

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 2704. A bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to cover certain legal immigrants under the medicaid and State children's health insurance programs.

S. 2714. A bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as added by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, to provide for negotiation of fair prices for Medicare prescription drugs.

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-8614. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Raytheon Model BAE 125 Series 800A, 800A (C-29A0), and 800B Airplanes and Model Hawker 800 Airplanes Doc. No. 2003-NM-244" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8615. 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 330-202, 203, 223, and 243 Airplanes and A330-300 Airplanes Doc. No. 2003-NM-183" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8616. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas Model DC9081 MD82, DC-9-83 MD 83, DC 9-87 MD87, and MD 88 Airplanes Doc. No. 2000-NM-110" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8617. 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 737-600, 700, 700C, 800, and 900 Airplanes Doc. No. 2002-NM-323" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8618. 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 A330, A340-200, and A340-300 Airplanes Doc. No. 2003-NM-111" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8619. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Przewodnictwo Doswiadczalnie Prdoukcyjne Szybownictwa "PZL-Bielsko" Model SZD-50-3 "Puchacz" Doc. No. 2003-CE-66 Doc. No. 2003-CE-66" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8620. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Alexander Schleicher Model ASW 27 Sailplanes Doc. No. 2003-CE-53" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8621. 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 A318, 319, 320, and 321 Airplanes Doc. No. 2004-NM-100" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8622. 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 (Operations) Limited Model BAE Airplanes Doc. No. 2003-NM-94" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8623. 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 A300 B2 and A300 B4 Airplanes Doc. No. 2002-NM-337" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8624. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Raytheon Model BAE 125 Series 800A Including C-29A and U-125 Variant and 800 B Airplanes; and Model Hawker 800 (Including U-125A Variant) and 800 XP Airplanes Doc. No. 2003-NM-216" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8625. 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 747-400 and 400F Airplanes Equipped With Rolls-Royce Engines Doc. No. 2003-NM-202" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8626. 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 Defense and Space Group Model 234 Helicopters Doc. No. 2004-SW-09" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8627. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Eurocopter France Model EC 130 B4 and AS 350 B3 Helicopters Doc. No. 2003-SW-29" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8628. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Augusta S.p.A. Model A109E Helicopters Doc. No. 2003-SW-32" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8629. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Fokker Model F28 Mark 0070 Airplanes Doc. No. 2002-NM-251" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8630. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Saab Model SAAB SF340A and SAAB 340B Airplanes Doc. No. 2003-NM-18" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8631. 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 A319 and A320 Airplanes Doc. No. 2003-NM-187" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8632. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Saab Model SAAB SF340A and SAAB 340B Airplanes Doc. No. 2003-NM-17" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8633. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model CL-600 2B19 (Regional Jet Series 100 and 440) Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8634. 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 747-100, 200B, and 200F Airplanes Doc. No. 2002-NM-149" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8635. 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-135 and 145 Airplanes Doc. No. 2003-NM-104" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8636. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model DHC-8-102, 103, 106, 201, 202, 301, 311, and 315 Doc. No. 2001-NM-331" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8637. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model DHC-301, 3100, 315 Airplanes Doc. No. 2002-NM-297" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8638. 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 747-400 and 400 D Series Airplanes Doc. No. 2003-NM-126" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8639. 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 (operations) Limited (Jetstream) Model 4101 Airplanes Doc. No. 2002-NM-208" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8640. 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 A300 B2 Airplanes Model A300 B4 Airplanes and Model A300 B4 Airplanes and Model A300 B4-600R Variant F, and F4-600R (Collectively Called A300-600 Airplanes) Doc. No. 2003-NM-53" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8641. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Short Brothers Model SD3-60 SHERPA Airplanes Doc. No. 2003-NM-200" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8642. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Short Brothers Model SD3-60 Airplanes Doc. No. 2003-NM-236" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8643. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Aircraft Equipped with Garmin AT Apollo GX Series Global Positioning System (GPS) Navigation Units with Software Versions 3.0 through 3.4 Inclusive Doc. No. 2002-NM-254" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8644. 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 Airplanes Doc. No. 2003-NM-65" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8645. 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 plc RB211 Trent 875-17, Trent 877-17, Trent 884-18, Trent 884B-17, Trent 892-17, Trent 892B-17, and Trent 895-17 Turbofan Engines Doc. No. 2002-NE-19" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8646. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Augusta S.p.A. Model A109C, A109E, and A109K2 Helicopters Doc. No. 2001-SW-15" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8647. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Short Brothers Model SD3-SHERPA Airplanes Doc. No. 2003-NM-235" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8648. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Eurocopter Deutschland Model MBB-BK 117, A-1, A-3, A-4, B-1, B-2, and C-1 Helicopters Doc. No. 2003-SW-38" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8649. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Lycoming Engines (Formerly Textron Lycoming) Direct-Drive Reciprocating Engines CORRECTION Doc. No. 89-ANE-10" (RIN2120-AA64) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8650. 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; Kimball, NE Doc. No. 04-ACE-31" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8651. 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; Scottsbluff, NE Doc. No. 04-ACE-28" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8652. 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; Zanesville OH CORRECTION Doc. No. 03-AGL-14" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8653. 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; CORRECTION Broken Bow, NE Doc. No. 04-CE-39" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8654. 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; Trinidad, CO CORRECTION Doc. No. 03-ANM-04" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8655. 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 (16) Amendment No. 3099" (RIN2120-AA65) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8656. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscella-

