

to the members of Big Brothers Big Sisters for their years of dedication and service to the community.

Big Brothers Big Sisters volunteers provide stability for area youth by mentoring children and organizing exciting activities. The tools of warmth, human interest, and personal friendship are used to improve the health, education, and personal welfare of participants. The nonsectarian, multiracial agency holds an annual Easter egg hunt, Halloween and Christmas parties, as well as a variety of community enrichment activities in the Saginaw Bay area.

In 1952, 18 individuals united to form the board of directors for Big Brothers after receiving a grant from the Optimist Club of Saginaw. With the opening of a new office in Bay City in 1973, the organization officially changed its name to Big Brothers of Saginaw Bay Area, Inc.

In 1966, the Woman's Council of Saginaw recognized the need for a Big Sisters program. The following year the Altrusa Club, a community service organization, sponsored and organized the project, and soon after, a local Big Sisters program was established. The two organizations joined forces on September 1, 1982, to form Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saginaw Bay Area, Inc., saving an estimated \$15,000 to \$20,000 in operating expenses annually. This money is used to enrich the lives of approximately 725 young people in Saginaw and Bay Counties.

I take great pride in recognizing the efforts of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saginaw Bay Area as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. I have no doubt that this organization will continue to enrich the lives of local children. I know my Senate colleagues will join me in saluting the accomplishments of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saginaw Bay Area and in wishing the group continued success in the future.●

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. BILL MADIA

● Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the achievements of Dr. Bill Madia, President and CEO of UT-Battelle, and Director of Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee. Bill will be stepping down in August to take on the new position of Executive Vice President of Laboratory Operations at Battelle headquarters in Columbus, OH. Over the past three years Dr. Madia has contributed greatly to the Lab's many successes, and I would like to thank him for his leadership and commitment to our State.

ORNL is the largest of the Department of Energy's, Office of Science multi-program laboratories and to run a facility of its size is no simple task. Bill joined ORNL with more than 25 years of international experience in research and research management, including 15 years leading public and private research labs. He became the director of ORNL on April 1, 2000 and since then has continued the tradition of excellence at Oak Ridge.

Bill Madia is a visionary who delivers results. Under his leadership, construction of the Spallation Neutron Source was initiated. The SNS will produce the most intense pulsed neutron beams in the world and will be completed as expected in 2006. It is under Bill's direction that this project is progressing both on schedule and within budget.

Dr. Madia is also responsible for a major renewal of the Laboratory through his modernization plan. He has enabled the private capitalization of several new buildings that will house the Laboratory's advanced computing assets. Bill also has been instrumental in building the Laboratory's nanotechnology initiative, and the first of the DOE's Nanoscience centers, the Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences, had its groundbreaking earlier this month.

Oak Ridge has an extensive history of linking with universities and with Bill's guidance has expanded the use of these partnerships. Just recently, researchers of Oak Ridge, North Carolina State University, and University of Tennessee discovered how to tune the atomic-level zone of semi-conductor devices, the building blocks of computing chips. Additionally, he captured a leadership role in DOE's computational science initiative for Oak Ridge by building a partnership with industry to develop the next generation machine and attracting private sector financing to rapidly build a new facility necessary to operate world-class supercomputers.

Bill understands the importance of science and the role that science development plays in our lives and in the future. He has continually taken the initiative to push forth all projects that Oak Ridge takes on. Our investments in science driven technology contribute greatly to the economic growth of this country, and during his tenure the UT-Battelle team has helped with the creation of 30 new companies through the ORNL technology transfer program.

Outside of the laboratory in the Oak Ridge community, Bill Madia has done an outstanding job in promoting economic sustainability and has been a vigorous promoter of education. In fact, he has remained a strong supporter of funding for high school science laboratories and the University of Tennessee's Academy for Math and Science.

The people of Oak Ridge Tennessee and this Nation have benefited from all his hard work and will continue to benefit from Bill Madia's dedication as he continues his excellence as a member of the UT-Battelle Board of Directors. Although, he will be missed dearly in Tennessee, I am confident that he will continue to make a difference in the community. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.●

MEASURES HELD OVER/UNDER RULE

The following resolution was read, and held over, under the rule.

