

of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 76. Joint resolution granting the consent and approval of Congress for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to enter into a compact relating to the establishment of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission.

H.J. Res. 92. Joint resolution granting the consent and approval of Congress for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to amend the Washington Area Transit Regulation Compact.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 23. An act to provide drought relief in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.J. Res. 92. Joint resolution granting the consent and approval of Congress for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to amend the Washington Area Transit Regulation Compact; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill and joint resolution were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2810. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 76. Joint resolution granting the consent and approval of Congress for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to enter into a compact relating to the establishment of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission.

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-2244. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, 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-2245. 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 Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2246. 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 (Terrorism and Financial Intelligence), Department of the Treasury, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2247. A communication from the Deputy 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 2016 Missile Technology Control Regime Plenary Agreements" (RIN0694-AH33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2248. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prepaid Accounts Under the Electronic Fund Transfer Act (Regulation E) and the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z); Delay of Effective Date" (RIN3170-AA69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2249. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania Regulatory Program" ((30 CFR Part 938) (Docket ID OSM-2016-0013)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2017; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2250. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Address and Name Changes for Region 4 State and Local Agencies; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 9964-36-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2251. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Puerto Rico; Attainment Demonstration for the Arecibo Area for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9964-87-Region 2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2252. 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; Maryland; Removal of Clean Air Interstate Rule Program Regulations (CAIR) and Reference to CAIR, and Amendments to Continuous Emission Monitor (CEM Reference)" (FRL No. 9964-79-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2253. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; NC; Open Burning and Miscellaneous Revisions" (FRL No. 9965-02-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2254. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Maine; Motor Vehicle Fuel Requirements" (FRL No. 9964-80-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2255. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Maine; Decommissioning of Stage II Vapor Recovery Systems" (FRL No. 9964-81-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2256. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Louisiana: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 9962-37-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2257. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Wool Fiberglass Manufacturing; Flame Attenuation Lines" (FRL No. 9964-89-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2258. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oklahoma: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 9962-39-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2259. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Final Frameworks for Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations" (RIN1018-BB40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2260. 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 for Terrorist Financing, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2261. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities" ((RIN0938-AR61) (CMS-3260-F2)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2262. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modernization of the Customs Brokers Examination" ((RIN1651-AB07) (CBP Dec. 17-05)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of

the Senate on June 29, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2263. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Attorney General to the Congress of the United States on the Administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, for the six months ending December 31, 2016"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2264. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rosa's Law" (RIN1801-AA11) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2265. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2017; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

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-60. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine memorializing the United States Congress to reduce tariffs on Maine and lobster and seafood products to keep Maine and domestic lobster and seafood products competitive with Canadian lobster and seafood products; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.P. 1120

We, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the United States Congress as follows:

Whereas, the value of marine resources commercially harvested in Maine exceeded \$700 million in 2016, and the value of lobster harvested in Maine accounts for over \$533 million of that amount; and

Whereas, total exports from Maine to the European Union exceeded \$503 million in 2016; and

Whereas, exports from Maine of lobster to the European Union totaled approximately \$158 million, or approximately 80% of all lobster exported from the United States to the European Union, in 2016; and

Whereas, the European Union is the largest global fish and seafood market in the world; and

Whereas, Maine and Canada share the same lobster species and compete for market share in the European Union and around the world; and

Whereas, the European Union imposes tariffs on fish and seafood products that range from 2% on certain types of salmon to 20% on processed lobster imported from both the United States and Canada; and

Whereas, the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, or CETA, is a free trade agreement between Canada and the European Union that will reduce tariffs on fish and seafood products exported from Canada to the European Union; and

Whereas, CETA will go into effect on the first day of the month following the date the European Union and Canada notify each other that each has completed all necessary procedures for implementation; and

Whereas, when CETA takes effect, the 8% tariff on live lobster exports from Canada to the European Union will be immediately eliminated, the 6% to 16% tariff on frozen lobster exports from Canada to the European Union will be eliminated over 3 years and the 20% tariff on processed lobster exports from Canada to the European Union will be eliminated over 5 years; and

