIN2120-AA65) (2000-0008), received February 10, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7603. 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; General Electric

Company CF6-80C2 Series Turbofan Engines; Docket No. 98-ANE-79" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0079), received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7604. 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; Boeing Model 737-200 Series Airplanes Modified in Accordance with Supplemental Type Certificate ST00969AT; Docket No. 99-NM-226" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0080), received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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-406. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine relative to the Gettysburg National Military Park; to the Committee on Appropriations.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, the United States has a history that reveals the proud tradition and heritage of the American people; and

Whereas, battlefield sites where significant military engagements happened are some of the nation's most important historical sites; and

Whereas, Gettysburg was the site of one of the largest battles in the history of the United States and that battle is considered a turning point for the country in the Civil War; and

Whereas, President Lincoln, in giving his now famous Gettysburg Address dedicating the national cemetery that is located in Gettysburg, acknowledged that he could not adequately dedicate or consecrate the cemetery because "the brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract"; and

Whereas, Gettysburg National Military Park, created shortly after the battle and funded largely by private donations and various states that belonged to the Union forces, covers thousands of acres and contains hundreds of monuments commemorating the battle; and

Whereas, the National Park Service lacks sufficient funds to adequately maintain and care for the grounds and monuments and is accepting donations to help preserve the park's monuments; and

Whereas, the commitment to preserve and maintain the monuments and grounds of Gettysburg National Military Park is a measure of how we value this nation and its people: Now therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the United States Congress appropriate funds to adequately maintain and preserve the grounds and monuments of Gettysburg National Military Park; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States and to each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-407. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relative to the shortage