

the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 861. An act to rescind the third round of funding for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and to terminate the program.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 4:12 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 joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 48. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes.

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

At 6:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1076. An act to prohibit Federal funding of National Public Radio and the use of Federal funds to acquire radio content.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 861. An act to rescind the third round of funding for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and to terminate the program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1076. An act to prohibit Federal funding of National Public Radio and the use of Federal funds to acquire radio content; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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-916. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dichloromid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8866-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate

on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-917. A communication from the Legal Information Assistant, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Personal Transactions in Securities; Interim Rule" (RIN1550-AC16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 15, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-918. A communication from the Legal Information Assistant, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Personal Transactions in Securities; Final Rule" (RIN1550-AC16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 15, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-919. A communication from the Attorney Adviser, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Capital Magnet Fund" (RIN1559-AA00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-920. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Homeowners' Loan Program—Interim Rule" (RIN2502-AI97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-921. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-922. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Update of Filing Fees" (RIN1902-AE27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-923. A communication from the Chair of the Medicaid and CHIP Payment Access Commission, transmitting the commission's "Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-924. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Determining Medical Necessity and Appropriateness of Care for Medicare Long Term Care Hospitals"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-925. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-50; Introduction" (FAC 2005-50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-926. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-50; Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to

the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-927. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-50; Technical Amendments" (FAC 2005-50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-928. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Compensation for Personal Services" ((RIN9000-AL54) (FAC 2005-50)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-929. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Trade Agreements Thresholds" ((RIN9000-AL57) (FAC 2005-50)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-930. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Use of Commercial Services Item Authority" ((RIN9000-AL44) (FAC 2005-50)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-931. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Socioeconomic Program Parity" ((RIN9000-AL88) (FAC 2005-50)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-932. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Additional Requirements for Market Research" ((RIN9000-AL50) (FAC 2005-50)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-933. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Justification and Approval of Sole-Source 8(a) Contracts" ((RIN9000-AL55) (FAC 2005-50)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-934. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Requirements for Acquisitions Pursuant to Multiple-Award Contracts" ((RIN9000-AL93) (FAC 2005-50)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-935. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Proper Use and Management of Cost-Reimbursement Contracts" ((RIN9000-AL78) (FAC 2005-50)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-936. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Disclosure and Consistency of Cost Accounting Practices for Contracts Awarded to Foreign Concerns" ((RIN9000-AL58) (FAC 2005-50)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-937. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, to include technical data, and defense services to Japan for the manufacture and support of the KD2R-5 Aerial Target System Program in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-938. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, to include technical data, and defense services for the support of the AVDS-1790 Engine Improvement Program and depot level maintenance training for the HMPT 500 Transmissions currently installed in Ministry of Defense of Israel combat vehicles in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-939. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to proposed amendments to Parts 123 and 126 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-940. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report certifying for fiscal year 2011 that no United Nations agency or United Nations affiliated agency grants any official status, accreditation, or recognition to any organization which promotes and condones or seeks the legalization of pedophilia, or which includes as a subsidiary or member any such organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-941. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report by the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator relative to the Partnership Framework signed with the Government of Zambia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-942. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report by the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator relative to the Partnership Framework signed with the Government of Namibia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-943. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative

Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report by the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator relative to the Partnership Framework signed with the Government of Botswana; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-944. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report by the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator relative to the Partnership Framework signed with the Government of the Republic of South Africa; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-945. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General of the Corporation for National and Community Service, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-946. A communication from the Deputy Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Secondary Direct Food Additives Permitted in Food for Human Consumption" (Docket No. FDA-2010-F-0200) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-947. A communication from the Deputy Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to General Regulations of the Food and Drug Administration; Confirmation of Effective Date" (RIN0910-AG55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-948. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of Countries and Geographic Areas Eligible for Participation in the Guam-Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Visa Waiver Program" (RIN1651-AA81) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-949. 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; Ice Conditions for the Baltimore Captain of Port Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-1136)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-950. 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; Allegheny River, Pittsburgh, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-1082)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-951. 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; 23rd Annual North American International Auto Show, Detroit River, Detroit, MI" ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2010-1133)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to