Whereas, while tariffs on lobster and seafood products exported from Canada to the European Union are being eliminated, tariffs on Maine and other domestic lobster and seafood products exported to the European Union will remain; and

Whereas, the elimination of tariffs on Canadian lobster and seafood products will increase trade between Canada and the European Union, resulting in economic injury to Maine and other domestic lobster and seafood harvesters and processors; and

Whereas, the impact of CETA on Maine lobster harvesters, who landed over 130 million pounds of lobster in 2016, should be minimized; and

Whereas, the impact of CETA on Maine lobster dealers, who support 675 jobs and paid \$28.4 million in wages in 2016, should be minimized; and

Whereas, under the United States Constitution, Article I, the Congress of the United States has the power to regulate commerce with foreign nations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to respectfully request that the United States Congress, under the provisions of Article I of the United States Constitution, negotiate to reduce tariffs on Maine and domestic lobster and seafood products, or otherwise mitigate the effects of CETA, to ensure that historical, lucrative industries are not damaged by the economic disadvantage that will result from CETA unless these negotiations are undertaken; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-61. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to continue funding the Essential Air Service program throughout Michigan; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 59

Whereas, the Essential Air Service program was established after airlines were deregulated to ensure that small communities previously served by certificated airlines maintained commercial service. The Essential Air Service program is used to help provide business leaders, recreationalists, and residents reliable air travel to and from small airports around the country, including five airports in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and has transported countless individuals since the program's enactment; and

Whereas, the Essential Air Service program is important to the economic well-being of northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula in towns such as Alpena, Muskegon, Pelleton, Escanaba, Iron Mountain, Ironwood, Sault Ste. Marie, Manistee, and Houghton-Hancock. Northern Michigan is renowned for its vast mineral deposits and rugged wilderness that have long supplied American industry with affordable, domestically-mined metals and timbers for manufacturing. The region's breathtaking scenery

and lakeshore are some of the most stunning in the Midwest. Such a large expanse requires reliable air travel to make the region's mines, forests, lakeshores, communities, and colleges as accessible as possible; and

Whereas, President Trump has asked for a reduction in the Essential Air Service's budget. Businesses depend on reliable air travel to and from small airports in northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, and airports require funding from the Essential Air Service program to maintain critical infrastructure like runways, lighting, and safety equipment. Any reduction in federal funding for this vital program will harm economic activity in the Upper Peninsula and have a direct and negative impact on American manufacturing and these communities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Congress and President of the United States to continue to fund the Essential Air Service program throughout Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-62. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognizing the month of May 2017 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 126

Whereas, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease; and

Whereas, ALS is a fatal neurodegenerative disease characterized by degeneration of cell bodies of the upper and lower motor neurons in the gray matter of the anterior horn of the spinal cord; and

Whereas, The initial symptoms of ALS is weakness of the skeletal muscles, especially those of the extremities; and

Whereas, As ALS progresses, the patient experiences difficulty in swallowing, talking and breathing; and

Whereas, ALS eventually causes muscles to atrophy and the patient becomes a functional quadriplegic; and

Whereas, Patients with ALS typically remain alert and are aware of their loss of motor functions and the inevitable outcome of continued deterioration and death; and

Whereas, ALS affects military veterans at twice the rate of the general populations; and

Whereas, ALS occurs in adulthood, most commonly between 40 and 70 years of age; peaking at approximately 55 years of age, and affects both men and women without bias; and

Whereas, Annually, more than 5,000 new ALS patients are diagnosed throughout the nation; and

Whereas, In Pennsylvania, there are currently more than 1,000 individuals who have been formally diagnosed with ALS; and

Whereas, The \$350,000 in State funding appropriated by the General Assembly for ALS support services in the Supplement to the General Appropriation Act of 2015 provided services to more than 900 constituents and a substantial savings to the State budget and taxpayers; and

Whereas, The ALS Association reports that on average, patients diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

Whereas, ALS has no known cause, prevention or cure; and

Whereas, "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month" increases the public's