S. Res. 207. A resolution amending the Standing Rules of the Senate to provide that it is not in order in a committee to ask questions regarding a presidential nominee's religious affiliation.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3518. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "To Amend Sections 7D, 16(i)(2), and 19 of the United States Grain Standards Act to Authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to Recover Through User Fees the Costs of Standardization Activities"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3519. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment, Department of the Navy, transmitting, a report relative to studying certain functions performed by military and civilian personnel in the Department of the Navy for possible performance by private contractors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3520. A communication from the Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Enuretic Devices, Breast Reconstructive Surgery, PFPWD Valid Authorization Period, Early Intervention Services" (RIN0720-AA70) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3521. A communication from the Assistant General for Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards: Smoke Alarms" (RIN2502-AH48) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3522. A communication from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's 2002 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3523. A communication from the President of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an Executive Order relative to sanctions against Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3524. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Milford IA (Doc. No. 03-ACE-07)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3525. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Muscatine, IA (Doc. No. 03-ACE-39)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3526. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Pratt, KS (Doc. No. 03-ACE-36)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to

the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3527. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Hays, KS (Doc. No. 03-ACE-35)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3528. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Brookfield, MO (Doc. No. 03-ACE-25)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3529. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Cambridge, NE (Doc. No. 03-ACE-50)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3530. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E5 Airspace; Tuscaloosa, AL (Doc. No. 03-ASO-07)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3531. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D, E4, E5 Airspace; Elizabeth City, NC (Doc. No. 03-ASO-06)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3532. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Rock Rapids, IA (Doc. No. 03-ACE-28)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3533. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Muscatine, IA (Doc. No. 03-ACE-39)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3534. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Falls City, NE (Doc. No. 03-ACE-49)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3535. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Sibley, IA (Doc. No. 03-ACE-48)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3536. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Air-

space; Red Oak, IA (Doc. No. 03-ACE-46)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3537. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Sac City, IA (Doc. No. 03-ACE-47)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3538. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Ottumwa, IA (Doc. No. 03-ACE-41)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3539. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 767-200 and 767-300 Series Airplanes (Doc. No. 2002-NM-187)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3540. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Initiative Industriale Italiana S.P.A. Models Sky Arrow 650 TC and 650 TCN Airplanes (Doc. No. 2003-CE-10)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3541. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Iniziative Industriali Italiane S.P.A. Models Sky Arrow 650 TC and 650 TCN Airplanes (Doc. No. 2003-CE-11)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3542. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Models PC-6 Airplanes (Doc. No. 2003-CE-12)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3543. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Rolls Royce RB211 Series Turbofan Engines (Doc. No. 2003-NE-13)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3544. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Window Rock, AZ (Doc. No. 03-AWP-9)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3545. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Pochontas, IA (Doc. No. 03-ACE-45)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3546. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Kaiser, MO (Doc. No. 03-ACE-44)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3547. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model EMB-120 Series Airplanes (Doc. No. 2003-NM-02)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3548. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Airbus Model A321-131 Series Airplanes; Equipped with International Aero Engines (IAE) V2500-A5 Series Engines (Doc. No. 2003-NM-134)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3549. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 767 Series Airplanes (Doc. No. 2002-NM-13)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3550. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: General Electric Company CF6-80A1/A3 and CF6-80C2A PMC Series Turbofan Engines (Doc. No. 2002-ANE-09)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3551. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Aeropatiele Model ATR42-200, 300, 320, and 500 Series Airplanes and Model ATR72-102, 202, 212, and 212A Series Airplanes (Doc. No. 2002-NM-331)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3552. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: BAE Systems Limited Model BAE 146 Series Airplanes (Doc. No. 2001-NM-271)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3553. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model EMB-145 Series Airplanes (Doc. No. 99-NM-98)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3554. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Pratt and Whitney JT8D Series Turbofan Engines (Doc. No. 97-ANE-05)" (RIN2120-AA66)

