

Act, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 6:03 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 bills:

H.R. 4812. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their service, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5108. An act to establish the Law School Clinic Certification Program of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes.

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

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 5759. An act to establish a rule of construction clarifying the limitations on executive authority to provide certain forms of immigration relief.

H.R. 5771. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 8, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2040. An act to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, and for other purposes.

#### 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-8004. 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 "Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza" ((RIN0579-AC36) (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0074)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8005. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County Oregon; Modification of Container Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0046; FV14-945-2 FIR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1,

2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8006. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Process for Establishing Rates Charged for AMS Services" ((RIN0581-AD36) (Docket No. AMS-LPS-13-0050)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8007. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mango Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Section 610 Review" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0047) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8008. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Avocados Grown in South Florida and Imported Avocados; Clarification of the Avocado Grade Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0069; FV13-915-3 FR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8009. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Charles H. Jacoby, Jr., United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8010. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the permanent reduction of sizable numbers of members of the Armed Forces at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8011. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8012. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict), transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2014 annual report on the Regional Defense Combating Terrorism Fellowship Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8013. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Efficient Utilization of Department of Defense Real Property"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8014. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Proposed Obligations for Cooperative Threat Reduction"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8015. 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-2014-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2014; to

the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8016. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Market Utilities" (RIN7100-AE09) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8017. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aging Management of Loss of Coating or Lining Integrity for Internal Coatings/Linings on In-Scope Piping, Piping Components, Heat Exchangers, and Tanks" (NRC-2014-0004) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8018. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) Test Sale 2014"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8019. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "American Energy Manufacturing Technical Corrections Act of 2012—Section 8 Best Practices for Advanced Metering"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8020. 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 "Eligibility for Minimum Essential Coverage Under Pregnancy-Based Medicaid and CHIP Programs" (Notice 2014-71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8021. 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 "Qualified Transportation Fringe" (Rev. Rul. 2014-32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8022. 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 "Medicaid Program; Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments—Uninsured Definition" (RIN0938-AQ37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8023. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Requirements for the Medicare Incentive Reward Program and Provider Enrollment" ((RIN0938-AP01) (CMS-6045-F)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8024. 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 "Application of One-Per-Year Limit on IRA Rollovers" (Announcement 2014-32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8025. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary

of Defense (Logistics and Materiel Readiness), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8026. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the text of an agreement between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8027. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program for 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8028. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014-0147—2014-0161); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8029. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8030. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-112); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8031. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-064); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8032. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-109); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8033. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-102); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8034. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-107); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8035. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-122); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8036. A communication from the 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 "Food Labeling; Calorie Labeling of Articles of Food in Vending Machines" ((RIN0910-AG56) (Docket No. FDA-2011-F-0171)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8037. A communication from the 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 "Food Labeling; Nutrition

Labeling of Standard Menu Items in Restaurants and Similar Food Establishments" ((RIN0910-AG57) (Docket No. FDA-2011-F-0172)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8038. 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; Thornyhead Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD626) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8039. 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; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Mexico" (RIN0648-XD610) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8040. 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 Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery; Notification of Butterfish Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XD603) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8041. 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 Northeastern United States; Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XD584) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8042. 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; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (RIN0648-BE59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8043. 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; Several Groundfish Species in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD624) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8044. 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; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD588) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8045. A communication from the Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pur-

suant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Commission's Rules to Provide Spectrum for the Operation of Medical Body Area Networks" ((ET Docket No. 08-59) (FCC 14-124)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8046. 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 "Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries; U.S. Territorial Catch and Fishing Effort Limits" (RIN0648-BD46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8047. A communication from the Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions" ((ET Docket Nos. 13-26 and 14-14) (FCC 14-157)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8048. 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; Several Groundfish Species in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD623) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8049. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8050. A communication from the Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8051. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8052. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administrator's Semiannual Management Report to Congress for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8053. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8054. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8055. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer and Acting Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8056. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8057. A communication from the Chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and a Management Report for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8058. A communication from the Chairwoman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8059. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Transportation's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8060. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8061. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8062. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8063. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Endowment's Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8064. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2014 Agency Financial Report for the Department of Labor; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8065. A communication from the Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8066. 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 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8067. 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 "Technical Amendment: Boarding of Vessels at CBP Ports" (CBP Dec. 14-11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8068. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "ANC 1A Did Not Fully Comply with All Legal Requirements"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8069. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8070. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incorporation by Reference" ((RIN3095-AB78) (Docket No. OFR-2013-0001)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8071. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8072. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Office of the General Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Management, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8073. A communication from the Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8074. A communication from the Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8075. A communication from the Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual financial audit and management report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8076. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary (International Markets and Developments), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8077. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Puget Sound/Georgia Basin Distinct Populations Segments of Yelloweye Rockfish, Canary

Rockfish and Bocaccio" (RIN0648-BC76) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8078. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Department of the Treasury" (5 CFR Part 3101) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8079. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary (Domestic Finance), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8080. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Investment and Innovation, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Investment Companies—Investments in Passive Businesses" (RIN3245-AG57) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2014; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-8081. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Adjustments of Status Granted Under Section 13 of the Act of September 11, 1957"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8082. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to expenditures from the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-363. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to direct the Comptroller General to complete a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the federal reserve banks; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 395

Whereas, Created more than a hundred years ago, the Federal Reserve is an independent federal agency. As leaders of the central bank of the United States, the Federal Reserve's board of governors have enacted monetary policy that influences our nation's money and credit conditions, supervised and regulated banks and other financial institutions, and provided financial services to the U.S. and foreign governments. Through these powers, and with the help of the federal reserve banks, this agency has considerable influence on the well-being of our nation's economy, the economy of the world, and the day-to-day lives of people everywhere; and

Whereas, American citizens have entrusted the Congress of the United States with overseeing all federal agencies, and Congress must hold the Federal Reserve accountable. However, under the current law, the Comptroller General may audit the Federal Reserve only if written consent has been given,