

from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1670. An act to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place in the United States Capitol a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action.

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

At 3:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2666. An act to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from regulating the rates charged for broadband Internet access service.

H.R. 3340. An act to place the Financial Stability Oversight Council and the Office of Financial Research under the regular appropriations process, to provide for certain quarterly reporting and public notice and comment requirements for the Office of Financial Research, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3791. An act to raise the consolidated assets threshold under the small bank holding company policy statement, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3340. An act to place the Financial Stability Oversight Council and the Office of Financial Research under the regular appropriations process, to provide for certain quarterly reporting and public notice and comment requirements for the Office of Financial Research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3791. An act to raise the consolidated assets threshold under the small bank holding company policy statement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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-5111. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acephinocyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9944-34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5112. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Grant Program" (RIN0584-AE07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 6, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5113. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 6, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5114. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General David D. Halverson, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5115. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Mark S. Bowman, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5116. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations Based on the 2015 Missile Technology Control Regime Plenary Agreements" (RIN0694-AG77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 6, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5117. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Securities Investor Protection Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Order Approving the Determination of the Board of Directors of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation not to Adjust for Inflation the Standard Maximum Cash Advance Amount and Notice of the Standard Maximum Cash Advance Amount" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 6, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5118. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Findings of Failure to Submit State Implementation Plans Required for Attainment of the 2010 1-Hour Primary Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)" (FRL No. 9944-88-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5119. 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; New York; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 9935-51-Region 2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5120. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule

to List the Tanzanian DPS of African Coelacanth (*Latimeria chalumnae*) as Threatened Under the Endangered Species Act" (RIN0648-XD681) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5121. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applications of Bioassay for Radioiodine" (Regulatory Guide 8.20, Revision 2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5122. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bioassay at Uranium Mills" (Regulatory Guide 8.22, Revision 2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5123. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to List Eleven Distinct Population Segments of the Green Sea Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) as Endangered or Threatened and Revision of Current Listings Under the Endangered Species Act" (RIN0648-XB089) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5124. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applications of Bioassay for Uranium" (Regulatory Guide 8.11, Revision 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5125. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Fish and Wildlife Service on reasonably identifiable expenditures for the conservation of endangered and threatened species for fiscal year 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5126. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Administration's fiscal year 2015 Competitive Sourcing efforts; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5127. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the Workers' Compensation Offset from Age 65 to Full Retirement Age—Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act." (RIN0960-AH65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 6, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5128. 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 2016-0032 - 2016-0054); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5129. A communication from the Executive Analyst (Political), Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services,

Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5130. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Transportation's fiscal year 2015 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5131. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "District of Columbia Agencies' Compliance with Fiscal Year 2015 Small Business Enterprise Expenditure Goals"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5132. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Management Alert to the Department of Housing and Community Development Regarding the Housing Production Trust Fund"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5133. A communication from the Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the District of Columbia Family Court Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5134. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Special Diabetes Program for Indians 2014 Report to Congress, Changing the Course of Diabetes: Turning Hope into Reality"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5135. A communication from the Supervisory Human Resources Specialist, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, six (6) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Justice, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5136. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of AH-7921 into Schedule I" (Docket No. DEA-432) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5137. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan" (RIN0648-BF75) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 6, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5138. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-6537)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5139. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2014-1047)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5140. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0187)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5141. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-5036)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5142. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-3983)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5143. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-5038)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5144. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-4212)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5145. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Weatherly Aircraft Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2016-5422)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5146. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Honeywell International Inc. (Type Certificate previously held by AlliedSignal Inc., Garrett Turbine Engine Company) Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-2208)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5147. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation (Sikorsky) Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2015-3942)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April

13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5148. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; Bartow, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-4239)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5149. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D and Class E Airspace, and Amendment of Class E Airspace; Lake City, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2015-4010)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5150. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Wilmington, OH" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2015-7486)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5151. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Rapid City, SD" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2015-7492)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5152. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace for the following Michigan Towns; Alpena, MI; and Muskegon, MI" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2015-7483)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5153. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standard for Architectural Glazing Materials" (CPSC Docket No. CPSC-2012-0049) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 6, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5154. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Procedural Schedule in Stand-Alone Cases" (RIN2140-AB26) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 6, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5155. A communication from the Staff Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Glazing Standards" (RIN2130-AC43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5156. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to a vacancy for the position of Assistant Secretary

for Aviation and International Affairs, received in the office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5157. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 13, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-147. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas urging the federal government to require the use of sound science in evaluating crop protection chemistries and nutrients; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6045

Whereas, Agriculture is crucial to the continued production of food, feed, fiber and energy to meet both domestic and global demand; and

Whereas, In the United States, the agriculture and value-added industries and businesses utilize precision farming equipment, crop protection chemistries, genetic engineering or enhancement, agricultural nutrients and other modern technologies. Such advanced practices protect the safety of the public and reduce environmental and natural resource impacts, while increasing yields, improving profitability and ensuring an abundant, affordable and wholesome food supply; and

Whereas, Agricultural production systems and crop protection are among the most studied and highly regulated of all industries, at both the state and federal levels. The use of sound science should be the bedrock of our nation's regulatory scheme for the agriculture and food production industries, as these industries are critical to the economic vitality of Kansas and the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we support the use of sound science to study and regulate modern agricultural technologies such as crop protection chemistries and genetically engineered or enhanced traits and nutrients; and be it further

Resolved, That we oppose legislative or regulatory action at any level that may result in unnecessary restrictions on the use of modern agricultural technologies.

