

of a grateful nation for her dedicated service.

Congratulations to COL Barbara J. Bruno. I wish her Godspeed.●

#### TRIBUTE TO THE VANDERVLIEET FAMILY

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I honor the 2008 Agri-Business Farm Family of the year. This award goes to the VanDerVliet family: Rod and Lois VanDerVliet and their children, Ryan and Sarah VanDerVliet, Lisa and Jamie Johnson, and Lori and Ryan Fods; and their grandchildren Rhagan Oberg, Tyson VanDerVliet, Weston VanDerVliet, Parker Johnson, Devin Fods, and Clara VanDerVliet.

For over 30 years the VanDerVliets have raised livestock and grain on their farm west of Colton, SD. Today, Rod's son Ryan, daughters Lisa and Lori, and son-in-law Ryan are an important part of the farm operation. Over the past several years the family has navigated the quickly changing farm industry and successfully utilized technology to ensure that the farm stays competitive and productive.

Although Rod VanDerVliet sees farms becoming more business oriented than ever, he and his family love the farming lifestyle. Rod enjoys it because of its flexibility, connection to nature, and most importantly, because it is something that involves the whole family. Ryan shares his dad's love of farming and says he "like[s] being around the animals and the farming lifestyle." Both men would like to pass this way of life on to the next generation. And, with six grandchildren under the age of six, there shouldn't be any shortage of help.

The family's hard work has passed beyond the farmyard and into the community. The children grew up participating in 4-H and FFA. Rod has served on the Colton Farmers Elevator Board for more than 20 years and the MCWC Rural Water Board; Ryan serves on the township board, and the entire family is involved in numerous community organizations and activities.

The VanDerVliets are an example of families that embody South Dakota values and form the bedrock of our great State. I am very proud to see a family-run farm successfully evolving in the changing industry while maintaining a commitment to their community and family. I commend them for this award, and I wish them continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO LARRY HEALY

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I honor Larry Healy, who has been named the 2008 Agri-Business Citizen of the Year. Larry has been employed by Campbell Supply Company for 20 years, and currently manages one of its Sioux Falls stores. He is also actively engaged in community activities and embodies the true spirit of the American farmer.

Larry grew up in Montrose, SD, where he first worked in his father's welding and repair shop before becoming employed in the farm department at Campbell Supply in Sioux Falls. In 1990, he was promoted to store manager at the Rock Rapids, IA, store, a position in which he proudly served for 11 years.

In 2001, Larry transferred back to Sioux Falls where he continued to serve as store manager. Since then, Larry has become involved with the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Agri-Business Division, where he has served on the Agri-Business Division Council and volunteers with Agri-Business activities.

Larry chaired the Ag Appreciation Day for 2 years and has worked with the chamber and hundreds of volunteers on events such as an event during the Sioux Empire Fair that provided a complimentary meal to approximately 5,000 area farmers. He also chaired the Ag Division in 2006-07.

Larry is proud to work for Campbell Supply Company, which has been family owned since its founding. The Campbell family believes in giving back to the community and supporting local agriculture, something Larry sincerely appreciates because he understands the important role farmers play in American cities and towns.

Larry sets a fine example for all involved in advancing our Nation's great agricultural foundations. I commend him for this award, and I wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 3432. An act to establish the Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

H.R. 4986. An act to provide for the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, as previously enrolled, with certain modifications to address the foreign sovereign immunities provisions of title 28, United States Code, with respect to the attachment of property in certain judgements against Iraq, the lapse of statutory authorities for the payment of bonuses, special pays, and similar benefits for members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 1:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3873. An act to expedite the transfer of ownership of rural multifamily housing projects with loans made or insured under

section 515 of the Housing Act of 1949 so that such projects are rehabilitated and preserved for use for affordable housing.

H.R. 3959. An act to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to provide for the phase-in of actuarial rates for certain pre-FIRM properties.

H.R. 3971. An act to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3992. An act to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to offenders with mental illness, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 282. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3873. An act to expedite the transfer of ownership of rural multifamily housing projects with loans made or insured under section 515 of the Housing Act of 1949 so that such projects are rehabilitated and preserved for use for affordable housing; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3959. An act to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to provide for the phase-in of actuarial rates for certain pre-FIRM properties; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3971. An act to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3992. An act to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to offenders with mental illnesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2556. A bill to extend the provisions of the Protect America Act of 2007 for an additional 30 days.