the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-952. 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; Columbia River, The Dalles Lock and Dam" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-1109)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-953. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations; New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway, Manasquan River" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. CGD05-05-079)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-954. 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; Atlantic Ocean Five Miles South of Boca Chica, FL" ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. COTP Key West 06-029)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-955. 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; Underwater Hazard, Gravesend Bay, Brooklyn, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-1126)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-956. 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; 500 yards North and South, bank to bank, of position 29 48.77'N 091 33.02'W, Charenton Drainage and Navigation Canal, St. Mary Parish, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-1120)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-957. 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; Beaufort River/Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Beaufort, SC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0995)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-958. 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; Lake Mead Intake Construction, Lake Mead, Boulder City, NV" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-1112)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-959. 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; San Diego Parade of Lights Fireworks, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-1011)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-960. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department

of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Mississippi River, Iowa and Illinois" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. CGD08-06-001)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-961. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Large Passenger Vessel Crew Requirements" ((RIN1625-AB16) (Docket No. USCG-2007-27761)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-962. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Arrival on the Outer Continental Shelf" ((RIN1625-AB28) (Docket No. USCG-2008-1088)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-963. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Reporting Requirements for Barges Loaded with Certain Dangerous Cargoes, Inland Rivers, Eighth Coast Guard District; Stay" ((RIN1625-AA11) (Docket No. USCG-2010-1115)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-964. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Traffic Separation Schemes: In the Approaches to Portland, ME; in the Approaches to Boston, MA; in the Approaches to Narragansett Bay, RI and Buzzards Bay, MA; in the Approaches to Chesapeake Bay, VA, and in the Approaches to the Cape Fear River, NC" ((RIN1625-AB55) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0718)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-965. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Closure" (RIN0648-XA245) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-966. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Sablefish Managed Under the Individual Fishing Quota Program" (RIN0648-XA256) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-967. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA237) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-968. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, De-

partment of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XA252) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-969. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA257) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-970. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA258) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-971. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Inseason Adjustments to Fishery Management Measures" (RIN0648-BA57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-972. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hawaii Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish Fisheries; Fishery Closure" (RIN0648-XA174) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-973. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands; Final 2011 and 2012 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish" (RIN0648-XZ90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-974. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; Final 2011 and 2012 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish" (RIN0648-XZ89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-975. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosures Regarding Energy Consumption and Water Use of Certain Home Appliances and Other Products Required Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Appliance Labeling Rule)" (RIN3084-AB15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-976. A communication from the Vice President, Government Affairs and Cor-

porate Communications, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Amtrak's Executive Level 1 salary for 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-977. A communication from the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2011 National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Strategic Plan"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-978. A communication from the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Operational Test and Evaluation's fiscal year 2010 annual report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-979. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2009 Methane Hydrate Program Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-980. 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 "Disclosure of Return Information in Connection with Written Contracts Among the IRS, Whistleblowers, and Legal Representatives of Whistleblowers" (RIN1545-BG73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-981. A communication from the Deputy Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temperature-Indicating Devices; Thermally Processed Low-Acid Foods Packaged in Hermetically Sealed Containers" ((21 CFR Part 113)(Docket No. FDA-2007-N-0265)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-982. A communication from the Deputy Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Animal Drugs for Minor Use and Minor Species; Confirmation of Effective Date" ((21 CFR Part 516)(Docket No. FDA-2010-N-0534)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-983. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2010 quarterly report of the Department of Justice's Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-984. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, to include technical data, and defense services to the Commonwealth of Australia for the manufacture, assembly, testing, qualification, maintenance and repair of military aiming lasers, infrared illuminators, and associated military electronics; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted: