

an outstanding place to live and work. Throughout its rich history, Timber Lake has continued to be a strong reflection of South Dakota's greatest values and traditions. The community of Timber Lake has much to be proud of and I am confident that Timber Lake's success will continue well into the future.

The town of Timber Lake will commemorate the 100th anniversary of its founding with a celebration held from July 19 through July 25, featuring events such as a community play, rodeo, demolition derby, parade, and a fireworks display. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Timber Lake on this milestone anniversary and send my best wishes to them in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:24 a.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 bill:

H.R. 5502. An act to amend the effective date of the gift card provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

At 11:10 a.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. 1722. An act to require the head of each executive agency to establish and implement a policy under which employees shall be authorized to telework, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2864. An act to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes.

H.R. 5390. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13301 Smith Road in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "David John Donafee Post Office Building".

H.R. 5450. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3894 Crenshaw Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the "Tom Bradley Post Office Building".

H.R. 5712. An act to provide for certain clarifications and extensions under Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

At 2:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, Mrs. Cole, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1508. An act to amend the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) in order to prevent the loss of billions in taxpayer dollars.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:48 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. 689. An act to interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3360. An act to amend title 46, United States Code, to establish requirements to ensure the security and safety of passengers and crew on cruise vessels, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4840. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1981 Cleveland Avenue in Columbus, Ohio, as the "Clarence D. Lumpkin Post Office".

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

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 5:52 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4173. An act to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1722. An act to require the head of each executive agency to establish and implement a policy under which employees shall be authorized to telework, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2864. An act to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 5390. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13301 Smith Road in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "David John Donafee Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5450. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3894 Crenshaw Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the "Tom Bradley Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3588. A bill to limit the moratorium on certain permitting and drilling activities issued by the Secretary of the Interior, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 5712. An act to provide for certain clarifications and extensions under Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

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-6633. A communication from the Executive Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the discontinuation of service in acting role and action on the nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6634. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2009 Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act (MDUFMA) Financial Report"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6635. A communication from the Program Manager, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Health Information Technology: Initial Set of Standards, Implementation Specifications, and Certification Criteria for Electronic Health Record Technology" (RIN0991-AB58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6636. A communication from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Circular 2005-44, Introduction" (FAC 2005-44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6637. A communication from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Circular 2008-039, Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards" (FAC 2005-44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6638. A communication from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Circular 2005-44, Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6639. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the position of Administrator, U.S. Fire Administration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6640. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's annual report on Federal agencies' use of the physicians comparability allowance (PCA) program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6641. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a legislative proposal entitled "Federal Civilian Employees in Zones of Armed Conflict Benefits Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6642. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting a legislative proposal entitled "Federal Civilian Employees in Zones of Armed Conflict Benefits Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6643. 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 "Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products and Patent Term Restoration; Nonsubstantive Amendments" (Docket No. APHIS-2009-0069) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6644. 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 "Tier I Issue: IRC § 118 Abuse Directive No. 9" (LMSB-4-0710-020) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6645. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director for Management and Administration and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Office of National Drug Control Policy in the positions of Deputy Director for Demand Reduction and Deputy Director for State, Local and Tribal Affairs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6646. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "College Scholarship Fraud Prevention Act of 2000 Annual Report to Congress: July 2010"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6647. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fourth of July Fireworks Event, Pagan River, Smithfield, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0454)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6648. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Stockton Ports Baseball Club/City of Stockton, 4th of July Fireworks Display, Stockton, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0369)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6649. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Jameson Beach 4th of July Fireworks Display" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0378)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6650. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Marine Events within the Cap-

tain of the Port Sector Northern New England Area of Responsibility, July through September" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0315)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6651. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Ship Repair in Penobscot Bay, ME" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0519)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6652. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; AVI May Fireworks Display, Laughlin, Nevada, NV" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2009-1132)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6653. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; America's Discount Tire 50th Anniversary, Fireworks Display, South Lake Tahoe, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0151)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6654. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Tacoma Freedom Fair Air Show, Commencement Bay, Tacoma, Washington" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0495)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6655. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Delta Independence Day Foundation Celebration, Mandeville Island, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0364)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6656. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; City of Pittsburg Independence Day Celebration, Pittsburg, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0366)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6657. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fourth of July Fireworks Event, Cape Charles City Harbor, Cape Charles, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0477)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6658. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; July Firework Display in Captain of the Port, Puget Sound AOR"