neous Amendments (16) Amendment No. 449" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8657. 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 D Airspace; St. Cloud, MN Modification of Class E Airspace; St. Cloud, MN Doc. No. 03-AGL-21" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8658. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Restricted Area 6604; Chincoteague Inlet, VA Doc. No. 04-AEA-05" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8659. 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; Cooperstown, NY Doc. No. 04-AEA-04" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8660. 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 and E Airspace; Goldsboro, NC Doc. No. 04-ASO-5" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8661. A communication from the FMCSA Regulatory Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Carrier Regulations; Hazardous Materials Safety Permits" (RIN2126-AA07) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8662. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Maritime Administration, Department, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Maritime Security Program" (RIN2133-AB62) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8663. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, Department of Defense, a report relative to a multiyear procurement for the Tomahawk Cruise Missile (Block IV All-Up-Round (AUR)) Fiscal Year 2004 through 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8664. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to information for 2003 on the country of origin and the sellers of uranium and uranium enrichment services purchased by owners and operators of U.S. civilian nuclear power reactors; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8665. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Lowell National Historical Park Boundary Adjustment Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8666. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Regarding Certain Cross Chain Transactions" (Rev. Rul. 2004-83) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8667. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transfers to Provide for Satisfaction of Contested Liabilities" (RIN1545-BA90) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8668. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Section 904 to Income Subject to Separate Limitations" (RIN1545-AX88) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8669. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—August 2004" (Rev. Rul. 2004-84) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8670. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bankruptcy Implications on Golden Parachute Payments" (Rev. Rul. 2004-87) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8671. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Participation on Department of Health and Human Services Programs by Religious Organizations; Providing for Equal Treatment of All Department of Health and Human Services Program Participants" (RIN0991-AB34) received on July 19, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8672. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's activities during Calendar Year 2003 pursuant to the Equal Credit Opportunity Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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-474. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to income guidelines for senior citizens; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas, Louisiana's senior citizens, with their wealth of lifetime experiences and knowledge, represent a valuable asset to our state; and

Whereas, according to the latest federal decennial census, 108,634 Louisiana citizens age sixty or older live at or below the federal poverty level; and

Whereas, only 40,754, less than thirty-eight percent, of these low-income senior citizens qualified for participation in the federal food stamp program at the end of February 2004, according to the Louisiana Department of Social Services; and

Whereas, many of these low-income senior citizens subsist on fixed incomes or have supplemental security income (SSI) as their only source of income; and

