

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3765. An act to extend through March 31, 2006, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities and to expedite the processing of permits.

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-4256. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) Payment Error Rate Measurement" (RIN0938-AN77) received on October 6, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4257. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Conditions of Participation: Immunization Standard for Long Term Care Facilities" (RIN0938-AN95) received on October 06, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4258. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program Annual Renewal Fee" (RIN0570-AA34) received on October 6, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4259. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protected Plant Permits" (APHIS Docket No. 04-137-1) received on October 6, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4260. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Noxious Weed Control and Eradication Act; Revisions to Authority Citations" (APHIS Docket No. 05-012-2) received on October 6, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4261. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State and Zone Designations; Michigan" (APHIS Docket No. 05-035-1) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4262. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Melons Grown in South Texas; Continued Suspension of Handling and Assessment Collection Regulations" (Docket No. FV05-979-2 IFR) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4263. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kiwiifruit Grown in California; Relaxation of Pack Requirements" (Docket No. FV05-920-1 FR) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4264. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kiwiifruit Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. FV05-920-2 FR) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4265. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Registration of Food Facilities Under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002" (RIN0910-AC40) (Docket No. 200N-0276) received on October 6, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4266. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 2005 Annual Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4267. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Dental Devices; Classification of Oral Rinse to Reduce the Adhesion of Dental Plaque" (Docket No. 2005N-0338) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4268. A communication from the Administrator, Office of National Programs, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labor Condition Applications and Requirements for Employers Using Nonimmigrants on H-1B Visas in Speciality Occupations and as Fashion Models; Labor Attestations Regarding H-1B Visas; Interim Final Rule" (RIN1205-AB38) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4269. A communication from the Administrator, Office of National Programs, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labor Certification for the Permanent Employment of Aliens in the United States; Backlog Reduction; Interim Final Rule" (RIN1205-AB37) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4270. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-06" (FAC 2005-06) received on October 6, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1516. A bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-143).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRAIG for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

George J. Opfer, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.
*Robert Joseph Henke, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Management).

*William F. Tuerk, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs.

*John M. Molino, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning).

*Lisette M. Mondello, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs).

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 1881. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Old Mint at San Francisco otherwise known as the "Granite Lady", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1882. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for a national tire fuel efficiency program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1883. A bill to amend the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 to assist property owners and Federal agencies in resolving disputes relating to private property; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 1884. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CORZINE, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1885. A bill to encourage the effective use of community resources to combat hunger and the root causes of hunger by creating opportunity through food recovery and job training; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 1886. A bill to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients; considered and passed.