received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3555. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (103) Amendment No. 3061 (Doc. No. 30372)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3556. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (113) Amendment No. 3059 (Doc. No. 30369)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3557. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Hartzell Propeller Inc. Propellers with Aluminum Blades (Doc. No. 96-ANE-40)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3558. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of VOR Federal Airways and Jet Routes in the Vicinity of Savannah, GA (Corr. Doc. No. 02-ASO-7)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3559. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (26) Amendment No. 3062 (Doc. No. 30373)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3560. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Final Rule to Implement Measures to Reduce Overfishing on Species Management Under the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AQ72) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3561. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Commission's Strategic Plan covering the Commission's program activities through fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3562. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones, Security Zones and Drawbridge Operation Regulations" (RIN1625-AA09) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3563. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations" (RIN1625-AA00) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3564. A communication from the Associate Assistant Administrator for Management, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Man-

agement, National Ocean Services Coastal Services Center, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Register Notice—Coastal Services Center Broad Area Announcement Fiscal Year 2002 Programs" received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3565. A communication from the Acting Managing Director, Office of Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2003" (MD Doc. No. 03-83) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3566. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more for Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3567. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$25,000,000 or more to Greece; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3568. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3569. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the 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 the United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3570. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3571. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3572. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Comparative Analysis of Actual Cash Collections to Revised Revenue Estimates Through the 1st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2003"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3573. A communication from the Board Members, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, the Board's Annual Report for fiscal year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3574. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Interior, transmitting, the Department's Annual Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3575. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Repeal of Dual Compensation Reductions for Military Retirees" (RIN3206-AI91) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3576. A communication from the Chairman, National Science Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3577. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Sufficiency Review of the Water and Sewer Authority's Fiscal Year 2002 Revenue Estimate in Support of \$100,000,000 in Commercial Paper Notes"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3578. A communication from the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Potomac Electric Power Company, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Company's Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3579. A communication from the Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Financial Statement for the period of October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3580. A communication from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, the Board's Semiannual Report for the period October 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3581. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, transmitting, the Fiscal Year 2001 Annual Performance Report for the National Archives and Records; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3582. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Change in the Survey Cycle for the Pennington, SD, Nonappropriated Fund Wage Area" (RIN3206-AJ30) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3583. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Director, Office of Management and Budget, received on July 23, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3584. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget, received on July 23, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3585. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling: Health Claims; D-tagatose and Dental Caries" (Doc. No. 02P-0177) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3586. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ophthalmic Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use; Final Monograph; Technical Amendment" (RIN0910-AA01) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3587. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human

Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Beverages: Bottled Water; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Doc. No. 03N-0068) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3588. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1987; Prescription Drug Amendments of 1992; Policies, Regulations, and Administrative Procedures; Delay of Effective Date" (RIN0905-AC81) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3589. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Records and Reports Concerning Experience With Approved New Animal Drugs" (RIN0910-AA02) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3590. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Topical Nitrofurans; Extralabel Animal Drug Use; Order of Prohibition" (Doc. No. 01N-0499) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3591. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report relative to the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3592. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a report relative to the Community Food and Nutrition Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3593. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Law and Order on Indian Reservations" received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3594. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Regulatory Law, Board of Veterans' Appeals, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Board of Veterans' Appeals Rules of Practice; Claim for Death Benefits by Survivor" (RIN2900-AL11) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3595. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Sierra Leone and Liberia that was declared in Executive Order 13194 of January 18, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3596. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 12722 of August 2, 1990; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3597. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding a World Trade Organization Concerning Kimberley Process Certification Scheme for Rough Diamonds; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3598. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the implementation of the Diamond Trade Act; to the Committee on Finance.