POM-148. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas urging the President of the United States to obey the United States Constitution and declare that the detention facility at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay will remain; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5024

Whereas, The President of the United States, Barack Obama, has threatened to move the terrorist detainees currently held at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay to Fort Leavenworth without regard to the wishes or the safety of the people of Kansas; and

Whereas, The President has threatened to close the detention facility at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay; and

Whereas, The threat of the transfer has been underscored by visits to Fort Leaven-

worth by officials of his Administration, preparing for the threatened transfer; and

Whereas, Many detainees that have been released have continued to fight against this country and its allies; and

Whereas, This President and others have insisted that the mere existence of the detention facility at Guantanamo has inflamed terrorists around the world and aided in their recruitments; and

Whereas, Transferring the detainees to Fort Leavenworth will only transfer the ire of terrorists worldwide from Guantanamo to Fort Leavenworth; and

Whereas, This President has a demonstrated willingness to violate American law; and

Whereas, This President has said that he will go around the Congress to accomplish his agenda; and

Whereas, Closing the Naval Station at Guantanamo has been high on this President's agenda since before he was first elected; and

Whereas, The President has continually sought to weaken our standing in the world; and

Whereas, The terrorists have demonstrated an ability and willingness to conduct attacks in America, in furtherance of their savage war against America; and

Whereas, Detonating large bombs in civilian communities in the vicinity of Fort Leavenworth would be exactly the sort of demonstration that the terrorists would try; and

Whereas, Fort Leavenworth does not have the necessary facilities to hold and care for the detainees and would, for example, be forced to transport them through the city of Leavenworth to access medical care, thereby presenting additional soft, tempting targets for attacks; and

Whereas, The surrounding community does not have the law enforcement, emergency response resources or the physical capability to harden potential civilian targets in the surrounding area. Transferring detainees to Fort Leavenworth represents a predictable, direct and unnecessarily high risk to American citizens in the vicinity of Fort Leavenworth; and

Whereas, The Naval Station at Guantanamo is a high security facility designed to both house high risk detainees and be secure from attack by external forces. This facility has not been the object of an external terrorist attack and, if it had been attacked, it would not have represented a threat to American civilians or communities; and

Whereas, The intentional placement of detainees on American soil, physically within an American community, would unnecessarily and intentionally put American citizens at much greater risk. It follows that any move by the President or other members of the Federal, State or local government to move the detainees to Fort Leavenworth would mean intentionally and knowingly placing American citizens at greater risk, in violation of the government's sworn oath to support and defend them against enemies, foreign or domestic; and

Whereas, Officers from over one hundred countries attend classes at Fort Leavenworth; and

Whereas, Many of these officers would not bring their families nor be permitted by their countries to attend, if the detainees were transferred to Fort Leavenworth, thereby hurting the local economy; and

Whereas, These officers and their families represent an important bond and link among our nations. Their loss will not just affect the local economy, but would potentially have grave impacts on our future ability to effectively and successfully find peaceful solutions to international problems: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein, That the Legislature of the State of Kansas urges the President of the United States to obey the Constitution of the United States and the laws of this country, the people of which have placed him in a position of great trust and responsibility and depend upon him to ensure that the laws be upheld and that their security be maintained; and be it further

Resolved, That the President must declare that the detention facility at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay will remain, and that the detainees will continue to be held there, until said detainees are given proper, lawful disposition, in accordance with the Laws of War and the best interests of the safety of the people of the United States and their allies.

POM-149. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urging the United States Congress to modernize the federal cap on the locally set Passenger Facility Charges user fee by setting it at \$8.50 and adjusting it periodically to offset the impacts of inflation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 261

Whereas, In 2010, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's public use airports supported approximately 304,000 jobs, generated \$9.2 billion in annual payroll and produced \$23.6 billion in annual economic activities; and

Whereas, In 1990, the Congress of the United States authorized Passenger Facility Charges (PFCs), local user fees collected for every boarded passenger, to help airports of all sizes meet their capital needs to finance Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved projects such as terminals, parking and multimodal projects that enhance safety, security, capacity, noise reduction or increase air carrier competition; and

Whereas, PFCs are locally determined fees collected at the point of sale, which do not affect Federal expenditures; and

Whereas, The PFC cap was last raised in 2000 when Congress set it at \$4.50; and

Whereas, Inflation has eroded the buying power of PFCs by approximately one-half since then due to rising construction costs; and

Whereas, There is a growing recognition of the need for infrastructure finance and funding to keep pace with inflation and action for doing so such as the act of November 25, 2014 (P.L. 974, No. 89) in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, Modernizing the PFC cap to \$8.50 now and indexing it for inflation would restore its original purchasing power and provide local communities with the ability to set their individual PFC user fees based on locally determined needs for ensuring the safety and security of their airports; and

Whereas, Over the next five years, airports will require more than \$75 billion to improve infrastructure to prevent passenger delays and congestion; and

Whereas, Direct Federal funding through the FAA Airport Improvement Program has declined 10% over the past six years and covers only a fraction of the total infrastructure projects required to upgrade and maintain the world-class aviation system: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United States to modernize the Federal cap on the locally set PFC user fee by setting it at \$8.50 and adjusting it periodically to offset the impacts of inflation; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution to be sent to the President of the United States, the presiding officers of each house of