#### 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-4660. A communication from the Director, Supplemental Foods Program Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children: Revisions in the WIC Food Packages" (RIN0584-AD77) received on January 8, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4661. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thermal Standards" (RIN0575-AC65) received on January 8, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4662. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Calls" (17 CFR Parts 21) received on January 11, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4663. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Maintenance of Books, Records and Reports by Traders" (17 CFR Parts 18) received on January 11, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4664. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Termination of Associated Persons and Principals of Futures Commission Merchants, Introducing Brokers, Commodity Trading Advisors, Commodity Pool Operators and Leverage Transaction Merchants" (RIN3038-AC45) received on January 11, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4665. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conflicts of Interest in Self-Regulation and Self-Regulatory Organizations" (RIN3038-AC28) received on January 11, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4666. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules Relating to Review of National Futures Association Decisions in Disciplinary, Membership Denial, Registration and Member Responsibility Actions" (RIN3038-AC43) received on January 11, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4667. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption From Registration for Certain Foreign Persons" (RIN3038-AC26) received on January 11, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4668. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Loan Guarantee Program; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-4669. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General James L. Campbell, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4670. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the initiation of a single function standard competition at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4671. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12947 with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4672. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13219 with respect to the Western Balkans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4673. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13159 with respect to the risk of nuclear proliferation posed by activities undertaken by the Russian Federation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4674. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of OMB Guidance on Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" (RIN2501-AD29) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4675. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13222 with respect to effects of the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4676. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Correct Northeast Multispecies Regulations" (RIN0648-AV79) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4677. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Revisions to the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Vessel Monitoring System Reporting Requirements, Power-Down Exemption, and Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota Three-Hour Notification" (RIN0648-AV59) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4678. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanded Coverage of the Program to Monitor Time-Area Closures in the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery" (RIN0648-AU08) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4679. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Adopt Fishing Gear Standards for the NE Multispecies Regular B Day-At-Sea Program and the Eastern U.S./Canada Haddock Special Access Program" (RIN0648-AV83) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4680. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule; Effectiveness of Collection-of-Information Requirements for IFQ Program" (RIN0648-AS84) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4681. A communication from the Liaison, Southeast Regional Office, Department

of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Trip Limit Reduction for the Commercial Fishery for Gulf Group King Mackerel in the Northern Florida West Coast Subzone for the 2007-2008 Fishing Year" (RIN0648-XE53) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4682. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Framework 20 to the Scallop Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AV91) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4683. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Inseason Bluefish Quota Transfer from MD and ME to RI" (RIN0648-XE18) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4684. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Coast Groundfish; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (RIN0648-AW34) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4685. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; 2008 Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Quota Specifications and Effort Controls" (RIN0648-AV58) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4686. A communication from the Under Secretary of Commerce (Oceans and Atmosphere), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4687. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Emergency Rule Extension" (RIN0648-AV57) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4688. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Inseason Bluefish Quota Transfer from DE to RI" (RIN0648-XE07) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4689. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's competitive sourcing activities during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4690. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities of the Implementation Coordination Office; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4691. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure (Connecticut 2007 Summer Flounder

Commercial Fishery)" (RIN0648-XE14) received on January 8, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4692. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure (New York 2007 Atlantic Bluefish Commercial Fishery)" (RIN0648-XD64) received on January 8, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4693. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Coast Groundfish; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (RIN0648-AW27) received on January 8, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4694. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Creation of a Low Power Radio Service" (FCC 07-204) received on January 9, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4695. A communication from the Program Analyst, 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 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2007-28371)) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4696. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CP6-80C2D1F Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2007-28319)) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4697. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-400 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2007-29235)) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4698. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB 2000 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2007-29171)) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4699. A communication from the Program Analyst, 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 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2007-29066)) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4700. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F.28 Mark 0070 and 0100 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2007-29064)) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4701. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-200 and -300 Series Airplanes, and Model A340-200 and -300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-123)) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4702. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-132)) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4703. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 and 767 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-086)) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4704. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 707 Airplanes and Model 720 and 720B Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-246)) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4705. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-135BJ Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-135)) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4706. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-183)) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4707. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300-600 Series Airplanes; Model A310 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-223)) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4708. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hawker Beechcraft Model Hawker 800XP Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-104)) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4709. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EADS SOCATTA Model TBM 700 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-059)) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4710. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier

Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; Technical Corrections" (RIN2126-AB13) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4711. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalties Adjustments" (RIN2126-AB12) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4712. A communication from the Director of Regulations, Office of Pipeline Safety, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pipeline Safety: Applicability of Public Awareness Regulations for Certain Gas Distribution Operators" (RIN2137-AE17) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4713. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Non-motorized Transportation Pilot Program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4714. A communication from the Paralegal, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Transit Database Rural Reporting Requirements" (RIN2132-AA94) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4715. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Traffic Control Devices" (RIN2125-AF10) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4716. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Standards for Traffic Control Devices; the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways; Maintaining Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity" (RIN2125-AE98) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4717. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Revisions to the List of Hazardous Substances and Reportable Quantities" (RIN2137-AE24) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4718. A communication from the Paralegal, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Charter Bus Operations" (RIN2132-AA85) received on January 15, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4719. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Guarantees for Projects that Employ Innovative Technologies" (RIN1901-AB21) received on January 14, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4720. A communication from the Acting Assistant Director, Office of International Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to List Six Foreign Birds as Endangered" (RIN1018-AT61)