((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0476)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6659. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Neptune Deep Water Port, Atlantic Ocean, Boston, MA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0542)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6660. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; City of Martinez 4th of July Fireworks, Martinez, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0371)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6661. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Grand Marais Splash-In, West Bay, Lake Superior, Grand Marais, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0470)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6662. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; DEEPWATER HORIZON at Mississippi Canyon 252 Outer Continental Shelf MODU in the Gulf of Mexico" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0448)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6663. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Shore Thing and Independence Day Fireworks, Chesapeake Bay, Norfolk, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0294)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6664. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Mackinac Island 4th of July Fireworks, Lake Huron, Mackinac Island, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0497)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6665. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Festivals and Fireworks Celebration, East Moran Bay, Lake Huron, St. Ignace, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0452)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6666. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Reedville July 4th Celebration, Cockrell's Creek, Reedville, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USCG-2010-0293)) received

in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6667. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Sault Sainte Marie 4th of July Fireworks, St. Mary's River, Sault Sainte Marie, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0543)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6668. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Michigan City Super Boat Grand Prix, Lake Michigan, Michigan City, IN" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0235)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6669. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Chicago Tall Ships Fireworks, Lake Michigan, Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0250)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6670. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Wicomico Community Fireworks, Great Wicomico River, Mila, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0023)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6671. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Red Bull Air Race, Detroit River, Detroit, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0174)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6672. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Private Fireworks, Wilson Creek, Gloucester, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0257)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6673. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; City of Chicago's July 4th Celebration Fireworks, Lake Michigan, Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0249)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6674. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Annual Firework Displays within the Captain of the Port, Puget Sound Area of Responsibility" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0063)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6675. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Home-

land Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Michigan Orthopaedic Society 50th Anniversary Fireworks, Lake Huron, Mackinac Island, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0496)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6676. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; McNary-John Day Transmission Line Project, Columbia River, Hermiston, OR" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0504)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6677. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Milwaukee Air and Water Show, Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, WI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0225)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6678. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; 2010 Muskegon Summer Celebration Air Show, Muskegon Lake, Muskegon, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0506)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6679. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Parade of Ships, Seattle SeaFair Fleet Week, Pier 66, Elliot Bay, WA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0525)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6680. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Marquette 4th of July Fireworks, Marquette Harbor, Lake Superior, Marquette, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0512)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6681. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fireworks for the Virginia Lake Festival, Buggs Island Lake, Clarksville, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0478)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6682. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; North Jetty, Named the Barview Jetty, Tillamook Bay, OR" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0214)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6683. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fireworks Display in Stevenson, WA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0332)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6684. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Pierce County, Washington, Department of Emergency Management, Regional Water Exercise" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0475)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6685. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Alligator River, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0091)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6686. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Wilson Bay, Jacksonville, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0158)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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-128. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois urging Congress to pass legislation that would provide financial assistance to those states with budget deficits in order that the length and depth of the recession will not be worsened due to the limited resources and difficult alternatives presently confronting many states; to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 551

Whereas, at this time, the United States is continuing to experience one of the worst economic downturns in its history; and

Whereas, the Department of Labor recently reported that the unemployment rate in June rose to a level of 9.5%; and

Whereas, approximately 3.5 million jobs have been lost in the United States since the beginning of the year; and

Whereas, state governments furnish assistance to the unemployed and also provide direct and indirect services to the neediest people in our communities, including the elderly, the disabled, and the very young; and

Whereas, although the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is providing funds to state governments as part of the economic stimulus package designed to spur our nation's economic recovery, the budget deficits of many states have grown significantly, even with the original infusion of federal funds, as shown by the current budget gaps of \$26.3 billion in California and approximately \$9.2 billion in Illinois; and

Whereas, each state with a revenue shortfall faces difficult decisions involving raising taxes and fees on its citizens and businesses that are already adversely affected by the recession and unemployment; reducing financial assistance and grants to educational institutions, local governments, and social service agencies; and laying off significant numbers of employees from the state workforce; and