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-247. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania relative to prison inmates; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE RESOLUTION

Whereas, studies have shown that approximately 80% of prison inmates are affected by mental health/mental retardation and drug and alcohol problems; and

Whereas, studies have confirmed that 33% of all criminal justice costs are related to substance abuse; and

Whereas, data indicates that 40% of State prisoners will be released in the next 12 months and studies demonstrate that approximately 50% to 60% of inmates released from prison will reengage in criminal activity; and

Whereas, in 1999 approximately 3,773,600 American adults were on probation and nearly 713,000 were on parole with minimal substance abuse treatment; and

Whereas, research has proven that rehabilitation programs sharply reduce rates of recidivism, thereby ending a vicious and socially destructive cycle of entry and exit from prison; and

Whereas, by providing funds to establish drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs in State and county prisons, the State will be able to reduce the judicial and operational costs associated with repeat offenders and recidivism; and

Whereas, current law prohibits the use of Federal Medicaid funds for drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs in prisons under 42 CFR §435.1009 (relating to definitions relating to institutional status); and

Whereas, current law also prohibits the use of federal Medicaid funds for mental health and mental retardation treatment programs in prisons under 42 CFR §435.1009 (relating to definitions relating to institutional status); and

Whereas, treatment should lead to a decrease in recidivism among prisoners afflicted with mental health and mental retardation problems: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to amend 42 CFR §435.1009 to permit the use of Federal Medicaid funds for prison mental health and mental retardation treatment programs and drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs and thereby afford states throughout the nation the ability to reduce recidivism and lower crime through Prison-administered treatment and rehabilitation programs; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President, the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-248. A resolution adopted by Commission of Wayne County of the State of Michigan relative to tariff rate quotas for dry milk protein; to the Committee on Finance.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-283

Whereas, the domestic dairy industry has been significantly impacted in recent years by the rising use of dry mild protein concentrates (MPCs) and is very concerned about the effect that imported MPCs are having; the increasing use of these key components in many dairy products and the fact that regulations have clearly lagged behind technology are serious threats to a key part of American agriculture; and

Whereas, the technology that makes possible the ultrafiltration process that separates proteins and the other components of milk was not fully developed when the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) was finalized in 1994; as a result, there are almost no restrictions on the importation of MPCs and this is causing serious damage to the domestic dairy industry; and

Whereas, the quotas set under GATT in 1994 are clearly not comprehensive enough for the forms in which some dairy products are imported today; foreign exporters are known to blend dairy proteins for the purpose of circumventing existing tariff rate quotas; and

Whereas, further, farm groups strongly believe the dairy protein blends are being incorrectly classified by the United States Customs Service and this improper classification has also created a trade loophole that encourages importers to circumvent tariffs on certain dairy products which undermine food safety standards and cause an economic hardship for American agriculture; and

Whereas, Congress has introduced legislation to establish tariff rate quotas for MPCs and with the enactment of legislation to close this loophole American agriculture will be able to compete on a more equal basis; the overall benefits, to our national economy and the domestic dairy industry, will strengthen a vitally important industry and restore the stability of the marketplace: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Wayne County Commission on this 5th day of June, 2003 importunes the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to provide for tariff rate quotas for dry milk protein concentrates that are equivalent to the import quotas currently in place on other dairy products; and be it further

Resolved, That the Wayne County Commission urge the United States Customs Service to work for greater enforcement of food safety standards by reconsidering the classification of dairy products, especially those containing milk protein concentrates; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representative, the United States Customs Service, the United States Food and Drug Administration and the members of the Michigan Congressional Delegation.

POM-249. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to the Federal Medicare prescription drug benefit plan; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 317

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been providing pharmaceutical assistance coverage for low-income senior citizens for almost 20 years; and

Whereas, State Lottery Fund revenues and tobacco funds support the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly (PACE) and the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly Needs Enhancement Tier (PACENET) programs; and

Whereas, these programs have saved and will continue to save millions of dollars in costs as a result of hospitalization and nursing care facility institutionalization for many individuals being prevented or delayed because enrollees have been kept healthy with their needed prescription medications; and

Whereas, the Federal Government and pharmaceutical companies have recognized