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MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

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-1645. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Departmental activities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1646. A communication from the President of the African Development Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1647. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1648. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products; Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps Energy Conservation Standards" (RIN1904-AA77) received on April 25, 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1649. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, the designation of acting officer, and the discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Commissioner of Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1650. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Commissioner of Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1651. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Deputy Commissioner of Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1652. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, trans-

mitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "HCFA Claims Processing User Fee Act of 2001"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1653. A communication from the Chief of Staff to the Acting Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Director, Community Relations Service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1654. A communication from the Chief of Staff to the Acting Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1655. A communication from the Chief of Staff to the Acting Deputy Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Director, Office for Victims of Crime; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1656. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Attorney General; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1657. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1658. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1659. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a confirmed nomination for the position of Inspector General; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1660. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Solicitor General of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1661. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1662. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination returned for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1663. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination returned for the position of Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1664. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination returned for the position of Chair, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1665. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination returned for the position of Member, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1666. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and a nomination returned for the position of United States Parole Commissioner; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1667. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination and a nomination returned for the position of United States Parole Commissioner; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1668. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and a nomination returned for the position of United States Parole Commissioner; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1669. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's operations and developments for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1670. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, the designation of acting officer, the discontinuation of service in acting role, and a nomination confirmed for the position of Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1671. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1672. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1673. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resource Management; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1674. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer in the position of Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1675. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer in the position of Assistant Administrator for Environmental Information; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1676. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer in the position of General Counsel; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1677. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer in the position of Assistant Administrator for Water; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1678. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1679. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Assistant for Research and Development; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1680. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Assistant Administrator for International Activities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1681. A communication from the Fisheries Biologist, Candidate Plus Team Leader, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species: Puget Sound Populations of Copper Rockfish, Quillback Rockfish, Brown Rockfish, and Pacific Herring;" (RIN0648-XA63) received on April 10, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1682. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Pinal-Gila Counties Air Quality Control District and Pinal County Air Quality Control District" (FRL6967-8) received on April 25, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1683. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Butte County Air Quality Management District" (FRL6958-1) received on April 25, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1684. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1685. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulator Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Abnormal Occurrences for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1686. A communication from the Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to internal accounting and financial controls for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1687. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Red Mountain Viticultural Area" (RIN1512-AA07) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1688. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, United States Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Origin for Textile and Apparel Products" (RIN1515-AC80) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1689. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, United States Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Licenses for Certain

Worsted Wool Fabrics Subject to Tariff-Rate Quota" (RIN1515-AC83) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1690. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shark Drift Gillnet Fishery, Interim Final Rule; Request for Comments" (RIN0648-A076) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1691. A communication from the Attorney of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Incentive Grants for Use of Seat Belts" (RIN2127-AH38) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1692. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Bowling Green, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(2001-0076)) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1693. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Bay City, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(2001-0075)) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1694. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas Model DC-8 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0185)) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1695. A communication from the Acting Director of the Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to financial statements for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1696. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Performance report for Fiscal Year 2000 and the Performance Plan for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1697. A communication from the Interim Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Budget and Annual Performance Plan for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1698. A communication from the Regulatory Contact for the National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Rules; Correction" (RIN3095-AB00) received on April 25, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1699. A communication from the General Counsel for the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Employee Elections to Contribute to the Thrift Savings Plan, Participants' Choices of Investment Funds" (5 CFR Part 1600 and 1601) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1700. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employee Elections to Contribute to the

Thrift Savings Plan; Participants' Choices of Investment Funds" (5 CFR Part 1600 and 1601) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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-29. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Virginia relative to the Electoral College; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 651

Whereas, the remarkable events of the presidential election of 2000 summon all Virginians, of whatever political party or persuasion, to a renewed reflection on the principles of republican government and its ability to extend political liberty to a diverse and complex society; and

Whereas, the United States consists of one democratic people whose passion for political liberty is best preserved through republican and federal forms of government—including the election of the President; and

Whereas, the democratic interest is exercised through the ballot and the federal structure of our government is represented by the Electoral College; and

Whereas, the genius of the Electoral College was admirably defined by Virginia's James Madison in the *Federalist*, number 39:

"The executive power will be derived from a very compound source. The immediate election of the President is to be made by the States in their political characters. The votes allotted to them are in a compound ratio, which considers them partly as distinct and coequal societies, partly as unequal members of the same society."; and

Whereas, the dynamics of the Electoral College reflect the diversity of the nation and the healthy tension between the less populous vast regions of the United States and the urban centers embracing denser concentrations of its populations; and

Whereas, the Electoral College and the federal structure of government ensure a balance of power among the states and between the states and the federal government; and

Whereas, this complex and finely balanced structure serves to protect the nation's republican form of government and permits its citizens to enjoy an unequalled degree of democratic liberty; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly of Virginia express its commitment to the principles represented by the Electoral College, for its embodiment of the well-balanced framework of this nation's state and federal governments, and for its role in assuring the presentation of the liberty enjoyed by all citizens; and, be it

Resolved further, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation, in order that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it

Resolved further, That the Clerk transmit copies of this resolution to the legislatures of the other states that they may be informed of this action by the General Assembly and requested to adopt a similar resolve; and, be it

Resolved finally, That the Clerk transmit a copy of this resolution to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for circulation to the teachers of history and government in the