

In fact, it was the Father of our country, President George Washington, also an avid agriculturist, who considered the improvement of agriculture as one of the greatest pursuits “in which more real and important services can be rendered to any country.” I could not agree more!!

What was true at the founding of our great Nation remains ever-true today because of the example set by all in my State who are tied irrevocably to working the land, and by the exceptional leadership of the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs, Board Members, and volunteers. We could not be more appreciative to them for the well-earned spotlight they shine on the infinite contributions made by Maine farmers and organized fairs, which have become a staple on the yearly calendar for our State and indeed across New England. To experience one of these wonderful fairs is to witness the very best of who we are as Mainers and to experience the limitless pride our farmers take in cultivating the bounty our great State has to offer.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed on January 25, 2012, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

H.R. 3237. An act to amend the SOAR Act by clarifying the scope of coverage of the Act.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:33 a.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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 290. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1022. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2070. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the Nation on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day.

H.R. 3800. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3801. An act to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to clarify the definition of aircraft and the offenses penalized under the aviation

smuggling provisions under that Act, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2013: Mr. Daniel M. Slane of Ohio.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 290. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1022. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2070. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the nation on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### 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-4538. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Missouri; Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) for the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)” (FRL No. 9621-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4539. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania; Determinations of Attainment of the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Standard for the Philadelphia-Wilmington Nonattainment Area” (FRL No. 9620-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4540. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsyl-

vania; Clean Vehicle Program” (FRL No. 9620-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4541. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Great Lakes Steamship Repower Incentive Program” (FRL No. 9618-9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4542. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “NRC Participation in the Development and Use of Consensus Standards” (NRC Management Directive 6.5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4543. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Benefit Programs; Negotiated Pricing and Remaining Revisions; Prescription Drug Benefit Program; Payments to Sponsors of Retiree Prescription Drug Plans” (RIN0938-AP64) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4544. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendments to Regulations Regarding Eligibility for a Medicare Prescription Drug Subsidy” (RIN0960-AH24) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4545. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Mailing of Tickets Under the Ticket to Work Program” (RIN0960-AH34) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 11, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4546. 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 “Permitted Disparity in Employer-provided Contributions or Benefits” (Rev. Rul. 2012-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4547. 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. of Rev. Proc. 2011-6” (Rev. Proc. 2012-6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4548. 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. of Rev. Proc. 2011-4” (Rev. Proc. 2012-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4549. 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 "Allocation and Apportionment of Interest Expense" ((RIN1545-BJ84) (TD 9571)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4550. 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. 2011-5" (Rev. Proc. 2012-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4551. 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 "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2012-10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4552. 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. 2011-8" (Rev. Proc. 2012-8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4553. 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 "Interim Guidance on Informational Reporting to Employees of the Cost of Their Group Health Insurance Coverage" (Notice 2012-9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4554. 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 "Dividend Equivalents from Sources within the United States" ((RIN1545-BK53) (TD 9572)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4555. 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 "HARP Safe Harbor Guidance for REITs" (Rev. Proc. 2012-14) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4556. 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 "Proportional Method for OID on Pools of Credit Card Receivables" (Notice 2012-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4557. 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 "Deadline to Submit Opinion and Advisory Letter Applications for Pre-approved Defined Contribution Plans is Extended to April 2, 2012" (Announcement 2012-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4558. 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 "Current Refunding of Tax-exempt Bonds in Certain Disaster Relief Bond Programs" (Notice 2012-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4559. 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 Regarding Deduction and Capitalization of Expenditures Related to Tangible Property" (TD 9564) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4560. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the activities of the Office of the Medicare Ombudsman; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4561. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Post Acute Care Payment Reform Demonstration (PAC-PRD)"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4562. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Children's Health Insurance Program: An Evaluation (1997-2010)"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4563. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conduit Financing Arrangements" ((RIN1545-BH77) (TD 9562)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4564. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Child Welfare Outcomes 2006-2009 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4565. 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 "Lists of Regions Classified with Respect to Certain Animal Diseases and States Approved to Receive Certain Imported Horses" ((RIN0579-AD05) (Docket No. APHIS-2009-0035)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4566. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Real-Time Public Reporting of Swap Transaction Data" (RIN3038-AD08) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4567. A communication from the Acting Chief of Planning and Regulatory Affairs, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applying for Free and Reduced Price Meals in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program and for Benefits in the Special Milk Program, and Technical Amendments" (RIN0584-AD54) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office

of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4568. 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 "European Larch Canker; Expansion of Regulated Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2011-0029) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4569. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program" (RIN0575-AA87) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4570. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus amyloliquefaciens Strain D747; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 9334-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 17, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4571. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus amyloliquefaciens Strain D747; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9330-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4572. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus Subtilis strain CX-9060; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9330-9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 11, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4573. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Division of Swap Dealer and Intermediary Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Registration of Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants" (RIN3038-AC95) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 19, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4574. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Swap Data Recordkeeping and Reporting" (RIN3038-AD19) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4575. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Pilot Program for Acquisition of Military-Purpose Nondevelopment Items" ((RIN0750-AH27) (DFARS Case 2011-D034)) received during adjournment of the

Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 11, 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4576. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: New Designated Country-Armenia" ((RIN0750-AH48) (DFARS Case 2011-D057)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 11, 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4577. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Trade Agreements Thresholds" ((RIN0750-AH50) (DFARS Case 2012-D005)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 11, 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4578. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Independent Research and Development Technical Descriptions" ((RIN0750-AG96) (DFARS Case 2011-D011)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 20, 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4579. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4580. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4581. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Cooperative Threat Reduction Programs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4582. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to assistance provided by the Department of Defense (DOD) for sporting events during calendar year 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4583. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Cooperative Threat Reduction Programs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4584. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Department's Chemical Demilitarization Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4585. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Reinvestment Act Regulations" (RIN1557-AD60) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4586. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Home Loan Bank Housing Goals: Mortgage Reporting Amendments" (RIN2590-AA48) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4587. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Remittance Transfers" (RIN3133-AD94) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4588. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fair Credit Reporting (Regulation V)" ((RIN3170-AA06) (Docket No. CFPB-2011-0029)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4589. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy of Consumer Financial Information (Regulation P)" ((RIN3170-AA06) (Docket No. CFPB-2011-0028)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4590. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mortgage Acts and Practices—Advertising (Regulation N); Mortgage Assistance Relief Services (Regulation O)" ((RIN3170-AA06) (Docket No. CFPB-2011-0027)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4591. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consumer Leasing (Regulation M)" ((RIN3170-AA06) (Docket No. CFPB-2011-0026)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4592. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interstate Land Sales Registration Program (Regulations J, K, and L)" ((RIN3170-AA06) (Docket No. CFPB-2011-0025)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4593. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure Requirements for Depository Institutions Lacking Federal Deposit Insurance (Regulation I)" ((RIN3170-AA06) (Docket No. CFPB-2011-0024)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4594. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer

Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act (Regulations G and H)" ((RIN3170-AA06) (Docket No. CFPB-2011-0023)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4595. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (Regulation F)" ((RIN3170-AA06) (Docket No. CFPB-2011-0022)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4596. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Fund Transfers (Regulation E)" ((RIN3170-AA06) (Docket No. CFPB-2011-0021)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4597. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (Regulation X)" ((RIN3170-AA06) (Docket No. CFPB-2011-0030)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4598. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4599. 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-4600. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month report on the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13159 relative to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4601. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65) (Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4602. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4603. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4604. A communication from the Chief of the Division of Management Authority and International Affairs Programs, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of the Regulation that Excludes U.S. Captive-Bred Scimitar-Horned Oryx, Addax, and Dama Gazelle from Certain Prohibitions" (RIN1018-AX29) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4605. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Estimates of Natural Gas and Oil Reserves, Reserves Growth, and Undiscovered Resources in Federal and State Waters off the Coasts of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4606. 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 "Update of CC: INTL No-Rule Revenue Procedure, Rev. Proc. 2011-7" (Rev. Proc. 2012-7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4607. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Simplification: Adoption of Standards for Health Care Electronic Funds Transfers (EFTs) and Remittance Advice" (RIN0938-AQ11) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4608. A communication from the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, a legislative proposal relative to improving work incentive provisions and extending the funding authority for the Work Incentive Planning and Assistance (WIPA) program and the Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS) program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4609. A communication from the Acting Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2012; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4610. A communication from the Acting Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2012; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4611. A communication from the 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 to include the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services for the manufacture and sales of F-15 Head-Up Displays (HUD) in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4612. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services for upgrade of current Swiss simulator training devices to reflect the same configuration as Swiss F/A-18 aircraft to support the F/A-18 Tactical Operational Flight Trainer Program for Switzerland in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4613. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed export of major defense equipment in the amount of \$14,000 or more and the export of defense articles to include the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Indonesia necessary to support the upgrade and retrofit of C-130B aircraft in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4614. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the interdiction of aircraft engaged in illicit drug trafficking; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4615. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report on the continued compliance of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan with the 1974 Trade Act's freedom of emigration provisions, as required under the Jackson-Vanik Amendment; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4616. A joint communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State and the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "United States Activities in Libya"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4617. A communication of from the Director of the Credit, Travel and Grants Policy Division, Office of the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Office Management and Budget Guidance on Drug-Free Workplace Requirements" (RIN0505-AA14) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4618. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Race to the Top Fund Phase 3" (RIN1894-AA01) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4619. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Family Educational Rights and Privacy"

(RIN1880-AA86) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4620. A communication from the Deputy Director for Policy, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022 and 4044) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4621. 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 "Application of Food and Drug Administration Approval to Market a New Drug; Revision of Postmarketing Reporting Requirements—Discontinuance" (Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0898) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4622. 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; Cephalosporin Drugs; Extralabel Animal Drug Use; Order of Prohibition" (Docket No. FDA-2008-N-0326) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4623. 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 "Revisions to Labeling Requirements for Blood and Blood Components, Including Source Plasma" (Docket No. FDA-2003-N-0097) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4624. 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; Correction" (Docket No. FDA-2007-N-0265) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4625. 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 "Medical Devices; Ovarian Adnexal Mass Assessment Score Test System; Labeling; Black Box Restrictions" (Docket No. FDA-2011-D-0028) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4626. A communication from the Program Manager, Administration for Children, Youth and Families, Department of Health