received on January 11, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4721. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: HI-STORM 100 Revision 5" (RIN3150-AI24) received on January 14, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4722. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Review Plan on Transfer and Amendment of Antitrust License Conditions and Antitrust Enforcement" (NUREG-1574) received on January 11, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4723. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incorporation by Reference of American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Cases" (RIN3150-AH80) received on January 11, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4724. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Monterey Spineflower" (RIN1018-AU83) received on January 10, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4725. A communication from the Deputy Director of Civil Works, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Army Restricted Area, Kuluk Bay, Adak, Alaska" (33 CFR Part 334) received on January 8, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4726. A communication from the Deputy Director of Civil Works, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of the Navy, Chesapeake Bay, in Vicinity of Bloodsworth Island, MD" (33 CFR Part 334) received on January 8, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4727. A communication from the Deputy Director of Civil Works, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reissuance of Nationwide Permits" (ZRN0710-ZA02) received on January 8, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4728. A communication from the Chair, National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Transportation for Tomorrow"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4729. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acetamidrid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8348-1) received on January 16, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4730. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Arizona; San Manuel Sulfur Dioxide State Implementation Plan and Request for Redesignation to Attainment" (FRL No. 8514-7) received on

January 16, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4731. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Revisions to Emission Reduction Market System" (FRL No. 8514-5) received on January 16, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4732. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Nevada; Washoe County 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 8509-2) received on January 16, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4733. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York; Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8514-9) received on January 16, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4734. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Missouri; Clean Air Mercury Rule" (FRL No. 8517-7) received on January 16, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4735. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mandipropamid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8346-6) received on January 16, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4736. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; VOC Emissions from Fuel Grade Ethanol Production Operations; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule" (FRL No. 8490-2) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4737. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Areas to Attainment and Approval of the Areas' Maintenance Plans and 2002 Base-Year Inventories; Correction" (FRL No. 8515-1) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4738. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the York 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Ap-

proval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base Year Inventory" (FRL No. 8515-2) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4739. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Fredericksburg and Shenandoah National Park 8-Hour Ozone Areas Movement from the Nonattainment Area List to the Maintenance Area List" (FRL No. 8515-4) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4740. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Revised Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets for the Charleston 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Area" (FRL No. 8515-6) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4741. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule" (FRL No. 8493-2) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4742. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 8512-7) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4743. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mesotrione; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8344-3) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4744. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List" (FRL No. 8485-3) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4745. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "PHMB; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8345-8) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4746. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Kern County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 8506-2) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4747. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiabendazole; Threshold of Regulation Determination" (FRL No. 8347-7) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4748. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulation: Guidance of Use of Award Term Incentives; Administrative Amendments" ((RIN2030-AA89)(FRL No. 8575-8)) received on January 10, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4749. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Amendments to Lead Rules, Quemetco" (FRL No. 8508-8) received on January 10, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4750. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Revisions to Stage II Requirements" (FRL No. 8516-9) received on January 10, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4751. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Revisions to Stage II Requirements to Allegheny County" (FRL No. 8517-2) received on January 10, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4752. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments to Implement Provisions Contained in the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" ((RIN2060-AN82)(FRL No. 8516-6)) received on January 10, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4753. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Gasoline Distribution Bulk Terminals, Bulk Plants, and Pipeline Facilities; and Gasoline Dispensing Facilities" ((RIN2060-AM74)(FRL No. 8512-3)) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4754. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hospital

Ethylene Oxide Sterilizers" ((RIN2060-AM14)(FRL No. 8512-1)) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4755. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for Stationary Spark Ignition Internal Combustion Engines and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines" ((RIN2060-AM81)(FRL No. 8512-4)) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4756. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trifloxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8342-6) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4757. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Zeta-cypermethrin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8346-3) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4758. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "CFC Notice" (Notice 2008-16) received on January 11, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4759. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Repub. Rev. Proc. 2007-8" (Rev. Proc. 2008-8) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4760. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Repub. Rev. Proc. 2007-4" (Rev. Proc. 2008-4) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4761. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Repub. Rev. Proc. 2007-5 (Rev. Proc. 2008-5) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4762. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Repub. Rev. Proc. 2007-6" (Rev. Proc. 2008-6) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4763. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure 2008-3, Annual Update of the No-Rule Revenue Procedure" (Notice 2008-3) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4764. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Repub. Rev. Proc. 2007-52" (Rev. Proc. 2008-9) received on January 16, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4765. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch,

Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proposed AG VACARVM and Life PBR" (Notice 2007-18) received on January 16, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4766. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IHBG Rental Assistance" (Revenue Ruling 2008-6) received on January 16, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4767. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cell Captive Arrangements" (Rev. Rul. 2008-8) received on January 16, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4768. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Under Section 1502; Miscellaneous Operating Rules for Successor Persons; Succession to Items of the Liquidating Corporation" (RIN1545-BD54) received on January 16, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4769. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cell Captive Arrangements" (Notice 2008-19) received on January 16, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4770. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-273-2007-285); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4771. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2008-1-2008-6); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4772. A communication from the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the efforts being undertaken to complete the mission in Iraq successfully; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1145. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform (Rept. No. 110-259).

## 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 Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOND, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. CRAPO):