Whereas, many of these low-income senior citizens find that, even after being allowed certain medical deductions from income, their incomes disqualify them from receiving

assistance through the federal food stamp program or qualify them only for a minimal amount of assistance; and

Whereas, as a result, many of these low-income senior citizens find themselves at the end of the month without enough money to buy food after meeting other monthly expenses; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Louisiana Legislature does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States of America to study and consider revising the income guidelines for senior citizens and reduce them by ten percent so that they may participate in or receive more assistance through the federal food stamp program; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-475. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to eliminating the "new shipper" bonding privilege; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 152

Whereas, antidumping and countervailing duties on imports are implemented to protect domestic fishery, agricultural, and industrial industries from unfairly subsidized imports; and

Whereas, under the present United States antidumping law, a "new shipper" may choose to post low-cost bonds on their imports or the full cash deposit as security for the amount of duties the United States Customs and Border Protection may assess against the imports; and

Whereas, many exporters, especially from China, are claiming "new shipper" status as means of evading the payment of any duties on their imports; and

Whereas, some "new shippers" evade payment of any duties by defaulting or dissolving the company, as shown by the fact that in 2003, the United States Customs and Border Protection failed to collect on \$130 million in import duties, with over \$100 million of such uncollected duties from Chinese imports; and

Whereas, the elimination of the option of posting a bond over a full cash deposit will close the loophole used by "new shippers" to avoid the payment of antidumping and countervailing duties on imports; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to enact legislation eliminating the "new shipper" bonding privilege; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-476. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to emergency supplemental appropriations to strengthen security and increase staffing at United States-Canada border crossings; to the Committee on Appropriations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 118

Whereas, for generations, the friendly, shared border of 4,000 miles between our country and our Canadian neighbors has been a symbol of the blessings of peace. The recent terrorist attacks have, however, shattered our sense of security and prompted a reexamination of how we can better protect ourselves; and

Whereas, a major component of any new strategy must be making a stronger investment of resources and personnel along our northern border, especially at the crossings between the United States and Canada. The free flow of people and materials crossing our northern border every day reflects our close economic and cultural ties with Canada. The hard lessons learned on September 11, 2001, make it clear that greater scrutiny must be applied at entry points. The United States Customs Service processed 489 million passengers in 2000. To monitor this volume of traffic effectively, especially in the era of increased terrorist threats we now face, will require a far greater allocation of staffing, funding, and technology; and

Whereas, there is widespread agreement that the Customs Service and the Immigration and Naturalization Service are seriously understaffed. This seems to be especially true along our Canadian border when compared to efforts along the Mexican frontier. Allocating a significant portion of the emergency appropriations the President has called for is fundamentally important to our national security and the security of our Canadian neighbors: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize Congress and the President of the United States to provide emergency supplemental appropriations to strengthen security and increase staffing at United States-Canadian border crossings; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-477. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the General Assembly of the state of Ohio relative to retention and expansion of all military bases and centers in Ohio; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

Whereas, the United States Department of Defense is required by law to prepare a list of military bases to be closed or realigned for the Base Closure and Realignment Commission by May 16, 2005. The Department has announced that the 2005 round of closures could have an impact as great as the previous four rounds combined, closing nearly 100 bases; and

Whereas, the Commission will submit its list to the President of the United States by September 8, 2005, and, if the President approves the list, he will forward it to the United States Congress by September 23, 2005. The Congress will either vote on the approved list, or it will become effective 45 days after submission; and

Whereas, Ohio's military bases and centers are critical to our national security and impact the present and future capability of our defense force structure nationwide. The state of Ohio has always worked on behalf of a strong national defense and has a long history of outstanding community and state support of Ohio's military bases and centers; and

Whereas, Ohio has 38,000 defense jobs with a more than \$4 billion economic impact on our state and local economies, including Wright Patterson Air Force Base as the largest single-site employer in Ohio. Thus, significant closures or defense job losses during the 2005 base realignment and closure process would have an extremely detrimental effect at both the state and local levels: Now therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the 125th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, express our support for retention and expansion of all military bases and centers in Ohio