and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tribal Child Welfare Interim Final Rule" (RIN0970-AC41) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 9, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4627. A communication from the Executive Analyst, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4628. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration on Aging's Report to Congress for fiscal year 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4629. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the combined fourth and fifth quarterly reports relative to the steps the Food and Drug Administration has taken to implement the Menu and Vending Machine Labeling provisions from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4630. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the use of the exemption from the antitrust laws provided by the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4631. A communication from the Deputy Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Declassification of National Security Information" (RIN3095-AB64) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 30, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4632. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; Implementation of Information Technology Security Provision" ((RIN3090-AJ15) (GSAR Case 2011-G503)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2012; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4633. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-269 "Health Benefit Exchange Authority Establishment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4634. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-242 "Electrician Equality Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4635. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-243 "Executive Service Compensation Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4636. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-244 "Workforce Intermediary Establishment and Reform of First Source Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4637. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-245 "William O. Lockridge Way Designation Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4638. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-246 "Uniform Foreign-Country Money Judgments Recognition Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4639. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-247 "Closing of a Portion of the Public Alley in Square 5052, S.O. 10-00603, Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4640. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-248 "Comprehensive Military and Overseas Voters Accommodation Temporary Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4641. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-249 "Economic Development Special Account Revival Temporary Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4642. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-250 "Income Tax Withholding Statements Electronic Submission Temporary Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4643. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-251 "Clarification of Personal Property Tax Revenue Reporting Temporary Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4644. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-252 "Ward Redistricting Temporary Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4645. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-262 "Receiving Stolen Property and Public Safety Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4646. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-263 "Oak Hill Conservation Easement Temporary Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4647. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-270 "President Primary Ballot Access Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4648. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-271 "Unemployment Compensation Federally Funded Extended Benefits Maximization Temporary Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4649. A communication from the Executive Director, Office of the Chairman, Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2011 Competitive Sourcing annual report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4650. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, the President's Pay Agent, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of locality-based comparability payments; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4651. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2011 Financial Report of the U.S. Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4652. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4653. A communication from the Chairman of the National Capital Planning Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4654. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2011 Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4655. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Commerce's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4656. A communication from the Under Secretary and Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Implement the Prioritized Examination for Requests for Continued Examination" (RIN0651-AC65) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4657. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Office of General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Literacy Program Final Rule" (RIN1120-AA33) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4658. A communication from the Director of the Office of Tribal Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assumption of Concurrent Federal Criminal Jurisdiction in Certain Areas of Indian Country" (RIN1105-AB38) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4659. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Coombsville Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AB81) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4660. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and

Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Naches Heights Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AB80) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4661. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Fort Ross-Seaview Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AA64) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4662. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2010 Annual Report of the National Institute of Justice"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4663. A communication from the Acting Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the appointment of members to the Hawaii Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4664. A communication from the President, American Academy of Arts and Letters, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Academy's activities during the year ending December 27, 2010; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4665. A communication from the Associate Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4666. A communication from the Acting Register of Copyrights, United States Copyright Office, Library of Congress, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sound recordings fixed before February 15, 1972; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4667. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-4668. A communication from the General Counsel and Acting Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2010 Election Administration and Voting Survey"; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-4669. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Jobs Act: Implementation of Conforming and Technical Amendments" (RIN3245-AG15) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 20, 2012; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-4670. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Jobs Act: 504 Loan Program Debt Refinancing" (RIN3245-AG17) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 20, 2012; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-4671. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Medical Benefits for Newborn Children of Certain Woman Veterans" (RIN2900-AO05) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4672. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Copayments for Medications in 2012" (RIN2900-AO28) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4673. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payment or Reimbursement for Emergency Treatment Furnished by Non-VA Providers in Non-VA Facilities to Certain Veterans with Service-connected or Non-service-connected Disabilities" (RIN2900-AN49) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4674. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program—Changes to Subsistence January 11, 2012; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4675. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Statutory Period for Compensation for Certain Disabilities Due to Undiagnosed Illness and Medically Unexplained Chronic Multi-Symptom Illness" (RIN2900-AO09) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4676. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities; Evaluation of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis" (RIN2900-AN60) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4677. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Guaranty Revised Loan Modification Procedures" (RIN2900-AN78) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2011; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 50. A bill to strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities with respect to commercially-marketed seafood by directing the Secretary of Commerce to coordinate with the Federal Trade

Commission and other appropriate Federal agencies to strengthen and coordinate those programs and activities (Rept. No. 112-131).

S. 52. A bill to establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-132).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Report to accompany S. 363, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-133).

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

S. 485. A bill to expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-134).

S. 1665. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-135).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment:

S. 97. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay (Rept. No. 112-136).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 893. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Louisiana for a pilot program to develop measures to eradicate or control feral swine and to assess and restore wetlands damaged by feral swine (Rept. No. 112-137).

S. 1296. A bill to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in the State of Rhode Island (Rept. No. 112-138).

S. 1740. A bill to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network (Rept. No. 112-139).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1789. A bill to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2038. An original bill to prohibit Members of Congress and employees of Congress from using nonpublic information derived from their official positions for personal benefit, and for other purposes.

## 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. MORAN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2035. A bill to provide support for workforce residential housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.